

MEETING OF MIDDLETON BEACH GROUP, SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2010 AT
HYBLA FROM 5PM.

1. PRESENT: Jane Mouritz (chair), Barb Madden (recorder), Kim Buttfeld, Ron & Pat Kerruish, Jeannie & Henry Reynolds, Peter & Patti Lock; Cris Palfrey, Barrie & Alicia Bickford, Nan Anderson, Rosemary Cunningham, Pam Dolley, Jen Viol.
2. APOLOGIES: Trish Flowers; Jeremy Stewart; Peter & Suzie Potter; Kay Geldard; Ken & Judy Clark
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, 11th JULY 2010
Confirmed. J Reynolds/P Kerruish
4. BUSINESS ARISING
 - zoning for Esplanade site – clarification was emailed to our e-group.
 - Surf Club. Ken Clark has advised that renovations are behind schedule and that they are considering bringing Stage 2 (upper story) forward to merge with Stage 1. Have applied to COA for permission to install temporary shed as first-aid/club room this summer.
 - two Norfolk pines were replaced late August.

Other Business Arising – see letters below

Letters Outward

- City Of Albany John Bonker – follow up to presentation to Council
 - requesting City involvement in a Vision for the Future workshop, to achieve a shared vision for the short and long term future of the MB precinct, including a preferred character identity and a Plan that can be used to attract external funding.
 - subsequent email from Jane informing COA that we have a confirmed donation of \$5k for the Forum, have engaged a facilitator for 19 November and approached landscape architect Jen Viol to assist with a site analysis, concept design plan and some style and design recommendations. Seeking Council's shared ownership and hosting of the workshop, and some funding.
- City of Albany – support for Bay Merchant's extensions/liquor permits
- Milton Evans, Denis Wellington – request to be referees sculpture project
- John Wills – request for quote. (See 'Reports')
- Adam Brislin – fine wood sculptor. Thanks for resume
- Raphael Van der Waag, , Kevin Draper, Justin Clapin, Adam Brislin – request for designs sent by Nan Anderson
- Middleton Beach Art in the Park grant application LotteryWest (See 'Reports')
- Country Arts Quick Response Grant – Kim Buttfeld. (See 'Reports')
- Middleton Beach Group blogsite – notice of meeting
- Middleton Beach Group blogsite – request for donations
- Roger Dawkins – letter requesting donation for planning and design
- Jen Viol – proposal for planning forum – her tasks, if funds confirmed
- Regional Development Australia GS – priority reasons for Middleton Beach Precinct Upgrade.
 - emphasising regional, historical and cultural significance of the precinct, its tourism importance and the links with ANZAC 2014
 - listing potential improvements, arising from Umbrella Survey etc
 - advising of November workshop to consider concept and style and design plans
 - stressing partnership with COA

Letters Inwards

- City of Albany - agree to meeting with Executive
- FPA – agree to cover cost of venue hire Bowling Club– planning forum
- Adam Brislin – resume, not available just now
- Roger Dawkins – confirmation \$5000 personal donation
- Jen Viol – quote for style, design and concept plans
- Kevin Ketterer – drainage plan
- Kevin Ketterer – Attachments to MB Management Plan 2010 – Concept Plans 6A, 6B, 6C and 7 Surfers Beach
- Simon Lyas – confirming support for our concept, plus detail Caroline Vincin Tourism WA
- Caroline Vincin – Albany Tourism Accommodation Planning Strategy 2010

5. REPORTS

- ABUG (Albany Bike Users Group)
Kim explained role of ABUG in trying to achieve better facilities and improved safety for cyclists of all ages. Will be at Eyre Park from 7.30 am to 12 on Wednesday October 13, Ride to Work Day, where the outcomes of the Bike Rack Sculpture competition will be on display. They are likely to have 6 designs for judging and people's awards and are hoping that winning designs will be used at MB and elsewhere in the city.

- Grant Applications.
Kim has applied to Arts WA Quick Response small grants programme and Lotteries West for assistance with our sculpture project. Arts WA needs evidence of COA support, as the sculpture would be on their land; Lotterywest is looking for arts community engagement with the project -Vancouver Arts Centre network and/or other art groups were suggested.

Re the issue of on-going maintenance, it was felt that it was beyond our group to be responsible for maintenance and that Jane and Barb should raise this with COA executive at next meeting|

It was noted that contributions already received eg Frederickstown, and donation by Kerruish's need to be included in grant applications.

- Sculpture Design Workshop
Concept designs received from John Wills were circulated and discussed. Comments:
 - Kim noted that John has met the brief for the work to be interactive, tactile and with moving parts;
 - Jen Viol commented that it would be good for the sculpture and precinct designs to be complementary;
 - Peter suggested that we consider locations along the extent of the boardwalk and other public spaces in the precinct, not just the beach area;
 - several people said they would prefer that the figure of the man not be included in the sculpture.

Quote from John Wills received – Stage 1. Bollards \$1200; Stage 2 Rotating Pylons \$2000; Stage 3 Pillar \$2000. Not including installation costs.

Summary – up to three pieces be commissioned depending on funds; remove the

figure from designs; COA maintenance agreement to be sought; location/s to be workshopped in due course.

- Meetings/ presentations (Jane & Barb)
 - City of Albany. Jane and Barb reported that they had been well received by COA councillors when they presented the findings of the Umbrella Survey on 24th August, and that this had led to a meeting with the COA Executive Team (John Bonker, Peter Madigan, Kevin Ketterer, Grahame Bride), where we pressed the case for a partnership approach to the proposed workshop. We were asked to identify other potential funders for implementation of the workshop outcomes and to comment on the concepts produced as part of the City's MB Management Plan, and to meet again with the team on October 5.
 - Bruce Manning, CEO, Great Southern Development Commission – brief meeting Thursday 30th Sept.. Bruce advised that GSDC funding programmes were dependent on the outcome of the current review of Development Commissions. Should the programmes continue, he encouraged the group to be bold in their thinking and to consider things such as linkages from the beach to the path network around Mt Adelaide and Mt Clarence; an ocean pool etc - ideas already raised in the Umbrella Survey
 - Simon Lyas, CEO, Regional Development Australia – Greta Southern. Jane, Barb and Jen Viol met with Simon on Friday 1st October, and also presented him with letter to his Advisory Committee (See Letters Outward, above) outlining what the group was hoping to achieve. Simon supports our proposal in principal and will advise us of the application process when this is known.
 - Jen Viol, Landscape Architect. Jane contacted Jen on the recommendation of Sally Malone, re her involvement in the proposed workshop. Tasks could include a site analysis, preparation of three design and style concepts, presentation at the workshop and a post workshop summary. Her quote for all these tasks is \$12,000 ex GST, but could be scaled back according to funds available.

In responding to Jane's invitation to comment on her initial response to the site and her likely approach to the design task, Jen stressed the unique nature of the beach which struck first time visitors, with its incredible views and steep headlands. And the whales. She liked the idea of working an element of surprise and revealing into the design, and would work with the natural processes of the beach, eg sand encroaching. Her design work at St Kilda beach included a low key boardwalk sitting just above the sand close to the sea wall, providing a mix of surfaces – paving, timber and sand. Sculptures incorporated in paving could add to the hide/reveal concept with sand intermittently covering then blowing away. Also at St Kilda she replaced the existing linear and constricting paths with a more fluid approach. There would also be sea level rise and storm surges to consider. She will consider drainage options too.

The meeting endorsed the actions taken and directions implied in these recent meetings and letters.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Style and Design and Futures Planning Forum – Friday 19th November, morning. Middleton Beach Bowling Club. Target is 100 and will require doorknocking, hand-

outs etc.

Sandy Jackson from Kojonup has been engaged as facilitator and Jen Viol will participate, as outlined in 'Reports' above. Architect Michael Roberts will also be invited to present.

- ACROD Bays. Kim reported that she was working with COA to get more ACROD bays, including four more in MB car parks, with proper access.

7. CLOSE

Jane urged people to stay in touch with what's happening via the e group. Register with the blog site; www.middletonbeachgroup.com and then you will get email notifications whenever new notices are lodged, and you can make comments too. Henry Reynolds and Patti Kerruish are to contact Andrew Wenzel re training so that we can use it more.