

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 19th June 2024



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MEETING DETAILS

Date: 19/6/2024

Location: Macaria, Camden

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting opened:

7:00 pm. Meeting closed 8:30 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
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Debby Dewbery, community member
- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Sandy Davies, community member
- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- 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:

- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Kerrie Flynn, community member
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council
- Kerrie Flynn, community member

Visitors:

- Nil

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

Moved: Col Packer, **Seconded:** Sandy Davies

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:** David Buckley

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: Nicolet Westerhof, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Elections 14/9/2024 caretaker period – TL Kieran Berryman

The Ref Grp was advised that they would enter Caretaker Mode from 14/9 pending the Council election and appointment of the new Ref. Grp thereafter, likely early 2025.

STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates

Cr. Eva Campbell

- Nepean River Trail incorporating Camden Art Trail was officially opened
 - General public appreciation of the improved facility and art works
 - Many patrons amazed and in disbelief of height of flood marker.
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CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- Walkway now complete
 - Few private bookings during colder part of year.
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Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report

- Mulching, fert and oats seeding of Western & Central lucerne paddocks complete.
 - Pasture showing sign of good growth for July
 - Rotational strip grazing underway using electric fence where required.
 - Herd to be yarded for 7 in 1 vaccinations, Preg testing of 5 NDP heifers, faecal egg count and health check of 1607 (lower condition)
 - Drenching to follow based on egg count results.
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Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer

- Good attendance at working bees
- More thefts of equipment
- Winter crops planted
- Weeds continuing to grow through recently repaired pathway

<p>New Action : (24-007): Col Packer to report back to Ref. Grp. with Gardens plan to manage weed growth on the repaired deco. pathway.</p>
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ACTION LOG/PROJECTS

19-014 Farm flood evacuation plan : Flood agistment terms being revised. Still investigating use of Sydney Water land off Ferguson lane which Council leases as evac area. WIP

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

22-001 CTF Walkway Extension project: Completed CLOSE

22-013 Cattle yard redevelopment : Yards installed, tested and completed. CLOSE

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

23-009 Walkway POI Signage content : TL Kieran Berryman to commence follow up on more detailed information for website on POI signage.

24-001 Winter Feed : Mulched, fertilised and sown CLOSE

24-003 CCTV restoration.: Installed. CLOSE

24-004 Onslow Cattle Shed repairs. : Works underway. CLOSE

24-005 2024 Master Plan : Plan finalised and going to Council for endorsement and public exhibition in July.

24-006 paddock track restoration : Aeration and seeding (Rye Grass) of compacted tracks planned. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Tony Biffin
 - Consider a small field of wheat near walkway Wheat sign.

New Action : (24-008): TL Kieran Berryman to investigate and report back.
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Meeting Closed 8:25 pm

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Chairperson's Report

19 June 2024

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

Well, looks like we are dropping into winter with the first frosts.

Cattle and central and western paddocks looking great and green in that order.

The opening of the extended walkway and artworks on Sunday the 16th of June 2024 was well attended by most dignitaries and certainly the public. Comments that I heard were positive and engaging with many groups stopping and taking in the view and the general chit chat etc.

Thank you to the advisory committee members for your commitment and particularly to Councillors Eva Campbell and Cindy Cagney for your support and enthusiasm for this wonderful community asset,

The Camden Town Farm masterplan draft plan presentation by the Council Public Domain Design team will continue at the meeting, allowing further consultation with the advisory group and therefore consolidation for the continued and future development of the farm, of course, guided by the revised master plan.

This year going forward.

Finished to almost finished projects.

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

Future projects

As "we" move forward future projects will include.

- the flooring of the Farm View pavilion
- the revised location and development of the outdoor classroom
- irrigation of the eastern, central, and western lucerne paddocks using irrigation pods.

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	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Meeting held with Farms Ops. Volunteers. CCSO team documenting process and flood triggers to implement plan. WIP</p> <p>22/12/22 – 15/3/2023 Flood evac plan developed. CCSO will finalise and circulate.</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB including Community Gardens notification in planning.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Final step is to identify suitable/contracted off farm emergency location for herd. EOI will be required. TL to progress.</p> <p>19/7/23 – 20/9/23 No Action. TL KB to progress.</p> <p>14/12/23 – 21/2/24 Draft agistment conditions circulated to Farms Ops sub committee. Draft agreement being developed including an annual retainer.</p> <p>20/3/24 – No action</p> <p>17/4/24 – 15/5/24 Investigating use of Sydney Water land off Ferguson lane which Council leases as evac area. WIP</p> <p>19/6/24 - Flood agistment terms being revised. Still investigating use of Sydney Water land off Ferguson lane which Council leases as evac area. WIP</p>
19-032 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Indigenous Garden project	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB to meet with Allen Powell to discuss his ideas and report back. including in new masterplan.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>19/7/23 - No Action. TL KB to progress.</p> <p>23/8/23 - Garden to be included in the new CTF masterplan.</p>



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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
19-073 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
23-001 15/2/23	David Buckley Procurement of a bull	David Buckley & TL Kieran Berryman	15/2/23 - TL to coordinate procurement of a bull by 31st March. 15/3/23 - TL to work with Chairperson to procure a bull by 1st May 2023 19/4/23 - TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of December. On Hold 20/9/23 - David Buckley & TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of November 2023. 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. 21/2/24 - TL KB to coordinate preg testing of herd in week following Camden Show. 20/3/24 - Preg testing completed. 24 of 29 pregnancy. 17/4/24 – 19/6/24 Calving due mid Sept – Mid November. TL KB to monitor



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23-009 20/9/23	TL Kieran Berryman Walkway POI Signage content	TL Kieran Berryman & Ref. Grp. members	20/9/23 - TL KB to distribute POI labels and content requirements for Ref Grp members to volunteer to compose. 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. 21/2/23 - Kieran Berryman spoke with John & Julie Wrigley and incorporated their input. 20/3/24 - Final draft of sign images tabled. Wheat to be beardless and smaller Merino preferred. 17/4/24 – 15/5/24 Signs finalised and awaiting installation. 19/6/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to commence follow up on more detailed information for website on POI signage.
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 19/6/24 - Plan finalised and going to Council for endorsement and public exhibition in July.
24-006 15/5/24	Tony Biffin Repair/remediation of paddocks	TL Kieran Berryman	15/5/24 – Added 19/6/24 - Aeration and seeding (Rye Grass) of compacted tracks planned. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor.
24-007 19/6/24	Col Packer Maintenance of Gardens pathways.	Col Packer	19/6/24 - Col Packer to report back to Ref. Grp. with Gardens plan to manage weed growth on the repaired deco. pathway.
24-008 19/6/24	Tony Biffin Small wheat field	TL Kieran Berryman	19/6/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to investigate and report back.



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

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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 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> <p>19/6/24 – Complete CLOSE</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> <p>19/6/24 - Yards installed, tested and completed. CLOSE</p>
<p>24-001 21/2/24</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman CTF Winter Feed</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<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> <p>19/6/24 - Mulched, fertilised and sown CLOSE</p>



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 19/6/24 - Installed. CLOSE
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 19/6/24 - Works underway. CLOSE