

Minutes of meeting of Middleton Beach Group to be held on SUNDAY 11th July
2010 at HYBLA from 5.00pm

Present: J Mouritz, R&P Kerruish, M&V Arnold, P Drummond, P&S Potter, J Doust,
A Wenzel, H.& J Reynolds, Vera Torr

Apologies: B Madden. P&P Locke, K Geldard, P&S Nield, N Anderson, Cr J
Bostock,

Minutes of Previous meeting held on 21st March 2010. Confirmed as correct.

Business Arising;

Presentation to City of Albany – deferred twice due to changes in administration at
City of Albany. However constructive discussions held with Kevin Ketterer and
Mayor Milton Evans, and the Umbrella Survey was circulated and there have been
some positive responses;

- Pontoon under repair
- Letter of support and approval for Public Art Sculptures
- No additional funding beyond normal maintenance
- \$6000, as per our request, for signage upgrade across the precinct
- Theme and design consultant request did not get budget approval, but will be
considered next year
- Umbrella Survey presentation still scheduled for City Council workshop.

Correspondence

Letters Outward

- Esplanade Site Developers (ms Sylvia Lee Siew Yuen) - no response yet again
- Kevin Ketterer – request for support and guidelines for public sculptures
- FPA – request for support and funds for public sculptures
- City of Albany – centenary avenue of trees Eyre Park suggestion

Letters Inwards

- City of Albany – support for Sculptures and conditions
- FPA – support and contribution of \$2000 towards public sculptures
- Offer of \$2000 from Fredericks Town Progress Assoc
- Albany Bike Users Group – offer towards public art sculptures if they include
artistic bike racks.
- Murray Field – re Emu Point proposed developments – letter circulated
- Vera Torr – re pine trees removed at MB

Reports:

Artistic Bike Racks; Murray Gomm of ABUG have promised \$500 towards artistic
bike racks and \$500 for an event that needs to be held in Bike to Work Week in
October - bike rack design must meet Australian design standards.

Regional Arts Fund Quick response Grant – Kim Butfield completed an application
in May 2010 for \$2500, based on matching funds from FPA (\$2000.00 and ABUG
\$500.00) to create useable public artworks – ie seating, bike racks

Discussion re above grants: Jon Doust, Murray Gomm, and Andrew Wenzel will
contribute ideas and work together to get this bike rack project and event happening.
The created bike rack will provide an example for future art work and can be included
in the whole project for grant accountability requirements. They may access some of
the jetty timbers procured by MBG if so desired – refer P Kerruish.

Thanks to Kim Butfield for her works on the application for funding – it seems we
may not be able to achieve the whole public arts project within the proposed

timeframe, but at least the bike rack aspect will be done by October under Gomm/Doust and Wenzel plan.

Jetty Timbers; P Kerruish reported that John Wills had selected a modest amount of timber, but after discussion with Lawrence Cuthbert it was agreed we should also acquire a large pylon and other additional timbers – all for a donation of about \$600.00. Timbers will be collected asap and stored at Kerruish's shed. Kerruish's will organise the wood - John Pugh is happy to offer his truck for cartage 98532011.

Moved M Arnold, seconded J Reynolds that we approach John Wills to give a quote to create the first major public artwork. If required, we will apply for extra funds. (As per the CofA's letter of support the design and proposed location as per John Wills' project will need to be submitted for approval prior to erection in a public place.) If we can't get FPA to agree to acquiring an ABN for future grant applications, then we may approach Creative Albany (who are willing to auspice for a fee – contact Sally Malone.)

Sock fence – J Doust claims that the Urban Sock Bombers take responsibility. – socks will remain until there is actual action on the site. Moved R Kerruish, seconded J Doust that MBG supports Jon in taking responsibility to negotiate any actions concerning the socks – and that diplomacy be used. This is not an initiative of the MBG so we have no role in removing them unless asked by appropriate USB sources. MBG members can however keep the site tidy and adorned with socks only.

Mount Adelaide Trail; Drainage and entry upgrade has commenced under Mark Ford's supervision. More to be done at car park entry to the trail soon. Thanks to Pat Nield for keeping us posted re this.

Ellen Cove bike racks; though MBG recognises there is little likelihood of having these removed (after previous negotiations with City of Albany), it was again noted they are poorly situated. In fact there have been experiences of people bumping into them in the near dark so they are considered dangerous.

MBG Blog Website; A Wenzel would like assistance with the blog and he will train volunteers to take over the role of creating meeting notices and putting notices etc on the site. P Kerruish and H Reynolds offered to learn the procedures.

General Business

- Thanks to Roger Dawkins for use of Hybla for tonight's meeting – everyone was impressed with the feel of the large room and hopes it becomes a café/tavern sometime in the future.
- Discussion re possibility of organising or supporting other groups to hold an event at Middleton Beach for summer.
 - Southern Edge Arts may be keen – A Wenzel will follow up with contacts Simon Clarke, Kerry Shaw.
 - Maritime Foundation – boat/ rowing race – linking up with Festival by the Sea – contact – Lawrence Cuthbert, Clive Walker, Ron Waterman, Jenny Rickerby 0409 448 130 Pat Kerruish will follow this up.
- Zoning of the Esplanade site. This group is concerned that any new development must include a public precinct (restaurant, bar, café etc). It is understood that some

aspect will be residential for commercial viability. J Mouritz to inquire of FPA who recently had inquired to City of Albany for clarification of zoning for this site.

- Signage ideas for the Middleton Beach. H & J Reynolds have recently travelled and seen some excellent signage examples. These will be printed/mailed so that MBG can suggest them to City of Albany for their consideration in the signage upgrade. MBG to urge that consultation/communication with our group and FPA before implementing a changed signage style.
- Date of completion of extensions to Surf Club building requested. An update of the plans of the building would be appreciated.
- There was discussion regarding the removal of Norfolk pines at beach front – were they unhealthy and/or unsafe?. Charles Aldous-ball is an expert on Norfolk pines and could be consulted.
- ANZAC Centenary – Middleton Beach suggestions to be thought of before next meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm