

Dog Management Policy - Working Group

Minutes – 14 February 2022

1. Opening Meeting		
1.0	Welcome AT welcomed all members and thanked them for agreeing to participate in the working group	
1.1	Present:	PWS: Ben Hill, Lara Connell, David Pembleton Multiple Use of Conservation Areas Doctors Rocks (MUCA): Leanne Raw, Chris Marimon Penguin experts: Perviz Marker, Kathy Grieveson WWC: Ashley Thornton, Mathew Jamieson
1.2	Apologies:	Nil
1.3	Previous Minutes:	Nil

Date:	14 February 2022
Start Time:	4:00pm
End Time:	5:05pm
Venue:	Teams
Chairperson:	Ashley Thornton
Minutes:	Ashley Thornton

2. Agenda Items				
Item	Topic/Detail	Actions Required	Responsible Person/s	Timeframe
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of Terms of Reference Sought confirmation to adopt TOR Feedback from PWS to include acknowledgement of PWS as landowner, and the requirement that declared dog areas are required to comply with legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise TOR to include references to ownership and legislative compliance 	AT	Circulate with minutes
2	<p>Outlining of issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each member was asked to speak to their views/concerns relating to the declared dog areas within WWC. <p>MUCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area between Burntwood Point and Seabrook Creek has been a dog walking beach since the 1990s Dogs being walked and exercised are not the problem, it is dogs at large that cause issues/attacks No footpath or walkway from the residences at Doctors Rocks to the declared dog beaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members to note issues raised, and put thought to addressing them Lengths of declared dog beaches to be measured and circulated to the group Example of PWS risk assessment to be shared with group at next meeting 	<p>All</p> <p>AT</p> <p>BH</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Circulate with minutes</p> <p>Next meeting</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have to drive to a dog beach. • Ill feeling left over from the previous process – weren't away of changes until late in the consultation period, then resolved issues with PWS, but then Council still said "no" • Combined usage can work and is proposed • Would need designated times to prevent interaction between dogs and penguins • Penguin colony is growing, even with dogs on the beach until the recent change • Lack of access for dog exercise is impacting residents lifestyle • Better signage to make sure dogs are kept away from dunes • No one is using the beach now that it is prohibited to dogs <p>PWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the National Parks Act, the default position is dogs are prohibited in a conservation area • Risk assessment is required prior to changing this stance • What is the total length of declared beach areas? • Would like to understand why an extra 1km of beach is so important to the MUCA • It is not just penguins requiring protection, but other shore birds are protected as well (plovers, oyster catchers etc) • Dogs being walked on a beach can attract stray dogs, as the dogs leave their scent which attracts dogs at large to the area, thus bringing the threat to the penguins and shore birds • A previous dog attack at Doctors Rocks did extend to the beach in discussion. • Feedback received from other beach users that they would like to see more dog free beaches to improve recreation <p>Perviz Marker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area being referred to is now a main colony for 			

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	<p>penguins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a matter of if but when for a dog attack on the colony • Recommends a precautionary approach • Recent counts have seen shore bird numbers decreasing • An increase of density in people with subdivision of the area will create more threats. More pets and clearing of vegetation to improve views <p>WWC Coastal pathway will improve access to declared dog beaches, with timing likely in the next 2 years Additional development is coming to the area, which will also improve pedestrian access.</p>			
3	Next meeting	•		

6. Meeting Closure		
Item	Topic/Detail	Arrangements
6.1	Next meeting	
	Date:	17 February 2022
	Time:	8.45am
	Location:	Council Chambers
	Chairperson:	Jackee Evans
	Minute Taker:	Sarah Alderson
	Apologies:	Nil
6.2	Meeting Closed:	9:48am