

## Meeting Minutes

Date	1 February 2018	Start Time	9.30am	Finish Time	11.00am	Location	Chambers
Meeting Purpose	Flying Fox Advisory Committee						
Attendees	Maree Treadwell-Kerr, Brett Spencer, Marcelle Kentwell, Cr John Schilling, Rebecca Koller, Dion Eades, Dr Martin Cohen, Mel Tortike, Dr David Westcott						
Apologies	Simon Booth, Sera Steves, Stephen Bailey, Cr Ritchie Bates						
Observers	Three observers						

### Actions and Agreements

No	What	Who	When	Complete
1	<b>Meeting opened by Dr Martin Cohen with welcome and acknowledgement of traditional owners, councillors and committee members.</b>	Dr Martin Cohen	01/02/2018	Complete
2	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Minutes of the meeting held 19 December 2017 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Maree Treadwell-Kerr <b>Seconded:</b> Rebecca Koller</p>	Dr Martin Cohen	01/02/2018	Complete
3	<p><b>Business Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brett Spencer advised the committee;             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The trees at the City Library will be trimmed after breeding season.</li> <li>○ The fig trees in Abbott Street will be trimmed up to 20% after breeding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Brett Spencer	01/02/2018	Complete



4	<p><b>New and General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca Koller presented the latest flying-fox statistics from the Wild Life carers showing a higher rate of orphans and deceased young than previous years and submitting this information to EHP. As at the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 Cairns colony update is total dead/orphaned 1003 (Live 499 and Dead 504).</li> <li>• Temporary signage on Lake and Abbot Streets will not be erected to inform drivers to be aware that flying-foxes might fall on to the road. Dion Eades advised this is not possible due to Council policy and obstruction to drivers.</li> <li>• Bat Care training course. Rebecca Koller would like to invite veterinarian Tania Bishop to Cairns to provide Bat Carers with training in March/April 2018. Marcelle Kentwell to follow-up with Tania Bishop and prepare funding agreement with Bats and Trees Society of Cairns. (Refer to Resolution 7).</li> <li>• Marcelle Kentwell to prepare a report to Council to look at Cairns Regional Council to host the National Flying-Fox Forum October 2018 in Cairns. (Refer to Resolution 6).</li> <li>• Cairns Bat Festival 2018: Bats and Trees Society. Proposed date of festival is either 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2018 on the Western Event Lawn at the Cairns Esplanade. Marcelle Kentwell to prepare funding agreement and new supplier form. (Refer to Resolution 8).</li> <li>• Update from the Bats and Trees Society of Cairns; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have received letter of Incorporated and has obtained Public Liability Insurance through LandCare.</li> <li>○ Membership costs will be tiered and made available to the public in the near future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Update of Bat Chats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School holiday bat chats have excellent numbers.</li> <li>○ Advised that the new signage is working well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Rebecca Koller	Next meeting	In progress
		Dion Eades	01/02/2018	Completed
		Rebecca Koller, Marcelle Kentwell	Next meeting	In progress
		Marcelle Kentwell	Next meeting	In progress
		BatSoc	Next meeting	In progress
		BatSoc	Next meeting	In progress
		Maree Treadwell-Kerr,	Next meeting	In progress

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marcelle Kentwell to purchase mini binoculars and light weight marquee.</li> <li>○ Maree Treadwell-Kerr to provide to Marcelle Kentwell the reference book list for purchasing.</li> <li>○ Maree Treadwell-Kerr to provide to Brett Spencer the photo/specs for a promotional trailer.</li> <li>○ Maree Treadwell-Kerr has provided Dion Eades with the dates of the next school holiday bat chats.</li> <li>○ Dion Eades to investigate a social media platform for people to write a review of their Bat Chat experience and proposes that BatSoc create a Facebook Page.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interpretation at the Cairns City Library – preparation of brief to engage a consultation for an Interpretative Plan and Signage Suite is still in progress.</li> <li>● Brett Spencer proposed that Dr Martin Cohen attend the Australasian Bat Conference in April 2018 to provide a follow up paper and represent the FFAC and provide a presentation to the FFAC. (Refer to Resolution 5).</li> <li>● Brett Spencer to contact the Hockey Field management to investigate the installation of high visual flagging along the barbed wire to discourage Flying-foxes.</li> <li>● Maree Treadwell-Kerr advised on the meeting with Department of Environment and Energy and will update the committee after they investigate and assess the situation.</li> <li>● FFAC would like to hold a workshop with Council to discuss options to revegetate new camp site or improve the existing camp sites that are outside the CBD area. Brett Spencer to discuss further with Councillor Shilling.</li> </ul>	<p>Marcelle Kentwell, Brett Spencer, Dion Eades</p> <p>Marcelle Kentwell</p> <p>Brett Spencer</p> <p>Brett Spencer</p> <p>Maree Treadwell-Kerr</p> <p>Brett Spencer</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>01/02/2018</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Resolution of Committee</b>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee recommends for Dr Martin Cohen to attend the Australasian Bat Society Conference and AGM in Richmond 3-6 April 2018 from the Flying-fox management budget. Marcelle Kentwell to arrange registration, transport and accommodation. Dr Martin Cohen to provide a brief of the paper that is to be presented prior to the conference and a presentation at the next FFAC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved:</b> Dr David Westcott <b>Seconded:</b> Cr Shilling</p>	Dr Martin Cohen, Marcelle Kentwell	Next meeting	In progress
6	<p><b>Resolution of Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee recommends that Cairns Regional Council to sponsor to the National Flying-fox forum in Cairns October 2018 to a maximum of \$6000. Marcelle Kentwell to consult with Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Inc. and Ecosure with this proposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved:</b> Dr David Westcott <b>Seconded:</b> Maree Treadwell-Kerr</p>	Marcelle Kentwell	Next meeting	In progress
7	<p><b>Resolution of Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee recommends that Council consider a grant to the Bats and Trees of Society of Cairns to organise the Basic Bat Training Course from the Flying-fox management budget. Marcelle Kentwell to sort out costs with vet Tania Bishop and prepare funding agreement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved:</b> Rebecca Koller <b>Seconded:</b> Maree Treadwell-Kerr</p>	Rebecca Koller, Marcelle Kentwell	Next meeting	In progress
8	<p><b>Resolution of Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee recommends that Council consider a grant to the Bats and Trees of Society of Cairns to organise the Cairns Bat Festive 2018 from the Flying-fox management budget to the maximum of \$5000. Marcelle Kentwell to prepare</li> </ul>	Maree Treadwell-Kerr,	Next meeting	In progress

	funding agreement.  <b>Moved:</b> Maree Treadwell-Kerr <b>Seconded:</b> Rebecca Koller	Rebecca Koller		
<b>9</b>	<b>Next meeting date:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Chambers – Thursday 29 March 2018 9.30am to 11.00am</li> </ul>	All	01/02/2018	Complete
<b>10</b>	<b>Meeting Closed: 11.00am</b>			

**Note:** These minutes are considered to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Should you not agree with this record of the meeting please advise by return email within 48 hours of the time of receipt of these minutes.