

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 21st August 2024



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MEETING DETAILS

Date: 21/8/2024

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
- Tony Biffin, community member
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- Kieran Berryman, TLCP (Team Leader – Camden Precinct Team), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

Apologies and Absences:

- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Sandy Davies, community member
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council
- Debby Dewbery, community member
- Kerrie Flynn, community member

Visitors:

- Philpa Percy, Acting Mgr. Economic Development and Activation

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

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

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: Cr. Eva Campbell Ferrif, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

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. Nil
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STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates

Cr. Eva Campbell

- Council elections September.
 - Notice of motion passed at August Council to investigate and promote other Community Garden opportunities in the Camden LGA. [Minutes of Ordinary Council - Tuesday, 13 August 2024 \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
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CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- Taste Festival mid September
 - Business Chamber networking event being planned
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Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report

- Calving due to commence mid September.
 - Split herd into early and late calvers as at 30/9 with bull to remain with lates
 - Cull 2 empty cows prior.
 - Animal 1607 euthanised after being assessed by UniVets. Likely ingestion of plastic or wire.
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Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer

- Nil
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ACTION LOG/PROJECTS

19-014 Farm flood evacuation plan : No Update. 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 : Hold over to new year and new Ref. Grp.

24-005 2024 Master Plan : Write submission to Council including

- Rename “Sheep Yards” to “Sheep Dog Trial Yards”
- Remove event area from Sheepdog Paddock as it was an error in the 2016 MP.
- Request that the Masterplan that the masterplan includes a commitment from Council to develop a specific "Plan of Management" for Camden Town Farm.

24-006 paddock track restoration : Complete CLOSED

24-007 Maintenance of Gardens pathways. : No update.

24-008 Small wheat field : Sow by spreading straw in the identified area in March 2025. TL KB to monitor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Unlock Camden 28th September. Volunteers needed.

Meeting Closed 9:10 pm

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Camden Macaria building

Chairperson's Report

21 August 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 an early spring with the air temperature today (on the other side of the river) reaching 25.4 degrees C^o @ 2 pm. Along with the 19 mm of soft rain between the 13th and 17th of August it sets the scene for an early spring break.

Cattle are holding up as the rotational grazing program falls into place. Spring calving is just around the corner and may require some additional observations and hopefully no interventions.

The walkway seems to be getting busier however until today the daytime temperatures may have slowed interest in early morning walks. 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 their 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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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 – 21/8/24 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 – 21/8/24 Calving due mid Sept – Mid November. TL KB to monitor



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<p>23-009 20/9/23</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman Walkway POI Signage content</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman & Ref. Grp. members</p>	<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> <p>21/8/24 – Holdover to new year with new Reference Group.</p>
<p>24-005 17/4/24</p>	<p>Tony Biffin CTF Masterplan</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<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> <p>21/8/24 - Write submission to Council including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rename “Sheep Yards” to “Sheep Dog Trial Yards” • Remove event area from Sheepdog Paddock as it was an error in the 2016 MP. • Request that the Masterplan that the masterplan includes a commitment from Council to develop a specific "Plan of Management" for Camden Town Farm.



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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. 24/7/24 - Garden grade flame thrower being used to manage weeds. Col to provide update. 21/8/24 No update
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. 21/8/24 - Sow by spreading straw in the identified area in March 2025. TL KB to monitor.

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

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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. 24/7/24 - Aeration completed. Seeding Rye Grass planned prior to next rain. TL Kieran Berryman to monitor. 21/8/24 Completed CLOSED

David Buckley
Chairperson
Camden Town Farm Reference Group
C/- Camden Council
10/9/2024

Mr Andrew Carfield
General Manager Camden Council
PO Box 183
Camden NSW 2570

Dear Andrew

I am writing on behalf of the Camden Town Farm Reference Group to extend our thanks and commend Camden Council on the development of the revised masterplan for Camden Town Farm. The revised plan reflects an inclusive and thoughtful approach, capturing the diverse views of the community and truly honouring the unique character of the farm.

Council's commitment to involving all stakeholders in the process has been evident, and the final outcome highlights the value of community consultation. In particular, we acknowledge that the plan respects and incorporates the wishes of Miss Davies, ensuring that her vision for the farm remains central to its future development.

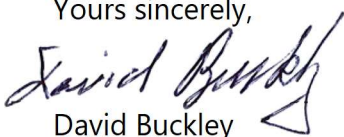
The Reference Group would like to request some minor amendments to the draft masterplan to better align with the adopted vision and to further protect the farm's future operations:

- Adjust the title of "Sheep Yards" to "Sheepdog Trial Yards" to more accurately reflect their use and design.
- Remove the "event area" use from the Sheepdog paddock, as this inclusion stems from an error in the 2016 masterplan drawings.

Additionally, the Reference Group requests that the masterplan include a commitment from Council to develop a specific "Plan of Management" for Camden Town Farm. This plan would provide greater detail on strategies, policies, operational processes, and procedures to ensure the effective operation, safety, maintenance, and resource utilisation of the farm, while addressing its goals, responsibilities, and regulatory compliance.

The 2024 masterplan demonstrates Camden Council's dedication to preserving this valued community asset while preparing it for the future. Once again, thank you for Council's efforts, and the Reference Group looks forward to working with Council towards the ongoing management and operation of Camden Town Farm in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,



David Buckley
Chairperson
Camden Town Farm Reference Group