

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 21st February 2024



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MEETING DETAILS

Date: 21/2/2024

Location: Camden Civic Centre

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting opened:

7:01 pm. Meeting closed 9:55 pm

Chairperson:

David Buckley

Minute taker:

Kieran Berryman: Camden Council (ex officio)

Acknowledgement of Country:

Acknowledgement read by Chairperson

ATTENDANCE

Present:

- David Buckley, community member
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Tony Biffin, community member
- Sandy Davies, community member
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- Kieran Berryman, TLCP (Team Leader – Camden Precinct Team), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

Apologies and Absences:

- Kerrie Flynn, community member (via video link)
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council
- Debby Dewbery, community member
- Hayley Neville, Manager Economic Development and Activation, Camden Council

Visitors:

- Phillipa Percy - Coordinator Cultural Activation

Motion: That the apologies be noted and leaves of absence granted

Moved: Sandy Davies, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

Motion Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (not contained in action log)

- Nil

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Report presented as tabled and attached as a year in review.

Motion: That the Chairperson's report be accepted.

Moved: Nicolet Westherhof, **Seconded:** Cr. Eva Campbell

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates

Cr. Eva Campbell :

- Wishes everyone a prosperous Year of the Dragon
- Predicts the Camden Art Trail incorporating the Miss Davies Walkways will become a very positive local tourist attraction.
- Draft EIS for Western Sydney Airport is on public exhibition (4000+ pages)

CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- Construction of new walkway is well underway. Completion end of March 2024
- School of Rock Macarthur is seeking to hold a small ticketed event in July. Seeking endorsement from Ref Grp.

Motion: That CTF RG endorse School of Rock Macarthur event.

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Sandy Davies

Motion Carried

Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report

- Bull is due to be removed from farm 12/3/24 per farm management plan.
- Preg testing to be undertaken week following Camden Show (15 & 16/3)
- Prep now needed for winter planting. Winter grasses (oats, rye & clover).

Motion: That CTF RG recommend retaining the bull on farm for a further 12 months unless preg testing shows less than 50% pregnancy rate.

Moved: Sandy Davies, **Seconded:** Cr. Eva Campbell

Motion Carried

Action Update : (23-001): TL KB to coordinate preg testing of herd in week following Camden Show.

New Action : (24-001): TL KB to coordinate sourcing of contractor for sowing winter feed.

Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer

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ACTION LOG/PROJECTS

19-014 Farm flood evacuation plan : No action. WIP

21-021 Install safety bollards at walkway entrance. : WIP

22-001 CTF Walkway Extension project: Construction progressing. Completion March 2024.

22-013 Cattle yard redevelopment : Yards to be relocated following Camden Show

23-001 Introduce Bull : TL KB to coordinate preg testing of herd in week following Camden Show.

23-007 Markets Recycling Bin : TL KB to source a recycling bin that can be installed.

23-008 Condition Scoring and Movement records : Graph of scoring tabled. Will continue to monitor. Close.

23-009 Walkway POI Signage content : Kieran Berryman spoke with John & Julie Wrigley and incorporated their input.

23-010 Yard relocation and Tree Tree planting. Letter sent to Camden Show. CLOSE

PSLP WALKWAY ART WORKS - Phillipa Percy - Coordinator Cultural Activation

- Phillipa presented advanced concepts of mural artworks for Toilet block and water tank
 - TB1 – Exeter St – Holstein-Friesian with full udder in and around CTF yards
 - TB1 – Facing Lagoon – Old man milking
 - Water Tank – Jersey cow head

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Tony Biffin – Council Rangers herded cattle that had escaped from Camden saleyards into Sheep Dog paddock.
 - Did Rangers follow CTF biosecurity plan?
 - Why were internal gates not closed to prevent ingress into other paddocks?

New Action : (24-002): TL KB to liaise with Precinct Team and Council Rangers re: biosecurity plan and future farm access.

Meeting Closed 9:55 pm

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Chairperson's Report

21 February 2024

Welcome and thank you for your continued interest in the future of the CTF and your attendance at the 1st meeting this year.

Once again, the season has defied human predictions, and complex weather forecasting models including S.A.M., I.O.D, La Niña/El Nino and a new one that accounted for the sudden break in El Nino in November.

"More than 50 per cent of models predict a switch to La Niña during the coming winter [2024], climbing to more than 60 per cent by spring, well above the climatological average of 25 per cent of years being in a La Niña state." (Found this somewhere on the internet)

Not that flooding will reoccur, however the last two micro storms across Camden on Mon/Tue soon had the gutters overflowing profusely.

Cattle and pastures looking great. A compliment to the council yearly management team (CYMT) for implementing plans for the livestock and rotational grazing operations during the completion of the walkway, in liaison with the advice from the Reference group farm operations subcommittee. It is providing a flexible workable model for the farming operations of the CTF.

This year going forward.

As you are aware, a revise, review Master Plan meeting was convened, and input invited, in lieu of the November 16th. Reference Group committee meeting. As per Kieran's email

"Public Consultation has commenced for the new 2024 CTF master plan.

The first stage of broader community consultation is a public online survey to be completed by all stakeholders and interested parties.

I (and Kieran) encourage you all to complete it, and to share it with your family, friends, and anyone with an interest in Camden Town Farm.

The survey will be supported by pop up opportunities to speak with Council staff at the Park? and the Camden Town Centre.

The feedback received through this process will be used to inform the development of the masterplan moving forward. The survey will be available for 4 weeks."

I have prejudicially completed the survey using phrases like "model farm to support youth, hobby farmers establishing themselves in a peri urban environment, etc

Future projects

As "we" move forward future projects will include.

- the completion of the walkway and installation of the art projects
- installation of the new cattle crush and yards
- the flooring of the hay barn
- the flooring of the Farm View pavilion
- the development of the indigenous garden
- completion of the installation of new water troughs
- irrigation of the eastern, central, and western lucerne paddocks using irrigation pods.

Please be mindful of the need to be courteous and respectful during the meeting and to direct your comments via the chair. Please be aware of commercial in confidence. Thank you.

David Buckley

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Current Actions

Action # & Start Date	Initiator & Action/Project Description	Who Actioning	Action/Project Log & Status
19-014 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Develop a CTF flood evacuation plan for livestock	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Meeting held with Farms Ops. Volunteers. CCSO team documenting process and flood triggers to implement plan. WIP</p> <p>22/12/22 – 15/3/2023 Flood evac plan developed. CCSO will finalise and circulate.</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB including Community Gardens notification in planning.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Final step is to identify suitable/contracted off farm emergency location for herd. EOI will be required. TL to progress.</p> <p>19/7/23 – 20/9/23 No Action. TL KB to progress.</p> <p>14/12/23 – 21/2/24 Draft agistment conditions circulated to Farms Ops sub committee. Draft agreement being developed including an annual retainer.</p>
19-032 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Indigenous Garden project	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping.</p> <p>15/2/23 – 15/3/23 Look to reactivate works. Look into leverage Clontarf programme for indigenous students in schools. Consider including in new masterplan.</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB to meet with Allen Powell to discuss his ideas and report back. including in new masterplan.</p> <p>17/5/23 - TL Kieran Berryman met with Allen Powell. Bedding mulch from livestock show to be spread in Indigenous Garden yard. TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate.</p> <p>19/7/23 - No Action. TL KB to progress.</p> <p>23/8/23 - Garden to be included in the new CTF masterplan.</p>
19-045	CCSO/355 Committee COWA flooring treatment	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor.</p> <p>23/8/23 – To be included in scope of Masterplan</p>



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19-062 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Electronic gates for walkway	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor. 23/8/23 – To be included in scope of Masterplan
19-073 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Design info signage for CTF public access area on Toilet Block 1.	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop and design new signage for TB1. CCSO team to coordinate content and design. 23/8/23 – Included in PSLP walkway project public art 20/9/23 - Mural to be design as part of walkway project ON HOLD
21-018 2021	CCSO/355 Committee LLS ephemeral wetlands project	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping. ON HOLD
21-021 2021	CCSO/355 Committee Install safety bollards at walkway entrance.	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to procure and install bollards. CCSO team to coordinate works. 23/8/23 – 21/2/24 - Meeting to be arranged with Macarthur signs. TL to monitor.



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<p>22-001 17/8/2022</p>	<p>CCSO. Council proposal to extend walkway within CTF. Request for CTF RG to review proposed route.</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>20/7/22 - CCSO to coordinate an onsite walk and fencing inspection with Reference Group members for 10am 31/7/2022. Completed</p> <p>17/8/22 – Walk completed. Recommendation made on preferred route. WIP</p> <p>21/9/22 - Ref. Grp. Feedback provided to project team. Final route, public art, surface treatments and project deliverables still being finalised. CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates</p> <p>19/10/22 CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates to Ref. Grp.</p> <p>16/11/22 - Public Art being proposed for Walkway will be consulted. CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates to Ref. Grp.</p> <p>21/12/22 - Public Art will be consulted with Ref. Grp in new year. CCSO will continue to liaise.</p> <p>15/2/23 - Final Route being finalised. Woody weed removal works will commence around 1st March. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>15/3/23 – Project progressing. CTF Ref. Grp to provide content of for signs.</p> <p>19/4/23 Final Route being finalised. Woody weed removal works will commence soon. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Final route finalised. Woody weed removal works completed. Fences damaged. TL Kieran Berryman will coordinate fence repairs. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>19/7/23 - TL KB to take recommendations of Ref. Grp to Council Management for advice, action and response regarding public art.</p> <p>23/8/23 – Sarah Cleaton to meet with Cultural Activation staff to review public art proposals. Walkway construction starting next week.</p> <p>20/9/23 – Construction started.</p> <p>14/12/23 – 21/2/23 Construction progressing. Completion March 2024.</p>



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<p>22-013 19/10/2022</p>	<p>Tony Biffin Relocation and improvements to cattle yards</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>19/10/22 - CCSO to submit Ref. Grp. recommendation for shale pad and yards relocation to Council for consideration</p> <p>16/11/22 – 15/2/23 Discussions held with Council construction team. Planning for pad and materials commenced.</p> <p>19/4/23 - Progressing with quotes obtained from Council contractors.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Additional quotes being sought.</p> <p>19/7/23 - TRN selected as supplier. Works to start in next few weeks. TL to progress.</p> <p>23/8/23 - Hardstand pad installed. Yard design underway. New crush to be ordered per specs from Farm Ops sub committee.</p> <p>20/9/23 - New crush selected and ordered. Concrete pad for crush, ramp and drafting gate to be ordered.</p> <p>14/12/23 - New crush delivered. Slab installed. New drafting gate ordered. Will complete install in new year.</p> <p>21/2/24 - Yards to be relocated following Camden Show</p>
<p>23-001 15/2/23</p>	<p>David Buckley Procurement of a bull</p>	<p>David Buckley & TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>15/2/23 - TL to coordinate procurement of a bull by 31st March.</p> <p>15/3/23 - TL to work with Chairperson to procure a bull by 1st May 2023</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of December. On Hold</p> <p>20/9/23 - David Buckley & TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of November 2023.</p> <p>14/12/23 - Bull on farm with heifers 12/12/23. 3-4 yr old experienced Limosin. Quiet natured. Doing his thing. All heifers with heat pads applied and most marked already. TL KB to monitor and reapply pads up to 12/3/24.</p> <p>21/2/24 - TL KB to coordinate preg testing of herd in week following Camden Show.</p>



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23-007 19/5/23	Tony Biffin Installing recycled bin near TB1	TL Kieran Berryman	19/7/23 - TL KB to arrange installation of recycling bin near TB1. 23/8/23 - Council waste dept advise recycling bins in public spaces are ineffective. TL to look for bin cover and new location. 20/9/23 – 21/2/24 - TL KB to source a recycling bin that can be installed and removed each day.
23-009 20/9/23	TL Kieran Berryman Walkway POI Signage content	TL Kieran Berryman & Ref. Grp. members	20/9/23 - TL KB to distribute POI labels and content requirements for Ref Grp members to volunteer to compose. 14/12/23 - TL circulated content to Ref. Grp members. Content to be reviewed by End of Jan 2024. TL to speak to John & Julie Wrigley to review interpretive signage content when drafted. 21/2/23 - Kieran Berryman spoke with John & Julie Wrigley and incorporated their input.
24-001 21/2/24	TL Kieran Berryman CTF Winter Feed	TL Kieran Berryman	21/2/24 - TL KB to coordinate sourcing of contractor for sowing winter feed.
24-002 21/2/24	Tony Biffin Biosecurity plan enforcement	TL Kieran Berryman	21/2/24 - TL KB to liaise with Precinct Team and Council Rangers re: biosecurity plan and future farm access.



Closed Actions : Closed actions will be removed (hidden) from the current log active at the subsequent meeting

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23-008 23/8/23	David Buckley & Tony Biffin Cattle Body Condition Scoring and Herd movement records vid Buckley & Tony Biffin	TL Kieran Berryman	23/8/23 - TL KB to coordinate development of mobile Apps for Cattle Body Condition Scoring and Herd movement records 20/9/23 - Apps developed and being used by precinct team. 14/12/23 - Working well. TL to compile some a report s for next meeting (February 24) 21/2/24 - Graph of scoring tabled. Will continue to monitor. Close.
23-010 14/12/23	Sandy Davies Consider relocation of tree planted in Sheepdog paddock	TL Kieran Berryman	14/12/23 - TL KB to write to Camden Show advising of decision regarding the tree. 21/2/24 - Letter sent to Camden Show. CLOSE

CTF CBCS 23-24

