

Lake MOKOAN

Lake Mokoan Future Land Use Steering Committee

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Minutes of Meeting No. 9

Tuesday 8th November, 2005

5.00 – 8.00pm

Board Room: Department of Sustainability & Environment Sydney Road Benalla

1.0 MEETING FORMALITIES

1.1 Welcome

Sally Simson (Chair) welcomed Committee Members.

1.2 Present

Sally Simson (Chair), Tony Long (DSE), David Jeffery (G-MW), Doug Bain, Charles Jones, Lyn Tanner, John Brownstein, Mike Burston, Phil Stevenson (GBCMA), Wayne Tennant (GBCMA); Kevin Ritchie, Huw Davies
John Arup (Beca)

In Attendance:

Lisa Lister – GBCMA (Minute Taker)

1.3 Apologies – Tony McIlroy & Dimitri Scordalides (Benalla Rural City)

ACTION SHEET SUMMARY – 20th October, 2005

| Item No. | Action | Proponent |
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| Action 3.2 | Lisa to print of copy of Recreation Study and post out hard copy to Doug Bain and Mike Burston. | Lisa Lister - done |
| 3.3 | Obtain further information from Water Eco Science and place in introduction section of Lake Mokoan website in recognition of all works undertaken by the Lake Mokoan Restoration Group. | Tony Long / Phil Stevenson – placed on website |
| 3.4 | All members to provide any comments on the Stage 1 report to Tony Long who will maintain a list and provide comments to Beca on a regular basis. | Tony Long/ All members - ongoing |
| 3.5 | Comments on Information Bulletin no.2. to be sent to Phil by Monday. Phil to finalise content with John Arup and Darren Skelton (DSE media officer) | All members/ Phil - done |
| 3.6 | Investigate options for soil condition survey | Tony Long - ongoing |
| 4.0 | David Jeffery to clarify the level of the wetland area following concerns from Russell Ellis | David Jeffery |
| 5.0 | Tony to clarify with David Jeffery re the timing of the next joint meeting for 22 December | Tony / David |

2.0 Items from previous Minutes & Action Sheet:-

Item 3.3 Phil Stevenson advised that the website was being updated on 9/11/05 to include a front page acknowledging the works undertaken by the Lake Mokoan Restoration Group.

Item 3.6

- John Brownstein raised concerns relating to the soil condition under the lake which he felt were not covered adequately in previous Minutes.
- Both Huw Davies and Charles Jones added they felt that more investigation was needed before further decisions could be made regarding land use options.
- Tony Long advised that a Soil Condition Project Brief was currently being prepared to be forwarded to PIRVIC but results of the study would not be available until after next year. Tony advised that the initial gut feeling from the Consultants was that the soils inundated would be unlikely to affect fertility (this was an “off the cuff” remark). Tony added that information from a soil analysis would be available to assist in final decision making on appropriate options.
- John Brownstein advised that he was still concerned about the matter of available information, given the Steering committee needed to investigate this area of the study thoroughly without time restraints.
- John Arup from Beca added that the findings of this study were not crucial to decisions being made due to the varying land use options which may fall out of the 5 or 6 options. John advised that this would be raised at a further meeting.

Action: Tony Long to finalise an agreement with PIRVIC to investigate soil conditions within Lake Mokoan.

2.1 Minutes from Joint meeting with Reliability Committee

David Jeffery spoke on behalf of Maureen Cottam who requested that the wording of her comment be changed to “Maureen Cottam advised that a “final comment” voting slip was emailed from Bill O’Kane, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.”

3.0 Update on Consultancy – John Arup (Beca) and Tony Long

John Arup from Beca Consulting gave a presentation on the preliminary Land Use Options process for the Lake Mokoan site. The Committee discussed in detail the area that should be included in a core wetland zone.

The Committee also discussed whether there was enough information available to proceed with the community information session. It was agreed that the session could proceed with the consultants only presenting information that the Committee had discussed.

John Arup reiterated that the aim of the session was to allow meaningful input from the community prior to finalising the stage 2 discussion paper.

Action: The consultants will distribute the draft stage 2 discussion paper prior to the next meeting

4.0 General Business

Tony Long distributed a summary of actions taken in response to the Consultant's Stage 1 report.

John Brownstein had concerns about the ecological information available as per the consultants stage 1 report.

Tony Long advised that the archaeologist employed by Beca would be undertaking up to two days survey work to identify areas of high significance. The work would proceed in conjunction with the local indigenous community.

Action: SC members to provide feedback to Tony Long on the summary of actions taken as a result of the Stage 1 report.

Action: Consultants to clarify ecological work to be completed as part of stage 2.

Next Meeting: Christmas Meeting Tuesday 20th December at 2.00 pm – Board Room, DSE, Sydney Road, Benalla.

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| Item 2.0 | Tony Long to keep investigating options for soil condition survey and prepare Project Brief. | Tony Long |
| Item 3.0 | The consultants will distribute the draft stage 2 discussion paper prior to the next meeting | Beca |
| Item 4.0 | SC members to provide feedback to Tony Long on the summary of actions taken as a result of the Stage 1 report. | All |
| Item 4.0 | Consultants to clarify ecological work to be completed as part of stage 2. | Beca |