

Please be reminded of our agreed vision and purpose!

Our Vision: A Leading World Class beach precinct

What we are:

✚ A pro-active community group including local residents, property owners and businesses, visitors and users of the Middleton Beach precinct.

✚ We formed in January 2009.

What we aim to do:

✚ Provide a forum for those who visit; work and live in the Middleton Beach precinct to have positive and constructive input into the future development of the area.

✚ Work with the City of Albany, developers and all beach users to improve the area for all who live, work in and visit the Middleton Beach precinct.

✚ Be actively involved in maintaining and improving the Middleton Beach precinct; environmentally; physically; socially, culturally and economically.

What we are not:

✚ Just knockers or whingers

✚ A separate Progress Association

✚ Another group working in isolation;

What the Middleton Beach Precinct is:

✚ The precinct includes Middleton Beach from Ellen Cove to Emu Point; including Eyre Park to Middleton Road and up to Hare Street.

JOIN US: we meet at the Middleton Beach Surf Club (where else!) usually on Sunday evening.

Go to <http://middletonbeachgroup.blogspot.com/>

15th November PRELUDE!!!!

JON DOUST -

ANDREW WENZEL - our BLOG PAGE!

Minutes for Middleton Beach Group Meeting – 15th November 2009 from 5.00pm

Middleton Beach Group

Present: J Mouritz (chair), J Doust, B Madden (recorder),

Apologies: Mayor M Evans, V Torr, P&R Kerruish, K Geldard, Cr D Price, S&P Nield, S Shaylor, Cr J Bostock

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted

Business Arising from previous meeting:

Correspondence

Scenic Spectrums – Dennis Williamson – Kinjarling Trail information

K Ketterer – Mt Adelaide Trail – invitation to liaise re upgrade and funds application

Comments from M. Arnold re Mt Adelaide Trail who had visited area with Mark ? from the council and discussed plan of action.

K Butfield- ABUG report re on site meeting Surfers Beach cycleway path completion

K Geldard – points for inclusion in TMBG Management Plan submission

B Madden – submission re MB Management Plan

Severin Crisp – minutes Frederickstown Progress Association

Cof Albany – Alexandra Tucker – receipt of our submission re MB Management Plan

Bill Hodby – sold 35 Flinders Parade to Frank and Denise Haynes of Frankland

Kay Geldard – apologies and C of A financial assistance applications
Cr Jill Bostock – apologies and support
Correspondence read by J. Mouritz and discussed. Moved A Wenzel, seconded M Arnold that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Crd.

Reports;

Bright Ideas Forum; an initiative of Sheryl Shaylor who suggested that Friends of Emu Point join with The Middleton Beach Group to hold an informal Bright Ideas forum – this was held on Wednesday 21st October and some very useful suggestions were achieved. The record of meeting was circulated by email to all TMBG email group. The most significant proposal was for Umbrella surveys to be conducted simultaneously at Emu Point and Middleton Beach from 15-18th January 2010. Volunteers needed? John Doust volunteered. Ken Clark will ask surf club members if they can help. It was suggested survey forms may be on our blog page and be left at Bay Merchants too?

MB Site coordinators; Nan Anderson, Pat Kerruish and Susie Potter

EP Site coordinators; Meryl Hearn, Sheryl Shaylor

Pencil Survey to be drawn up: Pat Kerruish and Susie Potter

All display ideas – forward to Nan Anderson 20 Golflinks Road.

Discussed -

1. suggested that survey form be circulated for approval before being used.
2. Dates to stay as above.

Moved J. Clarke seconded R. Dawkins that The Middleton Beach Group proceed with plans for conducting the Umbrella Surveys at two sites from 15 to 18th January 2010 inclusive.

Kevin Ketterer, Works and Services update:

- The picnic table being refurbished should be reinstalled shortly – Kevin Ketterer is checking status of this..
- Mt Adelaide Trail entry near Hare/Wittenoom Street – Mark Ford (CofA) met with P Nield, M Arnold and R Kerruish to look at improvements needed. It is agreed that about 50 metres of underground drainage is needed to stop the seepage and City is seeking funds allocation for this. M Ford would be very grateful of volunteer help when it comes to improving steps/access to trail and filling in some potholes. He will be in touch.
- Mulch at esplanade site – he will check why it hasn't occurred as scheduled.
- Signage audit – will occur as soon as draft management plan has been adopted by Council.

Friends of Mt Adelaide, Mt Clarence: Murray Arnold hasn't been informed of a meeting date yet.

Friends of Emu Point – meeting on Monday 14th December from 7.30pm

Kinjarling Trail: Meeting likely to be in mid December. Laurence Cuthbert is keen that all groups be involved as it is about linkages across the whole of Albany.

Project Plaza Albany: David Caddy was on leave this week, but Jane spoke with Clare Murray at TPG. She will also inquire why mulch has not been spread and about any development in plans. Jane also indicated that TMBG may ask TPG to assist us with in-kind drawing of some concept plans for the precinct. Clare indicated that TPG are urban planning and design consultants so this may be possible.

Discussed.

Frederickstown Progress Association Inc Jane attended their recent meeting and introduced TMBG and asked for FPA endorsement of us as a local group. FPA agreed in principal to being the auspicing constituted body for TMPB should we need to acquire grant funds in the future. Secretary Severin Crisp will forward all FPA minutes to J Mouritz to ensure open communications between both groups.

Dennis Wellington reported on the recent FPA meeting – particularly in regard to York Street promotional initiatives, streetscapes, stalls etc. All welcome to attend next meeting of FPA for input. Jane Mouritz encouraged those present to consider being members of FPA – at \$20.00 per annum membership fee.

City of Albany- Jane and Kay Geldard met with Mayor Evans on Monday 9th November to seek his support for Umbrella Surveys – Mayor will promote it in his newspaper reports leading up to the 15th January. He also advised TMBG to seek a meeting with Peter Madigan, Financial Manager at CofA regarding funds needed for the proposed Community Futures Workshop. (J Mouritz and B Madden have meeting scheduled for 1.00pm Monday 16th November)

Grant Funds Needed; The CofA annual funding round for Community Financial Assistance closes on 30th November 2009. Should TMBG (under FPA) apply for funds towards consultant and conduct of Community Futures Planning Workshop for 2010?

Discussed - resolved that we get quotes to employ a consultant.

Suggested to approach Debbie Rice, Dr. Gill Sellars or Graham Harvey

Moved A Wenzel, seconded P Locke that we apply for community financial assistance under the auspices of Frederickstown Progress Association Inc.

Other Business

- Thanks to Albany Surf Life Saving Club for the use of their club rooms and to Ken and Judy Clark for organising it for us.
- Thanks to Andrew Wenzel for updates on our blogspot – please read it and share it with other interested folk. After some discussion it was agreed to pay annual subscription of \$20.00 to have own more user-friendly blog page. A Wenzel offered to pay the first year's subscription and set up the set. It will be www.middletonbeachgroup.com Thank you Andrew.
- Roger Dawkins - raised subject of hoons and noted lack of action by council and police. It was explained that this matter had previously been discussed and that a delegation had met with the Police in Albany. However, it was further discussed because there continue to be hoon an dlate night distrubances. Suggested security cameras – long term solution. Is it possible to turn lights off in parking area to discourage hoons? Jane Mouritz offered to discuss the matter with Sgt Nigel Fiander of Albany Police again.
- Roger Dawkins - concerned about the perception that Middleton Beach not safe for swimming. Discussed. Roger Dawkins disagreed with the remark from Andrew Wenzel that a greater risk is posed by the roads than the sharks.
- Roger Dawkins - why is business failing so demonstrably in Middleton Beach precinct? Discussed
- Peter Locke - queried hours that park and street lights are kept on when money could be saved by reducing hours.
- Ken Clark - explanation on redevelopment of surf club. Likely starting date = circa mid January 2010.

Jane thanked all for their attendance. Meeting closed: 6.50 pm

Next meeting: Sun. 17th January 2010 at 5pm