



Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



Yawuru Park Council Agenda

Meeting no: 34 Meeting location: Parks and Wildlife Service, Broome Meeting date: 25/08/17 Meeting time: 13:00am – 15:30pm Apologies:				
	ITEM	YPC action:	Who:	Format:
1.0	Welcome and apologies			
1.1	Opening and welcome		Chairperson	
1.2	Apologies			
1.3	Role of persons present (YPC representative/ alternative/ proxy, associate member, observer, guest ect)			
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting			
2.1	Review and adoption of March 2017 YPC minutes.			Minutes
2.2	Actions arising			
3.0	Matter across all tenure (Yawuru, DPaW, Shire)			
3.1	Dinosaur Footprint Research and Protection Mechanism	For Decision	DBCA	Briefing Note
3.2	YPC Confidential Matters	For Decision	NBY	Briefing Note
3.3	Fee waiver for waste disposal charges	For Decision	DBCA	Briefing Note
4.0	Townsite Areas (Yawuru, Shire)			
4.1	Environs Kimberley Funding	For Decision	NBY	Briefing Note
4.2	Concept Planning for Gantheume Point and other in town Recreation nodes	For Decision	DBCA	Briefing Note



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5.0	Cable Beach intertidal zone (Yawuru, DPaW, Shire)	NIL		
6.0	Out of Town and Roebuck Bay areas (Yawuru, DPaw)	NIL		
7.0	Reports			
7.1	Expenditure Report Summary		DBCA	Summary Report
8.0	Other matters and correspondence in			
8.1	Gurlbanwila update	DBCA		Verbal Update
9.0	Next Meeting			
10.0	Close of Meeting			

YAWURU PARK COUNCIL

Agenda Item: Dinosaur Footprint Research and Protection Mechanism

Meeting Number: 34 - 25/ 08 /2017

Location: Conservation Estate

Author and Organisation: Julie Melbourne – Manager Land and Sea Unit

Nyamba Buru Yawuru

Responsible Officer: Julie Melbourne

Date of Report:

Summary: In response to members of the public proposing the removal of dinosaur footprints in Broome additional research about best practice preservation methods is being undertaken. NBY is seeking support from the YPC to enter into a partnership with the Australian Research Council to further explore such preservation methods.

BACKGROUND

Dinosaur tracks of the Broome Sandstone on the Dampier Peninsula, form an important component of the West Kimberley National Heritage Area. 21 different types of tracks have been identified, representing numerous dinosaurs, together these currently constitute the most diverse dinosaur track fauna in the world. While known to members of the Indigenous community for many thousands of years, broader public knowledge of the area's dinosaur tracks started around the turn of the 20th Century, with phases of community interest going hand in hand with ongoing scientific studies.

i) Dinosaur Track Removal

On the 27/06/2017, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) supplied Yawuru with an example of a previous request made by a member of the public that urged DBCA to reconsider removing dinosaur tracks.

DBCA's correspondence with the member of the public noted the '*significant cultural importance*' of the dinosaur tracks to the Yawuru traditional owners. Additionally, DBCA's response emphasised that where land is jointly managed with traditional owners, the Yawuru people and DBCA will consider the most appropriate course of action. DBCA acknowledged that expert evidence received by DBCA and Yawuru traditional owners '*suggests that modern techniques including laser scanning and aerial drone photography, in addition to silicon rubber casts, would be favoured over the physical removal of footprints*'.

CONSULTATION

- NBY staff have met with the Yawuru Park Council Working Group, Yawuru Cultural Reference Group and the PBC Board to discuss this.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: Shire of Broome, Yawuru NBY and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Yawuru Park Council:

1. do not agree to agree to the removal of Dinosaur footprints as a management strategy unless a detailed case for such action is presented to the Yawuru Park Council on a case by case basis.

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

YAWURU PARK COUNCIL

Agenda Item: Confidential Matters

Meeting Number: 34 – 25/8/2017

Location: Conservation Estate

Author and Organisation: Daniel Balint – Yawuru Coastal Parks Coordinator

Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

Responsible Officer: Daniel Balint

Date of Report: 20/07/2017

Summary: In response to sensitive information being released to the public the need for closed meetings at the Yawuru Park Council was identified. DBCA is seeking support from the Yawuru Park Council to establish a 'closed hearing' protocol to prevent sensitive and confidential information being released prematurely to the public.

BACKGROUND

Previously, when establishing the Marine Park, sensitive information discussed at the Yawuru Park Council was released to the public. This occurred as a result of no prohibitions on the use of sensitive information existing. Consequently, the need to establish protocols to conduct 'closed hearings' for the Yawuru Park Council was identified.

The Shire of Broome in support of the proposal, and after consultation at the Yawuru Park Council Working Group, provided DBCA with the Broome Council's protocols for 'Confidential Matters'.

An attendee of the Yawuru Park Council is not to publish, or make public any of the discussion taking place on a matter discussed behind closed doors, but this prohibition does not extend to the actual decision made as a result of such discussion and other information properly recorded in the minutes

The YPC may identify by decision, early in the meeting, any matter on the agenda of the meeting to be discussed behind closed doors, and that matter is to be deferred for consideration as the last item of the meeting.

CONSULTATION

- DBCA staff have met with the Yawuru Park Council Working Group to discuss the proposal.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: Shire of Broome, Yawuru NBY and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Yawuru Park Council recommends that:

1. The Yawuru Park Council identify by decision, early in the meeting, any matter on the agenda of the meeting to be discussed behind closed doors, and that matter is to be determined for consideration as the last item of the meeting.
2. A person who attends a Yawuru Park Council Meeting must not disclose –
 - (a) Information that the attendee derived from a confidential document; or
 - (b) Information that the attendee acquired at a closed meeting other than information derived from a non – confidential document.
3. This does not prevent an attendee of the Yawuru Park Council Meeting from disclosing information –
 - (a) At a closed meeting; or
 - (b) To the extent specified by the Yawuru Park Council and subject to such other conditions as the Yawuru Park Council determines; or
 - (c) That is already in the public domain; or
 - (d) If the disclosure is required or permitted by law.

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

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YAWURU PARK COUNCIL

Agenda Item: Fee waiver for waste disposal charges

Meeting Number: 34 - 25/08/2017

Location: Conservation Estate

Author and Organisation: Daniel Balint – Yawuru Coastal Parks Coordinator

Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

Responsible Officer: Daniel Balint

Date of Report: 25/08/2017

Summary: In response to recent increased waste collection by Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and Yawuru representatives in the Conservation Estate it is proposed to submit an application to the Shire of Broome Council to waive all waste disposal charges for waste collected by Joint Management Parties in the Conservation Estate.

BACKGROUND

The Yawuru Park Council is responsible for the management of the Yawuru Conservation Estate and comprises of Yawuru RNTBC / NBY Representatives (Yawuru), the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions representatives (DBCA) and the Shire of Broome representatives (SoB) who are responsible to jointly administer the management of the Conservation Estate.

Full waiver of waste disposal fees for Joint Management operations would be seen as a positive decision by the Shire of Broome for effective maintenance of the Conservation Estate. Full waiver of fees would allow a greater allocation of funding to be spent on rubbish and waste collection throughout the 'In Town' Joint Management reserves and Conservation Estate and 'Out of Town' Conservation Estate.

Currently, the Joint Management Parties receive a concession of the scheduled fees and charges at the Waste Management Facility.

This concession is available to eligible organisations in accordance with Policy 3.1.17 Fee Concessions at Waste Management Facility. An eligible organisation is defined in the Policy to include charity organisations, registered not for profit community organisations, community sporting groups, Indigenous community groups, and other community groups.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

6.12. Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts

(1) *Subject to subsection (2) and any other written law, a local government may —*

- (a) *when adopting the annual budget, grant* a discount or other incentive for the early payment of any amount of money; or*
- (b) *waive or grant concessions in relation to any amount of money; or*
- (c) *write off any amount of money, which is owed to the local government.*

** Absolute majority required.*

- (2) *Subsection (1)(a) and (b) do not apply to an amount of money owing in respect of rates and service charges.*
- (3) *The grant of a concession under subsection (1)(b) may be subject to any conditions determined by the local government.*
- (4) *Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which a local government is not to exercise a power under subsection (1) or regulate the exercise of that power.*

[Section 6.12 amended by No. 64 of 1998 s. 39.]

CONSULTATION

- DBCA staff have met with the Yawuru Park Council Working Group to discuss the proposal.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: Shire of Broome, Yawuru NBY and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Yawuru Park Council recommends that:

1. The Yawuru Park Council support an application to the Shire of Broome seeking a full waiver of waste disposal charges.

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

YAWURU PARK COUNCIL

Agenda Item: Environs Kimberley Funding

Meeting Number: 34 - 25/07/2017

Location: In Town Conservation Estate

Author and Organisation: Julie Melbourne

Nyamba Buru Yawuru

Responsible Officer: Julie Melbourne

Date of Report: 20/07/2017

Summary: The Kimberley Nature Project at Environs Kimberley has been working on a multi-partner project to revegetate a degraded area of the Federally Endangered Monsoon Vine Thicket plant community in Minyirr Park. Environs Kimberley request financial assistance in covering the outstanding project costs.

BACKGROUND

The project is being facilitated with funding from a Federal Government 20 Million Trees Grant, with the project being half way through its 2 years of funding. The project has been able to utilise In-Kind contributions from local business, TAFE students, Green Army, Society for Kimberley Indigenous Plants and Animals and community volunteer hours.

Due to unforeseen delays in installing a watering system for the plants through in-kind contributions, the project had to pay a contractor to install reticulation system to keep the plants alive through the first dry season. The contractor provided the service at near cost-price in addition to further in-kind contributions to the project. As a consequence, the Year 1 project budget has blown out. Nyamba Buru Yawuru had kindly provided \$500 to help cover the additional costs, but \$1282 remains.

A few of the significant contributions that the project is making to Minyirr Park, including:

- The project's goal of rehabilitating a formerly gazetted road that was not properly rehabilitated
- The significant in-kind and financial contribution the project has gathered for the project, involving numerous volunteers from the community
- The ecological and cultural importance of the Minyirr Park area to Yawuru, the wider community and the Federal Government (i.e. Federal Listing of the Monsoon Vine Thickets under *EPBC ACT 1999*)
- The initiation and coordination from Environs Kimberley in finding the funding and facilitating the project to aid the health of Minyirr Park.

CONSULTATION

- NBY have met with the Yawuru Park Council to discuss the proposal.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Shire of Broome, Yawuru NBY

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Yawuru Park Council recommends that:

1. The Yawuru Park Council provide financial assistance in covering the outstanding costs of the Minyirr Park Revegetation Project, which amount to \$1282.00.

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

YAWURU PARK COUNCIL

Agenda Item: Concept Planning for Gantheume Point and other in town Recreation nodes.

Meeting Number: 34 - 25/08/2017

Location: In Town Reserves

Author and Organisation: Daniel Balint – Yawuru Coastal Parks Coordinator

Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

Responsible Officer: Daniel Balint

Date of Report:

Summary: The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions have access to a landscape architect whom can provide concept plans for infrastructure upgrades at key 'In Town' recreation sites. Following a site visit of 'In Town' recreation areas on 7 August 2017, Gantheume Point and the Gantheume Point Walk Track were identified by the Joint Management Parties as priorities. Additionally Ridell Beach carparks were also identified in need of limited works. The Department seeks Yawuru Park Council approval to utilise the services of the available landscape architect and deliver concept drawing upgrades at the above mentioned sites.

BACKGROUND

The Recreation Master Plan has been under development for a number of years. Despite ongoing progress Yawuru Park Council approval has not yet been achieved.

On the 7 August 2017, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Yawuru and the Shire of Broome representatives undertook a site visit of key In Town recreation sites. The objective of the visit was to determine priorities for infrastructure and 'ground truth' the Draft Recreation Master Plan.

Currently, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions have access to a number of bollards, wheel stops and 2 large shade sails.

Additionally, The Department's landscape architect is currently in Broome and is available to progress concept drawings for infrastructure plans. The Department seeks to utilise this service for the benefit of the Yawuru Park Council.

Following the site visit Gantheume Point and maintenance work of Gantheume Point Walk Track were identified as critical areas which could benefit from such a service.

CONSULTATION

- DBCA staff have met with the Yawuru Park Council Working Group at the recreation sites on the 7 August 2017 to discuss the proposal.

VOTING REQUIREMENT - Absolute Majority:

Shire of Broome, Yawuru NBY and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Yawuru Park Council recommends that:

4. The Yawuru Park Council endorse the concept planning for upgrade of car park improvements (Gantheaume Point and Ridell Beach) and maintenance work of Gantheaume Point Walk Track with design assisted with landscape architect

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST: