

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 16th October 2024



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council

MEETING DETAILS

Date: 16/10/2024

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
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Kieran Berryman, TLCP (Team Leader – Camden Precinct Team), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

Apologies and Absences:

- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Sandy Davies, community member
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Debby Dewbery, community member
- Kerrie Flynn, community member

Visitors:

- Nil

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

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

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

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Nil
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STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates – nil

CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- Nil
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Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report

- Calving proceeding well. 1 stillborn
 - Rotation working well among river paddocks.
 - Look to reintroduce Bull Early November
 - Review herd for offloading some empty heifers before end of November.
 - Commence castration of bull calves November.
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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 underway. Look to reintroduce bull Mid November.

24-005 2024 Master Plan : Ref Grp submission completed. Awaiting formal adoption pending other submissions.

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

24-008 Small wheat field : Small field of Oats gone to seed closest to Flood Marker. TL KB to monitor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- David Buckley : Historic timber horse yards near Shoemith Paddock in need to restoration. Identified in Masterplan.
- David Buckley : Camden Show plans to run Trade Show in Onslow Park area adjacent to Cattle Shed, however, alligator weed infestation has prevented for past years.

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| New Action : (24-009): Ref. Grp to develop a plan for yards restoration. TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate. |
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| New Action : (24-010): TL Kieran Berryman to raise weed issue with Council team. |
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Meeting Closed 8:30 pm

Camden Town Farm Reference Group Meeting No 21

Camden Macaria building

Chairperson's Report

16th October 2024

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

Well, we seem to be dropping in and out of spring with a little bit of warm, a little bit of cold and a little bit of showers. However, the paddocks are holding up well with a still reasonable body of feed, particularly across the western and eastern lucerne paddocks.

The calving season has well and truly arrived with calves popping out and up all over the place. Thanks to the consistent monitoring of the herd the calving has not presented any major issues. Moving in and around the herd has demonstrated the value of day to day observations on the overall behaviour of the herd. They are relaxed and focused on their calves. One has even taken on the task of mothering not one of her own.

The walkway is getting very busy with it appears a constant flow of walkers, prams and joggers. I stumbled on an app called AllTrails that has a very outdated, pre floods and new works description of the walkways. If you are checking it out, be careful their "free" use of app only lasts a few days followed by a \$38 subscription out of California.

Part of the walkway has the Shoemith yards which were deliberately preserved to demonstrate the use of wire (No 8?) and timber to construct holding yards. They are within sight of the very modern cattle yards and provide a visual contrast of old and new, and the evolution of building materials from timber to steel and associated advantages and disadvantages. They are falling (unintended pun) into the demolition by neglect category.

While on yards, the fenced off area beside the cattle sheds has become an issue as it is impeding the process of re constructing the trade cattle holding yards after their removal for the construction of the primary school security fencing. The Show society is keen to reinstate the trade section of the beef section of the show.

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 |
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| 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 – 16/10/24 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 16/10/24 - Calving underway. Look to reintroduce bull Mid November. |



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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. <p>16/10/24 - Ref Grp submission completed. Awaiting formal adoption pending other submissions.</p> |



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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 16/10/24 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. 16/10/24 - Small field of Oats gone to seed closest to Flood Marker. TL KB to monitor. |
| 24-009 16/10/24 | David Buckley Restore Shoesmith Yards | Ref Grp & TL Kieran Berryman | 16/10/24 - Ref. Grp to develop a plan for yards restoration. TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate. |
| 24-010 16/10/24 | David Buckley Onslow Park Cattle Shed alligator weed | TL Kieran Berryman | 16/10/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to raise weed issue with Council team. |

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

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