

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 24th July 2024



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MEETING DETAILS

Date: 24/7/2024

Location: Macaria, Camden

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting opened:

7:00 pm.

Meeting closed :

8:25 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
- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Sandy Davies, community member
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council
- Kieran Berryman, TLCP (Team Leader – Camden Precinct Team), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

Apologies and Absences:

- Tony Biffin, community member
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Debby Dewbery, community member
- Councillor Eva Campbell, 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: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Sarah Cleaton

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

Motion Carried

Chairperson David Buckley thanked Cr. Cagney and Cr. Campbell for their very constructive contribution to the CTF Reference Group over the last term of Council and invited them both to consider nominating to be Councillor reps. again in the next Council term.

Supported by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Camden Town Farm Masterplan public exhibition – TL Kieran Berryman

The Ref Grp was advised that the draft masterplan is currently on public exhibition until 11/9/24.

- Sandy Davies – “sheep yards” should be labelled “sheepdog yards”
- Jeff Ferrif – questioned if Community Gardens had received enough focus and detail

Action update : (24-005): Ref. Grp to discuss MP at Aug. meeting and draft a submission to Council in support and with any corrections.

STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates

Cr. Cindy Cagney

- Nepean River Trail and Town Farm walkway is very successful with lots of positive feedback being received.

CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- A section of the walkway between Matahil Creek and Far Ferguson paddock will be concreted commencing in next few weeks.
- Taste Festival mid September
- Business Chamber networking event being planned

Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report

- Herd drench with 7in1
- Animal 1607 unwell and being assessed by UniVets
- Calving due to commence Mid September.
- Lucerne paddocks showing good growth from Oats seeding & fertilising.
- Rotational strip grazing underway using electric fence where required.
- Windmill service to be booked.

New Action : (24-009): TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate windmill servicing.

Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer

- Good attendance at working bees
- Garden grade Flame thrower being used to manage weeds

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

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.

24-005 2024 Master Plan : Ref. Grp to discuss MP at Aug. meeting and draft a submission to Council in support and with any corrections.

24-006 paddock track restoration : Aeration completed. Seeding Rye Grass planned prior to next rain. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor.

24-007 Maintenance of Gardens pathways. : Garden grade flame thrower being used to manage weeds. Col to provide update.

24-008 Small wheat field : No Update. TL Kieran Berryman to investigate and report back

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil

Meeting Closed 8:25 pm



Current Actions

Action # & Start Date	Initiator & Action/Project Description	Who Actioning	Action/Project Log & Status
<p>19-014 2019</p>	<p>CCSO/355 Committee Develop a CTF flood evacuation plan for livestock</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>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 19/6/24 – 24/7/24 Flood agistment terms being revised. Still investigating use of Sydney Water land off Ferguson lane which Council leases as evac area. WIP</p>
<p>19-032 2019</p>	<p>CCSO/355 Committee Indigenous Garden project</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>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.</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 – 24/7/24 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	<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> <p>19/6/24 – 24/7/24 TL Kieran Berryman to commence follow up on more detailed information for website on POI signage.</p>
24-005 17/4/24	Tony Biffin CTF Masterplan	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>17/4/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate presentation of draft masterplan at next meeting.</p> <p>15/5/24 - Presentation undertaken. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor</p> <p>19/6/24 - Plan finalised and going to Council for endorsement and public exhibition in July.</p> <p>24/7/24 - Ref. Grp to discuss MP at Aug. meeting and draft a submission to Council in support and with any corrections</p>
24-006 15/5/24	Tony Biffin Repair/remediation of paddocks	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>15/5/24 – Added</p> <p>19/6/24 - Aeration and seeding (Rye Grass) of compacted tracks planned. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor.</p> <p>24/7/24 - Aeration completed. Seeding Rye Grass planned prior to next rain. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor.</p>
24-007 19/6/24	Col Packer Maintenance of Gardens pathways.	Col Packer	<p>19/6/24 - Col Packer to report back to Ref. Grp. with Gardens plan to manage weed growth on the repaired deco. pathway.</p> <p>24/7/24 - Garden grade flame thrower being used to manage weeds. Col to provide update.</p>



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24-008 19/6/24	Tony Biffin Small wheat field	TL Kieran Berryman	19/6/24 – 24/7/24 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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Chairperson's Report

24 July 2024

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

Well, we have dropped into winter with the occasional frosts, cooler temperatures and "some sunny days".

Cattle are holding up as the rotational grazing program falls into place. The central and western paddocks look a little pale, however this reflects the cooler soil and air temperatures and therefore the slower up take of nutrients, particularly nitrogen.

The walkway looks busy and well-trod. As the warmer months arrive and word spreads it will no doubt be well used.

Once again, 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 master draft plan is on public display for the next few weeks. The Draft Camden Town Farm Masterplan is now on public exhibition. The extended public exhibition period will conclude on Wednesday 11 September 2024 in order to maximise the opportunity for people to comment. Submissions on the draft masterplan can be made:

via the online submission form on the Your Voice Camden [page](#); or email to mail@camden.nsw.gov.au;

or by delivering a letter during business hours to the Administration Building at 70 Central Avenue in Oran Park;

or by post to the General Manager, Camden Council, PO Box 183,

This year (2024) going forward.

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 (90%)
- securing of cattle yard panels and welding of lugs for pins. (finished)
- repair and reconstruct heritage cattle show sheds on showground [csss] (finished)
- milk can storage room (finished)

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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