

# Minutes

Bicentennial Equestrian Park  
Reference Group Meeting  
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 10 August 2022



## MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** 10/8/2022

**Location:** Camden Civic Centre

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Meeting opened:** 7:01 pm. Meeting closed 9:12pm

**Chairperson :** Jeff Ferrif

**Minute taker:** Kieran Berryman: Camden Council (ex officio)

**Acknowledgement of Country:** Acknowledgement read by Chairperson

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## ATTENDANCE

### Present:

- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Garry Clarke, Eventing Equestriad Australia
- John Vallance, community member
- Sandy Davies, Camden Show Society
- Warren Death, community member
- Norm Flegg, County of Cumberland Campdraft Club
- Greg McDonald, Camden Harness Club
- Elysha Sargent, community member
- Lauren Cranfield, Cobbitty Pony Club
- Kieran Berryman, CCSO, Camden Council (ex officio)

### Apologies and Absences:

- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- Jason Sharpe, community member
- Shane Rose, Eventing Equestriad Australia
- John Kelly, community member
- Greg Glasgow, Sydney Polocrosse Club
- Councillor Paul Farrow, Camden Council

### Visitors:

- Vi Girgis, Actg. Manager Economic Development and Activation, Camden Council.
- Nathan Roche, Precinct Projects Support Officer, Camden Council

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

**Moved:** Warren Death, **Seconded:** Greg McDonald.

***Motion Carried***

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

**Moved:** Greg McDonald, **Seconded:** Norm Flegg.

***Motion Carried***

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

NIL

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## CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Report presented as tabled and attached.

**Motion:** That the Chairpersons report be accepted.

**Moved:** John Vallance, **Seconded:** Warren Death

***Motion Carried***

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## AGENDA ITEMS

### Dogs using the BEP – Warren Death

- Referenced recent dog attack on a horse at Sydney Centennial Park
- Raises concerns of dogs not being properly controlled at BEP
- Clarification of what areas of BEP are “off leash” and at what times
- Warren distributed a brochure from Sydney’s Centennial Park
- Ref. Grp discussion about improving community knowledge of BEP rules and conditions
- Suggests Council Rangers may play a bigger role in communication with users
- Suggests liaison with Councils Companion Animal Advisory Committee to develop a holistic approach to improving dog use at BEP (signage, poop bags, waste collection)
- Suggests a method for park users to report incidents with dogs to collect data to inform future communication and plans.
- Consider recognising all of BEP as off leash to avoid confusion
- Propose to seek advice from Council regarding how to communicate, manage and enforce compliance.
- Suggest forming a Working Group to compile list of current issues and potential solutions specific to dogs at the BEP.

**Motion:** That the BEP Reference Group form a “Dogs at the BEP” Working Group and for the Working Group to commence developing a brief of equestrian requirements for dog access to BEP for Council to consider.

**Moved:** Warren Death, **Seconded:** Elysha Sargent

***Motion Carried***

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**Motion:** That the BEP Reference Group request Council to consider review of the Off Leash status of BEP with regards to communication, compliance, enforcement and equestrian requirements.

**Moved:** Warren Death, **Seconded:** Greg McDonald

***Motion Carried***

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**New Action:** (22-001): CCSO to seek self nominations for the “Dogs at the BEP” Working Group and to coordinate commencement of development of an eq. brief.

**New Action:** (22-002): CCSO to raise within relevant Council area off leash issues at BEP and request advice and support moving forward.

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## **Emergency Disease Outbreak planning – Warren Death**

- FMD and other livestock disease have brought sudden focus to biosecurity plans
- Equine influenza and other notifiable eq. diseases may require prompt response from event organisers, BEP ref. grp and Council.
- Suggest identification of an “isolation area” at each BEP precinct and noted in all event documentation.
- Suggest development of a BEP biosecurity plan.
- Council has a Biosecurity Officer position who may be able to assist with planning.

**New Action:** (22-003): BEP Reference Group members to consider infrastructure requirements or models at other venues for defined isolation areas.

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## **Campdraft arena usage fees – Norm Flegg**

- BEP fees seem to be high compared to other venues
- Costs to club to maintain the arena and usage fees make it almost unviable
- Notionally Braidwood & Oberon Campdraft clubs pay \$800 for an event with no extra charges.
- Camden pays \$1,000 for preparation and \$2,000 for hire, yards, camping and horse fees.
- CCSO queried who maintained Braidwood and Oberon?
- CCSO asked for contact details at Councils for Braidwood and Oberon?
- Now that BEP is not a profit making enterprise Council should benchmark against other similar venues and against costs for other sports (Rugby League, Rossmore Pony Club, Cricket etc)

**New Action:** (22-004): Norm Flegg to obtain contact details for Oberon and Braidwood Councils and details on who undertakes ground preparation.

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## **USER GROUP UPDATES**

### **Camden Show Society – Sandy Davies**

- AGM being held next week
- Youth Expo for Cattle and Alpacas being planned for Onslow Park.

### **Eventing Equestriad Australia – Garry Clarke/Shane Rose**

- 50 jumps missing after floods
- Event planned for late October
- Closed Polox/Hill bridge is required for event to run.

### **Cobbitty Pony Club – Lauren Cranfield**

- Nothing scheduled opening park opening
- Very expensive to take the club to other facilities.

### **Sydney Polocrosse Club – Greg Glasgow**

- No report

### **Cumberland Campdraft Club – Norm Flegg**

- Nothing to report.

## **Camden Harness Club – Greg McDonald**

- AGM held, no change to Committee.
- Coffee get togethers being held
- Potentially interclub challenge to be held at BEP in 2023 (Hills, Southern Highlands and Camden harness clubs)

## **Equestrian Sports Promotions – John Vallance**

- Have used other venues for 2022 events
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## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Greg McDonald enquired about 2022 fees for recreational riders? Advised that fees or potential treatments of fees after floods and closures will be looked at by Council in the near future.
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**Meeting Closed 9:12pm**

**Camden BEP Reference Group**  
**Chairpersons Report 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Hello All,

Well the new BEP Reference Group have convened for the first time last month and although there were some apologies the group met and voted Myself in as the new Chairperson with Warren Death as the Vice Chairperson.

The group were quick to talk about the recent flooding and overall damage to the park and how we get the place open and fixed up better than before.

The Council works have been limited to access for mowing but overall the place looks good.

Unfortunately the roads and buildings at the main end are a bit of a write off with works about to start as soon as the roads dry out enough

Thanks

Jeff Ferrif

BEP Reference Group Chairperson

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