



**MINUTES OF THE MT PERRY SUMMIT WALK SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE MT PERRY SHIRE
OFFICE- WED 29th MAY, 2019 at 10am**

- Chairperson:** K.Schuster opened the meeting at 11.15am and handed chair to G. Murray
- Attendance:** Ken Schuster, Gavin Murray, Yvette Stephenson-McKay, Keith Gear, Kerry Warren, Greg Baird (MRO), Michelle Guest(NBRC), Greg Boehme (QPWS), Peter Wright (QPWS), Dan Clifton (QPWS), Brendan Linske (QPWS), Steve Eke (QPWS), Jayson Kokles (Gidargil)
- Apologies:** Jamie Coad, Johan Louw
- Minutes:** No Previous minutes
- Business**
1. Meeting was preceded by a tour to the Mt. Perry Summit Nature Walk (MPSNW) proposed starting point at 10am. Arrived at the end of Scrub Rd. at 10.10am to view the beginning of the Gazetted Rd. which is the access to the Mt. Perry Resource Reserve.
- General discussion took place before driving the boundary of the Gazetted Rd. to the beginning of the Recourse Reserve. The main points noted were -
1. Ergon Services at approx midway point.
 2. Challenging gradient suggesting foot traffic only (no bikes, vehicles)
 3. Marshalling point needs to be at Scrub Rd.
 4. Access needs to be carefully planned to minimise ongoing maintenance
 5. Views spectacular – a worthy project
- Party travelled back to Mt. Perry for further discussion
2. K.Schuster opened the meeting at 11.15am, thanked those present for their attendance and handed to G. Murray to chair the meeting. Introductions were made and the meeting proceeded. K.Schuster began by reiterating the MPSNW is not just a MPCDB initiative but a whole community project. The community voted on this project (Mt. Perry Strategic Economic Plan) which gives the MPCDB a mandate to follow through and realise this tremendous asset for the town and region.
- Main points of concern for the project going forward were –
1. Who will responsible for insurance?
 2. Who will be responsible for long term maintenance?
 3. If there is a trail agreement with the QPWS, who should it be between?
3. Members from the QPWS answered these questions succinctly –
1. Insurance would only be required during the construction phase
 2. Ideally, whoever the Trail Agreement is with, they would provide the ongoing maintenance. However if the entity is unable to continue in this role, the QPWS would assess the cost of maintaining the trail and determine whether it would remain open or not.
 3. The general feel was that the Trail Agreement should be between the QPWS and the MPCDB
- The QWPS also said that if the trail was designed correctly then ongoing maintenance should be minimal. The QPWS has guidelines for trail design and would be able to provide assistance in this regard.

4. Jasyon from the Gidarjil Corporation illustrated their support for the cause. Not only have they already been working Mt. Perry, but have factored in the potential of this project with the next round of funding due late Aug/Sept 2019. Gidarjil also has a partnered Registered Training Organisation Yalga Binbi Institute and has many resources and an excellent track record. Their role would be -

1. Investment in local young people, as many from Mt. Perry as possible to give them a sense of ownership.
2. Training in the Conservation and Land Management skill set while spending up to 3 days / week in Mt. Perry with the goal of completing the Nature Walk.
3. Ongoing funding possibly up to 18 months should the project warrant.
4. Possibility of including maintenance of the trail in their ongoing programs.
5. Have access to cultural information and could help with signage.
6. Have insurance for trainees while working on projects and satisfy OHS criteria.
7. Already work closely with the QPWS on many projects and have the financial, logistical and ongoing capacity to bring the MPSNW to fruition
8. Once NBRC approves the use of the gazetted road, Gidarjil SQW teams could become active on the trail very quickly.
9. Are currently working on an MOU with NBRC for ongoing partnerships

Gidarjil has 60 trainees engaged across the region and are able to deliver outcomes which empower communities. They are a successful organisation with a proven track record.

5. Michelle Guest (NBRC) voiced the council's concerns -

1. Who is paying for insurance and maintenance?
2. Who will pay for surveying and fencing?
3. Will there be other users on the trail (bikes, horses)?
4. Will the QPWS be giving an approval in writing?
5. What does the MPCDB expect from council?

Michelle agreed that the Draft "Mt. Perry Trail Management Agreement" constituted an approval in writing. She also acknowledged other questions had been answered such as the Trail will be a walking Trail only, and insurance during construction phase will largely be covered by Gidarjil (insurance for trainees) and the MPCDB.

6. Greg Baird (Evolution) commented that the walking trail constituted an incredible opportunity for Mt. Perry, one which Evolution would be pleased to and indeed willing to become involved in. When asked about potential funding contributions from the NBRC, his comment was that until "approval in principle was gained from the NBRC" the project might come to a standstill. This was a statement to indicate that without this approval the fact the project requires the Council to sign off on the use of the gazetted road, as he understood from the discussion at the meeting, to enable the project to go forward and then QPWS are able to do their part.

7. In summary, all parties agree the project has merit and is very eminently achievable. At this juncture however, not having assurance from Council as to the use of the Gazetted Rd. for this purpose means further investment in the project is not warranted.

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Next Meeting: TBA.

Termination: There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Confirmation: Confirmed

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