#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting minutes from the meeting of the Manjimup Heritage Park Advisory Committee held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at the JC Rose Room, Council Chambers Committee Room.



## 1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting

In the absence of Cr. DB, EA chaired the meeting and declared the opening of meeting at 5:30pm noting a quorum present.

## 2 Acknowledgement of Country delivered by EA

The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

## 3 Attendance / Apologies

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Spencer Roberts (Manager Parks Operations)
Vicki Winfield (Community Representative)
Jessica Winters (Community Representative)
Marie Manns (Manjimup Community Garden)
Evy Apeldoorn (Manager Community &
Recreation – proxy, voting rights)
Ian Wilson (Manjimup Historical Society)
Yvonne Pegrum (Manjimup Woodturners)

#### **Guests**

Kathy Dawson Georgia Schipp (Minute Taker)

## **APOLOGIES/ABSENCES**:

Cr. Robert Taylor Cr. Donelle Buegge

Gail Ipsen Cutts (Director Community Services)

Sam Cleveland (Manjimup Visitor Centre) Anne Bentley (Manjimup Community Garden - proxy)

### Proxy apologies/absences

Michael Leers (Director Works & Services - proxy)

Peter Casonato (Manjimup Visitor Centre - proxy)

Rhiannon Evans (Historical Society - proxy)

### 4 Declaration of Interest

Nil.

#### 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Manjimup Heritage Park Advisory Committee of 13 June 2023 were accepted with an amendment to general business so it reads "collection offer" instead of "collection officer"

Moved: IW Seconded: SR CARRIED 7:0

## 6 Council Decisions on Committee Recommendations

Agenda Item 29190

That Council:

- 1. Accept the unconfirmed minutes of the Manjimup Heritage Park Advisory Committee held on the 13 June 2023;
- 2. Accept the following donations made to the Manjimup Heritage Park Shire of Manjimup Collection:
  - a) A collection of 18 historic timber images and matching frames by G Houghton, and
  - b) A framed image of John Duncan Dearle who was essentially the instigator of the original 'World of Energy Collection' for the State Energy Commission; and
- 3. Whilst acknowledging the achievements of Dick Sproge advise Mr Roger Underwood that it:

- a) Does not support the request for the Shire of Manjimup to lead and fund a memorial to Dick Sproge in the Heritage Park, due to the principle of the Heritage Park being not to celebrate individuals as there have been so many individual contributors to the Shires Heritage; and
- b) Extends an invitation to work in consultation with the Shire of Manjimup to deliver a temporary exhibition within the foyer of Power Up Heritage Park entry.

## 7 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

IW informed the committee that the 18 historic timber images that were donated have been cleaned and half of them displayed in the Power Up Museum Foyer.

## Integrated Weed Management and Burn Plan

SR stated that some spraying work had been undertaken and he is awaiting better weather to continue. However, the Property Care Team have been utilising wet days to pull weeds and a large amount has been removed from the park.

## Old Café Building Tenancy

EA informed the committee that Southern Forest Community Landcare (SFCL) will be presenting their proposal for the use of the Old Café Building to Council on Thursday 28 September.

KD asked if this Council meeting will confirm if SFCL will be given a lease at the Old Café Building. EA stated that a final decision is not able to be made in the Council Meeting but it will be indicated whether they are in support of the proposal.

KD briefly explained to the committee SFCL's proposal to Council regarding leasing the Old Café Building for their new offices.

### <u>Friends of the Park – Volunteer Group</u>

EA stated that she has attended several sessions on the new legislation for volunteers and that volunteers are to be treated under the same Workplace Health and Safety conditions as employees.

YP asked a question regarding volunteers over the age of 85 not being insured and if there was an age limit on the Shires insurance. JW also enquired into what personal information volunteers were required to provide and if the volunteer register for one-off events previously used was still viable.

#### Action: EA to follow up

JW suggested a mailing list rather than an official 'friends of the park' group as to not contribute to the volunteer fatigue within the community.

### <u>Future Planting Projects</u>

SR and VW stated that the planned planting had been completed. The Park Caretaker will maintain them through the summer. The next planting areas have been agreed on and a plan is being put together regarding what plants will be put in the new spaces.

Eco Environmental Centre Proposal

KD stated on behalf of the SFCL that the proposal was obsolete and no further actions were required.

#### 8 General Business / New Matters

## **Aboriginal Input**

VW mentioned the vacant Aboriginal Representative position on the committee and its importance. EA stated that an invitation had been extended to the Aboriginal Representatives on the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee.

#### **General Business**

VW suggested grant applications that involve the Heritage Park should be presented to the committee for comment prior to the application being submitted. VW stated that Fiona Sinclair had applied for a grant that would potentially see a structure built in the Heritage Park and if this grant would also include upgrades to the paths and signage to ensure safe access. EA stated that prior to any works taking place a presentation would be provided to the committee for their consideration.

Action: EA to invite Fiona Sinclair to present at next meeting

## Round Table

MM stated that the Community Garden was unsuccessful in their grant application to Talison Lithium but have applied for another grant with Kleenheat Gas to acquire more soil. The bituminising of the pathways has been put on hold due to the cost. MM proposed the group may make a presentation to the Shire's Council asking for assistance. EA suggested a Community Grant application. MM stated that it would be a cost of \$20,000 which is outside the parameters of a Shire Community Grant. MM raised concerns around accessibility of the paths due to the loose gravel. SR suggested the group investigate a concrete blend (gravel/concrete) to reduce costs.

JW stated that it was great to see some plants being planted in the bush landing area.

JW asked what the plan is for any exhibition upgrades on the Power Up & Timber Park Museums.

Action: put exhibition upgrades on action list

SR stated that the flooding on paths had been pumped away and plans had been put in place to rectify this issue once weather permits.

IW informed the Committee of Rhiannon Evans' resignation as a proxy representative of the Manjimup Historical Society. The committee make the following recommendation to Council:

To accept the resignation of Rhiannon Evans as proxy representative of the Manjimup Historical Society.

Moved: IW Seconded: SR Carried: 7/0

IW stated that there is an issue with tree roots coming through paths near History House.

Action: Spencer to investigate

IW asked if it was up to the committee to review the Management Development Plan for the Heritage Park and if so, when and how will the review take place. JW stated that the intention

of the original Management Development Plan was that it would be exercised by the MHPAC in lieu of an Action Sheet. VW suggested a workshop for a review of the plan.

Action: Look at organising a workshop to review Management Development Plan to address what has been actioned and what is outstanding.

EA mentioned that there was a historical timber whim currently being restored by the Manjimup Men's Shed with the potential to be displayed in the Heritage Park. Several committee members raised concerns regarding adding more historical objects to the park when funds are already needed to conserve the current collection. Also, to ensure adequate preservation, collection items should be put under cover at significant costs.

KD asked if there was an asset condition assessment. JW stated that it was included in the Management Development Plan.

## 9 Meeting Closure

EA declared the meeting closed at 6:29pm.

**10** Next Meeting Date: 13 December 2023 at JC Rose Room, Council Chambers.

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Date Amended: 19 September 2023



## **ACTIVE**

	Project	Current Update & Action	Lead Person	Actioned by
1.	Tobacco Heritage Construction	No building application has been received from Sam Karamfiles to date.		
	Note: Macedonian Hall Committee (MCH) are	Awaiting Sam to place pegs to mark out site and then Shire will dump sand as previously arranged.	S.	Ongoing
	supporting Sam with general project.	Due to no further progression on project, suggested group invite MCH committee and to engage more with them so they can drive the project more.	Karamfilies	Origonig
		It was determined the MCH committee and HPAC aren't able to progress this further until a building application is submitted by Sam Karamfiles. Current building crisis will also impact delivery of project – may be best to revisit in March 2023.		
		Delay is due to a resource and capacity issue with S Karamfiles.  Macedonian Community should be encouraged to be the community driver. Group has assisted in completing the Building Application, however it is yet to be submitted.		Ongoing
		No further progress – G Ipsen Cutts suggested we need to be patient for progress to commence.	G Ipsen- Cutts	

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2.	Integrated Weed Management and Burn Plan	Slashing planned around Woodturners area however lack of contractors has meant delays due to other commitments. Still on the Shire radar and will occur when contractors can be confirmed.	S Roberts	Ongoing
		Focus on Broom Bush at present. Weed removal works being conducted by the property care team. IW suggested volunteers could assist in this area – SR to reach out to Anne Bentley support.		
		Machine spraying conducted and firebreaks complete.		
		S Roberts advised this is ongoing and of the death of the contractor performing slashing works. Currently seeking a replacement.		
		New Shire worker appointed will also assist in the spraying of the Broom Bush.	S Roberts	Ongoing
3.	Old Café Building – new tenants	The Shire are looking into progressing with engaging a consultant to do some community consultation workshops on the proposed vision of the building. Gail to provide update at the next meeting.		
	Note: EOI September 2021.			
	2 submissions were received, neither met submission requirements.	Still work in progress. A workshop or consultation to be run to gauge residents suggested use for the space.		
	Both were declined	No change – to explore further use of the space. Community consultation to be conducted.		
		Currently used for venue hire and is one of the most used hired spaces in the Park.		
		Community forum held with interested community members on 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to gauge interest for the buildings future use. Suggestions		

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		from attendees will be cross referenced with strategic plan and presented to Council on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023.		
		Southern Forests Community Landcare will present their proposal for tenancy of this building to Council on 28 Sept 2023.		
			G Ipsen Cutts	Ongoing
4.	Marketing Strategy	Held initial meeting with Australia South West. Intention is to focus on social media and packaging of the Park.		
	Note: SC is developing promotional plan for Park. Mentored by Australia South West	Marketing Strategy to be established with SC and ASW by end of October 2022.		
	VVCSt	Current marketing through ASW Winter campaign, The Australian Directory of School Activities, Excursions and Accommodation.		
		SC to investigate reviews on Wiki Camps and Trip Advisor.		
		Australia's South West Winter Down South Campaign is now running, which features the Heritage Park.		
		Heritage Park brochure to be redesigned and map corrected indicating correct locations of significant flora.		
		J Winters advised Arm Sign undertook the original.		
		G Ipsen Cutts suggested approaching South West Print & Design – Adam Purdy to obtain a quote to perform works.	S Cleveland	Ongoing

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5.	Project Park Activation Strategy	Group Settlements – 100 year celebrations. Possibility that Shire can promote in a wrap around in the local newspaper. Community Services team is currently exploring this avenue.  October 2021 would be the recognised date for the 100 year settlements as scheme wound up in 1935. GIC timeline wall to be constructed as a barrier to the Parks waterbody was discussed. IW advised the Historical Society are already working towards establishing a timeline which would contribute to this project. Artist impression and concept to be developed – IH to provide contact details for interpretation consultant.  G Ipsen Cutts still would like a commemoration of the group settlement –in April, 9 groups in the Manjimup Shire will celebrate their settlement. Another 5 groups will celebrate their centenary this year. It will then continue to Northcliffe and Smithbrook in 2024-2028.  Icon (artwork) – image of group settlers – could be installed somewhere and to have a connection to the group settlements. Pioneer Women and School icons are available in the Shire for consideration.  Possible location for icons – Heritage Connections Project – doesn't necessarily need to be located in the Park. Costs for erection would be approximately \$10,000 (footing in concrete only around \$4,500) minimum to get fabricated and interpretation to install. Potential to roll project out with federal funding.	G Ipsen Cutts / S Cleveland	Actioned by Ongoing

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		The Group Settlements are currently not represented. Fence line in front of pond is still being considered as a potential location. Time and money is a factor in getting this project to fruition.	S Cleveland	Ongoing
		D Buegge questioned winter activities in the Park – parents using PowerUp as a winter sanctuary for children on wet days. Suggested collaboration with organisations like the Manjimup Family Centre. Increased promotion of this platform to be actioned by S Cleveland.		
		Inflatables initiative in Park ran by the Shire was an extremely successful event that the public didn't expect it to be free. SC to get costs from Emily to see if viable as a potential revenue raising event.		
		Home Schooling and marketing drive to be targeted. Potential to have old school opened for interaction.		
6.	Conservation Plan (objects)	Annual conservation plan to be prepared for object/collection management. Mostly completed. Gail to forward to lan Wilson for review. Gail to provide update at next meeting.		
		Meeting to be held to discuss conservation plan and collections prior to next meeting between GIC, SC & IW.		
		In progress – more maintenance management going forward.		
		Ongoing works that will continue to evolve over time – IW suggests removal of item from action items.		
		Conservation plan for ongoing conservation works that need to be done within the Park. It is expected that with large metal objects in this environment they are going to corrode.	G Ipsen Cutts / I Wilson / S Cleveland	Ongoing
		Potential to investigate grants to fund these works.		

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7.	Friends of the Park – Volunteer Group	Currently reviewing.	G Ipsen Cutts	Ongoing
		SC advised volunteering through Manjimup Senior High School Bush Cadets has contributed to additional planting conducted.		
		Friends of the Park group to be established – schedule of capacity and duties list to be established for consideration by Council. Nick, Spencer, Sam, Ian and Donelle to meet to discuss parameters.	S Cleveland	Ongoing
		Activation of Friends of the Park is a resource issue. New workplace health and safety laws make it more challenging for progression without supervision and insurers won't cover volunteers over 85 years of age.		
		New laws being introduced on the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023. A meeting was held with Volunteer Hub volunteers and explained the impact of the new legislation. If have employees in an organisation that uses volunteers, you need to treat them like an employee. Duty of care is an issue.		
		G Ipsen Cutts to gain some legal clarification from Shire's insurer on how to proceed.	G Ipsen Cutts	1 July 2023
			E Apeldoorn	
		E Apeldoorn to gain legal clarification from Shire's insurer regarding age limits and volunteer requirements.		
8.	Future Planting Projects	Annual plan and meeting be conducted in July / August to determine areas for planting and to set dates areas to be prepared.		
		Vicki Winfield suggested whim area, replacement planting and bush landing could be focus areas.		

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	Durings	V Winfield advised preparation planting to be conducted in the whim area and traffic island. Meeting to be set by V Winfield in the last week of July with S Roberts, V Winfield and S Cleveland to work through plan and implement.	V Winfield	1 July 2023
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9.	Visitation Reporting	To prepare a broader business report to provide basis for Park use.  Possible engagement with TAFE or survey group to seek visitation data.  Approach Australia's South West and Tourism WA for Southern Forest Region specific visitation numbers.  Benchmark data required now to show increase in visitation. Potential to use average percentage of visitors in museum visitation in the Park and have it generated by tourism students.  Tourism Council are able to prepare visitation data – one report under each category is available per member annually.  Motion made to propose that we investigate a cost to obtain a more detailed analysis and to progress. The current Tourism Council members are willing to allow use of their membership to obtain information (Manjimup Visitor Centre, Shire of Manjimup and Donnelly River Cruises).	S Cleveland / G Ipsen Cutts	
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10.	Heritage Park Promotional Brochure & QR Code Links	Brochure also referenced under Marketing Strategy.	S Cleveland	Ongoing

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		S Cleveland suggested QR codes could be used around the Park rather than placing tree names. QR codes would link visitors to the Heritage Park website where the following information could be gained about flora:		
		<ul> <li>Botanical name</li> <li>Common name</li> <li>Noongar name and possible uses and flowering time (could approach RAP to provide indigenous content for plants once parameters set)</li> <li>Origin</li> </ul>		
		S Cleveland to reference tree markers in style guide and investigate a modernised marker with QR code on stakes.		
		Forest Products Commission, Shire of Manjimup and alternative grants to be investigated to fund project.		
		S Cleveland to investigate costs and options to progress.		
11.	Footpath Maintenance – Tree roots	S Roberts to investigate	S Roberts	13 December 2023
12.	Management Development Plan Workshop	Organise a workshop to review Management Development Plan to address what has been actioned and what is outstanding.	E Apeldoorn	13 December 2023