

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 15th May 2024



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MEETING DETAILS

Date: 15/5/2024

Location: Camden Civic Centre

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting opened: 7:00 pm. Meeting closed 10:20 pm

Chairperson: David Buckley

Minute taker: Kieran Berryman: Camden Council (ex officio)

Acknowledgement of Country: Acknowledgement read by Chairperson

ATTENDANCE

Present:

- David Buckley, community member
- Tony Biffin, community member
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Hayley Neville, Manager Economic Development and Activation, Camden Council
- Kieran Berryman, TLCP (Team Leader – Camden Precinct Team), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

Apologies and Absences:

- Sandy Davies, community member
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Debbie Dewberry, community member
- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council
- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- Kerrie Flynn, community member

Visitors:

- Tim Vyse & George Wang – Camden Council Landscape Architects

Motion: That the apologies be noted and leaves of absence granted

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Sarah Cleaton

Motion Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

Moved: Tony Biffin, **Seconded:** Jeff Ferrif

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (not contained in action log)

- Nil

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Report presented as tabled and attached as a year in review.

Motion: That the Chairperson's report be accepted.

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

Camden Town Farm masterplan draft presentation. Council Public Domain Design team.

- Early draft of plan presented
 - Draft maps and landscape elements tabled and discussed
 - Discussion around opportunities, challenges, key strategies.
 - Discussion around vision and use of cottage
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STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates

Nil

CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- Construction of new walkway almost complete. Opening Mid June.
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Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report

- Mulching, Oats & NPPK fertilising completed in Western & Central Lucerne paddocks for winter feed.
 - Minor flood event in April saw cattle moved to Sheepdog per protocol as a precaution.
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Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer

- Nil
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ACTION LOG/PROJECTS

19-014 Farm flood evacuation plan : Investigating use of Sydney Water land off Ferguson lane which Council leases as evac area. WIP

21-021 Install safety bollards at walkway entrance. : Bollards Installed. CLOSE

22-001 CTF Walkway Extension project: Construction progressing. Completion May 2024. Opening Mid June

22-013 Cattle yard redevelopment : Working bee for yards held and yards installed. Welding and fixing of crush and yards to slab to be completed ASAP.

23-001 Introduce Bull : Calving due mid Sept – Mid November. TL KB to monitor

23-009 Walkway POI Signage content : Signs awaiting installation.

24-001 Winter Feed : Mulching, Oats & NPPK fertilising completed in Western & Central Lucerne paddocks. Team to monitor growth.

24-003 CCTV restoration.: Works underway. TL KB to monitor

24-004 Onslow Cattle Shed repairs. : Works starting on repairs. TL KB to monitor

24-005 Updated Masterplan : Presentation undertaken. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Tony Biffin
 - Can repair of paddocks from walkway construction to be added to action log?

New Action : (24-006): TL Kieran Berryman to add paddock repairs to action log.
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Chairperson's Report

15 May 2024

Welcome and thank you for your continued interest in the future of the C T F and your attendance.

As stated last month the turnaround in the season since late October has been remarkable. The very recent steady rain and no flooding (in this area), with now warm autumn weather has definitely set the scene for a mild winter, with a reasonable soil moisture profile, and assured body of feed starting mid spring.

Cattle are looking great, and the paddocks are holding up. With the completion of the walkway / art project, the Rose Bowl and Macquarie Grove paddocks have added to the feed body available. Along with the germination of broadcast seed and fertiliser in the central and western lucerne paddocks and rotational grazing operations the feed available should hold up through winter.

The Camden Town Farm masterplan draft plan presentation by the Council Public Domain Design team will allow further consultation with the advisory group and set the scene for the continued and future development of the farm, guided by the revised master plan.

This year going forward.

Finished to almost finished projects.

- the remaining connections of new water troughs
- the near completion of the walkway and installation of the art projects
- the repair and replacement of the electricals etc to the irrigation pump
- securing of cattle yard panels and welding of lugs for pins.
- repair and reconstruct heritage cattle show sheds on showground (csss)

Future projects

As "we" move forward future projects will include.

- the complete completion of the walkway and installation of the art projects
- the flooring of the Farm View pavilion
- the revised location and development of the indigenous garden
- irrigation of the eastern, central, and western lucerne paddocks using irrigation pods.
- outdoor classroom!

Official opening of the walkway

The official opening of the walkway in mid-June will allow the advisory group to walk through the following four seasons beaming with pride and reflecting on what has been an interesting flood filled few years.

Please be mindful of the need to be courteous and respectful during the meeting and to direct your comments via the chair. Please be aware of commercial in confidence.

Thank you.

David Buckley

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Current Actions

Action # & Start Date	Initiator & Action/Project Description	Who Actioning	Action/Project Log & Status
19-014 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Develop a CTF flood evacuation plan for livestock	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Meeting held with Farms Ops. Volunteers. CCSO team documenting process and flood triggers to implement plan. WIP 22/12/22 – 15/3/2023 Flood evac plan developed. CCSO will finalise and circulate. 19/4/23 - TL KB including Community Gardens notification in planning. 17/5/23 - Final step is to identify suitable/contracted off farm emergency location for herd. EOI will be required. TL to progress. 19/7/23 – 20/9/23 No Action. TL KB to progress. 14/12/23 – 21/2/24 Draft agistment conditions circulated to Farms Ops sub committee. Draft agreement being developed including an annual retainer. 20/3/24 – No action 17/4/24 – 15/5/24 Investigating use of Sydney Water land off Ferguson lane which Council leases as evac area. WIP
19-032 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Indigenous Garden project	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping. 15/2/23 – 15/3/23 Look to reactivate works. Look into leverage Clontarf programme for indigenous students in schools. Consider including in new masterplan. 19/4/23 - TL KB to meet with Allen Powell to discuss his ideas and report back. including in new masterplan. 17/5/23 - TL Kieran Berryman met with Allen Powell. Bedding mulch from livestock show to be spread in Indigenous Garden yard. TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate. 19/7/23 - No Action. TL KB to progress. 23/8/23 - Garden to be included in the new CTF masterplan.



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19-045	CCSO/355 Committee COWA flooring treatment	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor. 23/8/23 – To be included in scope of Masterplan
19-062 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Electronic gates for walkway	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor. 23/8/23 – To be included in scope of Masterplan
19-073 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Design info signage for CTF public access area on Toilet Block 1.	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop and design new signage for TB1. CCSO team to coordinate content and design. 23/8/23 – Included in PSLP walkway project public art 20/9/23 - Mural to be design as part of walkway project ON HOLD
21-018 2021	CCSO/355 Committee LLS ephemeral wetlands project	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping. ON HOLD



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<p>22-001 17/8/2022</p>	<p>CCSO. Council proposal to extend walkway within CTF. Request for CTF RG to review proposed route.</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>20/7/22 - CCSO to coordinate an onsite walk and fencing inspection with Reference Group members for 10am 31/7/2022. Completed</p> <p>17/8/22 – Walk completed. Recommendation made on preferred route. WIP</p> <p>21/9/22 - Ref. Grp. Feedback provided to project team. Final route, public art, surface treatments and project deliverables still being finalised. CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates</p> <p>19/10/22 CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates to Ref. Grp.</p> <p>16/11/22 - Public Art being proposed for Walkway will be consulted. CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates to Ref. Grp.</p> <p>21/12/22 - Public Art will be consulted with Ref. Grp in new year. CCSO will continue to liaise.</p> <p>15/2/23 - Final Route being finalised. Woody weed removal works will commence around 1st March. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>15/3/23 – Project progressing. CTF Ref. Grp to provide content of for signs.</p> <p>19/4/23 Final Route being finalised. Woody weed removal works will commence soon. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Final route finalised. Woody weed removal works completed. Fences damaged. TL Kieran Berryman will coordinate fence repairs. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>19/7/23 - TL KB to take recommendations of Ref. Grp to Council Management for advice, action and response regarding public art.</p> <p>23/8/23 – Sarah Cleaton to meet with Cultural Activation staff to review public art proposals. Walkway construction starting next week.</p> <p>20/9/23 – Construction started.</p> <p>14/12/23 – 21/2/23 Construction progressing. Completion March 2024.</p> <p>20/3/24 - Construction progressing. Completion April 2024.</p> <p>17/4/24 - Construction progressing. Completion May 2024. Opening Late May</p> <p>15/5/24 - Construction progressing. Completion May 2024. Opening Mid June</p>



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<p>22-013 19/10/2022</p>	<p>Tony Biffin Relocation and improvements to cattle yards</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>19/10/22 - CCSO to submit Ref. Grp. recommendation for shale pad and yards relocation to Council for consideration</p> <p>16/11/22 – 15/2/23 Discussions held with Council construction team. Planning for pad and materials commenced.</p> <p>19/4/23 - Progressing with quotes obtained from Council contractors.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Additional quotes being sought.</p> <p>19/7/23 - TRN selected as supplier. Works to start in next few weeks. TL to progress.</p> <p>23/8/23 - Hardstand pad installed. Yard design underway. New crush to be ordered per specs from Farm Ops sub committee.</p> <p>20/9/23 - New crush selected and ordered. Concrete pad for crush, ramp and drafting gate to be ordered.</p> <p>14/12/23 - New crush delivered. Slab installed. New drafting gate ordered. Will complete install in new year.</p> <p>21/2/24 - Yards to be relocated following Camden Show</p> <p>20/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to arrange relocation of ramp & crush. Working bee to be planned.</p> <p>17/4/24 - Ramp and crush relocated. Working bee for yards relocation to be planned.</p> <p>15/5/24 - Working bee for yards held and yards installed. Welding and fixing of crush and yards to slab to be completed ASAP.</p>



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23-001 15/2/23	David Buckley Procurement of a bull	David Buckley & TL Kieran Berryman	<p>15/2/23 - TL to coordinate procurement of a bull by 31st March.</p> <p>15/3/23 - TL to work with Chairperson to procure a bull by 1st May 2023</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of December. On Hold</p> <p>20/9/23 - David Buckley & TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of November 2023.</p> <p>14/12/23 - Bull on farm with heifers 12/12/23. 3-4 yr old experienced Limosin. Quiet natured. Doing his thing. All heifers with heat pads applied and most marked already. TL KB to monitor and reapply pads up to 12/3/24.</p> <p>21/2/24 - TL KB to coordinate preg testing of herd in week following Camden Show.</p> <p>20/3/24 - Preg testing completed. 24 of 29 pregnancy.</p> <p>17/4/24 – 15/5/24 Calving due mid Sept – Mid November. TL KB to monitor</p>
23-009 20/9/23	TL Kieran Berryman Walkway POI Signage content	TL Kieran Berryman & Ref. Grp. members	<p>20/9/23 - TL KB to distribute POI labels and content requirements for Ref Grp members to volunteer to compose.</p> <p>14/12/23 - TL circulated content to Ref. Grp members. Content to be reviewed by End of Jan 2024. TL to speak to John & Julie Wrigley to review interpretive signage content when drafted.</p> <p>21/2/23 - Kieran Berryman spoke with John & Julie Wrigley and incorporated their input.</p> <p>20/3/24 - Final draft of sign images tabled. Wheat to be beardless and smaller Merino preferred.</p> <p>17/4/24 – 15/5/24 Signs finalised and awaiting installation.</p>
24-001 21/2/24	TL Kieran Berryman CTF Winter Feed	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>21/2/24 - TL KB to coordinate sourcing of contractor for sowing winter feed.</p> <p>20/3/24 – 17/4/24 TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate sowing of Oats & NPK in Western & Central Lucerne</p> <p>15/5/24 - Mulching, Oats & NPPK fertilising completed in Western & Central Lucerne paddocks. Team to monitor growth.</p>



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24-003 20/3/24	Col Packer CCTV restoration	TL Kieran Berryman	20/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to prioritise CCTV restoration 17/4/24 - Quotes requested from 2 suppliers. TL KB to monitor 15/5/24 - Works underway. TL KB to monitor
24-004 20/3/24	David Buckley Repairs to Onslow cattle sheds	TL Kieran Berryman	20/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to seek information from within Council re: grants. 17/4/24 – 15/5/24 Works starting on repairs. TL KB to monitor
24-005 17/4/24	Tony Biffin CTF Masterplan	TL Kieran Berryman	17/4/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate presentation of draft masterplan at next meeting. 15/5/24 - Presentation undertaken. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor
24-006 15/5/24	Tony Biffin Repair/remediation of paddocks	TL Kieran Berryman	15/5/24 - Added



Closed Actions : Closed actions will be removed (hidden) from the current log active at the subsequent meeting

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21-021 2021	CCSO/355 Committee Install safety bollards at walkway entrance.	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to procure and install bollards. CCSO team to coordinate works. 23/8/23 – 21/2/24 - Meeting to be arranged with Macarthur signs. TL to monitor. 20/3/24 – 17/4/24 Bollards ordered. Will be installed ASAP. 15/5/24 – Installed CLOSED