

Diamond Harbour Reserves Committee - (unconfirmed minutes)

Date: Monday 10 July 2023, 7pm to 9pm - Green Room, Diamond Harbour Community Centre.

Present: Graeme Fraser - Chair, Paul Dahl - Vice Chair, Pete Ozich, Robert Goldie

Guests: Dave Hammond, Richard Hill

Apologies: Tom Kuenning, Paul Devlin, Emma Kinnings

Minutes of last meeting (8 May 2023) - unanimously passed.

1. Public Forum: Nil

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil

3. **Update on recent activities:**

- **Planting:** Pete gave briefing on areas at Purau under preparation
- **Weed control** –Committee acknowledged the impressive achievements of Pete, Dave Richards efforts, with the knock down of seeding species, Banana Passionfruit particularly on Stoddard Point area. Mature Old Mans beard area have had follow-up inspections and seedling removal. Funding sources for work to continue further around the coastal reserves are to be investigated. Moved by Paul Dahl, seconded by Graeme.
 - Local comms to encourage landowners to eliminate seed sources on private land this spring was proposed. Graeme offered to re-activate previous articles in the Herald and Facebook groups.
 - Pete and Dylan will discuss formal reporting of work carried out to date, well before the current programme expires in 6 months.
- **CCC land Outline Development Plan** - Graeme and Pete showed Head CCC Ranger Paul Devlin and new CCC planner Kristine Bouw around the school gully and adjacent track. See item re-school gully.
- **Coastal track re-alignment:** The Tom Adams concept for diverting away from his immediate property boundary was agreed to subject to inspection of the suggested track line. Pete to oversee and works and replanting will be required.
 - **Proposed Pete Ozich seconded Graeme Fraser**

4. **Forthcoming activities:**

- Graeme will announce and promote the next planting day at the Purau Road reserve.
- Fencing of the .5ha area in lower school gully is proposed before lambing. Tom McGill has been given 1 month's notice that area is now retired from his CCC grazing licence.
- Other planting areas for this year so far include Purau Bay Reserve (extending from last year), Stoddart Point, along the Cliff Track, and around Black Point.

5. **Draft schedule, work plan and budget**

- Paul Dahl to update DHRC's schedule of reserve areas, following feedback from Paul Devlin as basis for the associated 3-year work plan and budget prior to approval of the Board.

6. Any other business

- **Rangers report.** Paul Devlin could not attend. His report was tabled:
 - An updated the budget to reflect most of what you provided for me in terms of spend expectations will be sent later in the week.
 - Tom the grazier has a notice of intent to retire the northern block of school gully for planting
 - Kristine Bouw is doing the Outline development plan for the gullies and has meet with Graeme.
 - Will be able to purchase the tools and equipment we discussed as part of budget needs
 - Need to review the draft schedule (Paul DAHL you were going to send an amended version through) with the key core areas in the schedule and aspirational /secondary reserves listed as well.
 - He pass on (again) the broken lights up the path...I cannot believe they are still not repaired sorry..
 - Opening planned by DHRA for the pontoon I think..
- Graeme spoke of the passing of Jim Newman, a resident and founding member of the RMC. His work was admired and appreciated by the committee and the community. A recommendation was made to name a section of track as a memorial to Jim. A matai tree will also be planted in his honour in the View Shaft area.
- The **Lyttelton Tug Trust** offer of plants was discussed. Their proposal is to provide native plants as an informal offset to the discharge from the tug coal fired boilers. Pete provided a background and recommendation the this was not suitable for the reserves due to varieties and locations could not be viewed from the Tug when cruising past. Alternatives maybe available on private at Pile, Camp or Purau Bays. Paul Dahl to follow up after being contacted also.
- **Head to Head** - A new working group meeting was held on the 6 July. Richard Suggate, Tom Kuenning Graeme Fraser and P Dahl are keen to assist with local progress.
- **Rock climbing** - Pete and Dave noted the upgrading to the access and anchors on the existing faces above the cliff track in Purau Bay. Increased use and these improvements were positive for safety and use. Paul Dahl to confirm with CCC approved. (PS this has been confirmed with Ranger staff and circulated post meeting).
Likewise the newer developments of rock wall in gully above Diamond Harbour beach, being referred to Ranger monitor impacts the committee observe. Paul Dahl/Pete to follow up.

7. Health and safety issues or accidents

8. Correspondence: Noted Received manual for Reserve committees for comment, and offer of induction training days.

Next meeting 11 September 2023

Meeting ended 8.55 pm.