

Geraldton Coastcare Group
Meeting Minutes
 Vanessa McGuinness | Secretary

Meeting location: City Hive (184 Marine Terrace)
 Meeting Time/ Date: 5:30pm 19th January 2017

Meeting Commenced at 5:35pm

<p><u>Present:</u> Dave O'Meara, Heike Witt, Mark Reid , Mic Payne, Mike Dufour, Sean Hickey, Wendy Payne, Vanessa McGuinness</p>
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<p><u>Apologies:</u> Mark Canny</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Mic Payne</p>
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<p><u>Guests:</u> Ellie Honeybone (Geraldton Guardian)</p>	<p><u>Secretary:</u> Vanessa McGuinness</p>
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1 Agenda

- 1.1 Matters arising from previous minutes
- 1.2 Election of office bearers
- 1.3 Committee process
- 1.4 \$3k Coastwest project
- 1.5 CHRMAP representative
- 1.6 Pt Moore beach closure to ORVs
- 1.7 Geraldton Guardian visitor

2 Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising.

3 Election of office bearers

Mic Payne self-nominated for Chair: Accepted by the committee

Vanessa McGuinness self-nominated for Secretary: Accepted by the committee

Vice-chair: Rotational Vice-chair when the Chair is not available: Accepted by the committee

Treasurer: Secretary taking role of Treasurer: Accepted by the committee

4 Committee process - Mic Payne

Official name for the "Geraldton Coastcare Group" to be decided. Suggestions: Batavia Coastcare, Geraldton Regional Coastcare, Coral Coast Coastcare (CCC).

ACTION: Secretary to collect suggestions from the group to decide at the next meeting.

The group is not yet governed by a constitution but will operate as a formal committee. The Agenda and Minutes will be distributed accordingly and will allow for Agenda additions from the group 1-2 weeks prior to the meeting. The Chair will continue to update our "constitution" so that it is available should the group wish to incorporate at a later date.

During the meetings if a topic is unresolved, the Chair will define the motion and allow any committee member who wishes to speak 1 minute to debate the motion prior to taking a group vote. Accepted by the committee.

5 \$3k Coastwest project - All

Suggestions:

- Marketing for the group: Facebook, website, logo, slogan
- Mission Statement
- Gain corporate sponsorship
- Coastal community engagement events (revegetation) to bring in new members
- Educational material on sand movement and coastal processes for the community

ACTION: Chair / Secretary to obtain an itemised quote from a media consultant to set up the groups branding (Facebook, website, logo etc.) and mission statement.

6 CHRMAP representatives

Sean H requested Mike D to “clarify the role of ‘rep’ for the group - CHRMAP: and the facility for the community positions as a whole. Michael, what’s the brief concerning community representation on the mid-west arm of CHRMAP?”

Mike D responded:

1. “The community representative takes an active and moderating role in the project management process to deliver the CHRMAP objectives and outcomes.
2. The wider community through the consultation process has input to the components of the project and their and other stakeholder responses will drive the outcomes
3. The consultants brief has been sent to the nominated community representative contacts (Mark Reid, Mark Canny) for review.”

Department of Planning requires that a community engagement strategy is developed to guide consultation with the community on all CHRMAP processes, including that being conducted by CGG. NACC will be providing comment on this document.

CGG CHRMAP design completed and is going out to tender in a couple of weeks

7 Pt Moore beach closure to ORVs

Mark R suggested the Geraldton Coastcare Group apply for Coastwest funding for ORV closures at Point Moore.

Suggestion prompted discussion on whether this is a project the Geraldton Coastcare Group applies for or the established groups in that area (Friends of Point Moore).

Wendy P suggested the grant should incorporate more than just one site to close beach access to ORV’s in Geraldton if the group is to apply for the grant.

Mike D said there would need to be studies done before ORV closures on beaches at places such as Point Moore as they are multi-purpose zones. Additional car parking spaces would need to be made available for high-use areas if beaches are closed.

ACTION: Chair to discuss further with Mark R and Mike D

8 Geraldton Guardian visitor

Geraldton Guardian Reporter Ellie Honeybone attended the end of the meeting to make connection with the group and offered to become the point of contact for writing articles on the Geraldton Coastcare Group (once group name is established).

9 Reports

9.1 Chair

Nil

9.2 Treasurer/Secretary

Nil

9.3 City of Greater Geraldton rep

See CHRMAP section above.

10 General Business

The CGG is applying for Coastwest funding to remove boxthorn from the coastal dunes extending from Pages Beach to African Reef. The CGG is seeking a Letter of Support (LOS) from the Geraldton Coastcare Group. Accepted by the committee.

Meeting Closed: 6:40pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd February 2017