



Meeting Minutes

Date 27 August 2020 Start Time 9.30am Finish Time 11.00am Location Barlow Park Conference Room

Meeting Purpose Flying Fox Advisory Committee

Attendees Brett Spencer, Marcelle Kentwell, , Sera Steves, Maree Treadwell-Kerr (conference call), Jenny Mclean (conference call), Dion Eades, Mel Tortike, , Cr Max O'Halloran

Apologies Steve Coulson, Jade Monda, Cr Amy Eden, Carlie Thirlwell, Linda Kirchner

Observers Three

Actions and Agreements

#	What	Who	When	Complete
1	Meeting opened by Brett Spencer with welcome and acknowledgement of traditional owners, councillors and committee members.	Brett Spencer	27/08/2020	Complete
2	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>Recommendation: Minutes of the meeting held 28 May 2020 are adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p>Moved: Maree Treadwell-Kerr Seconded: Jenny Mclean</p>	Brett Spencer	27/08/2020	Complete
3	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>Brett Spencer advised the committee;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cairns Regional Council has received approval from the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) to 	Brett Spencer	Next meeting	In Progress

	<p>implement deterrent measures to disperse and permanently relocate a nationally important population of spectacled flying fox located at 151 Abbott Street. Council has been in discussions with the Federal regulator since April 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures, initiated on 4 July 2020 through to 11 August, in accordance with the Relocation Action have resulted in no Spectacled Flying-foxes (SFFs) roosting at the Cairns City Library, and in nil SFF deaths associated with the Relocation Action. • CRC has notified DAWE of the cessation of the Relocation Action on 11 August 2020 at 0700 hours. Given cessation, the Relocation Action can only recommence conditional on compliance with the conditions of the Approval. • While the habitat remains, and while a population of SFFs persists in the broader landscape, maintenance of the current situation (i.e. no roosting) requires management, the conduct of which is to be in accordance with the Queensland Code of Practice – Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts Nature Conservation Act 1992. 			
4	<p>Business Arising Goomboora Park discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sera Steves asked to consider the safety of the SFFs if pupping and to secure the track to the roost from the public. • Investigate educational signage to be erected in the area near the roost 	<p>Brett Spencer</p> <p>Dion Eades</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>

<p>Resident complaints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sera Steves enquired if there any complaints from residents. Very few complaints from residents. All complaints are managed by the Natural Areas Management team. No current issues. <p>Monitoring of roosts in Cairns region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel Tortike advised that NRA are conducting daily monitoring and count of 21 sites daily. <p>Anderson and Murray Streets roosts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate educational signage to be erected in the area near the roost <p>Media Release by BatSoc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sera Steves will (via BatSoc) to issue a media release with an update on management actions and to promote the BatSoc – Flying-fox Watch Survey and Project. <p>Geoff Holland invited to speak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFFs are roosting in the T5 at the city library during the evening. • Possibility of pregnant giving birth in T5 during the evening. • Saying that the SFFs have been dispersed is misleading • Legislation guidelines are not being followed; in particular point 2.6.1 & 2.6.3 <p>Response to Geoff from Jenny Mclean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The library site is not a healthy place for the SFFs to give birth due the high mortality rates of pups. • There are 3 roosts within 3kms of the library that are suitable 	<p>Brett Spencer</p> <p>Mel Tortike</p> <p>Dion Eades</p> <p>Sera Steves</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Jenny Mclean</p>	<p>27/08/2020</p> <p>27/08/2020</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>27/08/2020</p> <p>27/08/2020</p> <p>27/08/2020</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
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	<p>data about what they are doing and where to help us better conserve and manage them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brett Spencer has emailed Maree Treadwell-Kerr the contact details regarding suitable software for this type of project <p>BatSoc Flying-fox Species Recovery Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective – recovery plan to save/protect the SFF, based upon the Bush Heritage Bilby conservation program. <p><i>Ficus benjamina</i>, on the Lake Street side of the Cairns City Library property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trunk is completely decayed with the arboreal roots and steel props holding up the severely decayed scaffold limbs. Multiple deadwood - all ranges. Temporary fencing is preventing public access but risk assessment done with permanent fence and levels of access in mind with proposal to extend fence to safe distances. No planned tree works at this point in time, however fencing could be extended outwards due to risk of falling branches. Mel Tortike to email Tree Inspection report to the Committee. <p>Resource and Performance Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RnP Agreement for 2019-2020 has been acquitted. Marcelle Kentwell to work on draft for RnP Agreement for 2020-2021 with Sera Steves. 	<p>Brett Spencer</p> <p>Sera Steves</p> <p>Mel Tortike</p> <p>Marcelle Kentwell/Sera Steves</p>	<p>27/08/2020</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>27/08/2020</p> <p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p>
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5	<p>Resolution of the Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee recommends that Brian Ross be appointed as the new community Representative and that this appointment be sought through CEO delegation. Readvertise the 'second' position of community representation for a period of two weeks. <p>Moved: Sera Steves Seconded: Maree Treadwell-Kerr</p>	Brett Spencer	By next meeting	In progress
6	Next meeting date: Barlow Park Corporate Room – Thursday 19 November 2020	All	27/08/2020	Complete
7	Meeting Closed: 11.00am			

Note: These minutes are considered 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.