

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 17 August 2022



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MEETING DETAILS

Date: 17/8/2022

Location: Camden Civic Centre

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting opened: 7:02 pm. Meeting closed 9:17 pm

Chairperson: David Buckley

Minute taker: Kieran Berryman

Acknowledgement of Country: Acknowledgement read by Chairperson

ATTENDANCE

Present:

- David Buckley, community member
- Tony Biffin, community member
- Sandy Davies, community member
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Kerrie Flynn, community member
- Nicolet Westerof, community member
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council
- Debby Dewbery, community member (late arrival 7:28pm)
- Kieran Berryman, CCSO (Community Committees Support Officer), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

Apologies and Absences:

- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council

Visitors:

- Vi Girgis, Actg. Manager Economic Development and Activation, Camden Council
- Glenn Gannon, Camden Council

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

Moved: Sarah Cleaton, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

Motion Carried

INTRODUCTIONS

Members present introduced themselves to the meeting, described their equestrian experience and their usage and experience with the CTF.

- Jeff Ferrif, previous member of s.355 Committee, foundation member and designer of Camden Community Gardens, local business owner. Also on Bicentennial Equestrian Park Reference Group.
- Nicolet Westerof, previous member of s.355 Committee. Primary industries teacher at Elizabeth Macarthur High School.
- Kerrie Flynn, previous member of s.355 Committee, coordinator of Camden Bookworm Garden project, loves the Farm.

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: Sandy Davies, **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.

Motion: That the Chairperson's report be accepted.

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Col Packer

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

Development of CTF biosecurity plan – Tony Biffin

- MLA (Meat and Livestock Aus.) and other bodies are sending out information regarding biosecurity under current shadow of FMD (foot and mouth disease) and LSD (lumpy skin disease).
- It is mandatory for CTF/Council to compile a Biosecurity Plan to meet the biosecurity requirements of the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) Program.
- Toolkits to assist with putting together a plan are available.
- Need biosecurity signs to put on all external facing gateways.
- Consider closure of walkway during any local biosecurity outbreak.
- Consider implications to Community Gardens and Camden Produce Markets.

Motion: That the CTF Reference Group recommend development of a Biosecurity Plan and to purchase suitable signs.

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

Motion Carried

New Action: (22-003): CCSO to purchase suitable Biosecurity signs.

New Action: (22-004): CCSO to distribute Animal Health Australia Biosecurity Plan to Reference Group for review, with a view for Council to develop a Biosecurity Plan for the CTF.

7:24pm Debby Dewbery arrives

Short term future of cattle on CTF – Debby Dewbery

- Should CTF ask Council to consider not having cattle on the farm due to flood damage?
- Tony Biffin, David Buckley and CCSO advised perimeter fencing is now secure. Also advised that floods prevented destocking as cattle sales were cancelled.
- Animals are rotationally grazed and flooding affected ability to do so through winter
- Livestock affected by “flood mud scour syndrome” and have been treated.<http://www.flockandherd.net.au/cattle/reader/yersiniosis-II.html>
- Discussion concluded that the welfare of the cows is able to be maintained at the CTF, and that relocation is considered unnecessary.

Grant funding use – Debby Dewbery

- Suggests that Council write to relevant minister requesting grant period be extended to allow project to be completed rather than Council handing funds back.
- CCSO advises this specific PSLP (Public Spaces Legacy Project) Grant has received an extension from its original date, and is being managed by appropriate Council teams and will be delivered within the required timeframe.

Agricultural Operations Working Group formation – CCSO

- From the Terms of Reference: *Short-term working groups may be created by a Reference Group for a particular purpose and disbanded when that purpose is achieved.*
- CCSO suggests the formation of an Agricultural Operations Working Group to provide advice to the Reference Group and for Working Group members to undertake activities in relation to Agricultural Operations as approved by Council.

Motion: That the CTF Reference Group approve the creation of an Agricultural Operations Working Group and for members to self nominate.

Moved: Sarah Cleaton, **Seconded:** Colin Packer

Motion Carried

Self nominations received: David Buckley, Tony Biffin, Jeff Ferrif, Nicolet Westerof

Walkway Extension and Alignment – CCSO

- Proposal for Public Spaces Legacy Project to expand Miss Davies Walkway including new track down Macquarie Grove Rd and along river.
- Onsite walkway inspection conducted by Reference Group on 30 July 2022.
- Proposed walkway route tabled (and attached.)
- Assurances from Project Manager for provision of suitable water, shade, fencing and, gates to ensure animal welfare and safety.
- Suggest planting mix of tube stock and mature trees.
- Suggest viewing platforms at Frog Hollow and Chinese Wells.
- Suggest termination of walkway across farm centre between the Macquarie Grove and Chicory Paddocks due to flooding and continued fencing damage. Suggest installing Points of Interest and signage at these locations.

Motion: That the CTF Reference Group endorse the expansion of the Miss Llewella Davies Walkway along Macquarie Drove Rd and the Nepean River and recommend the removal of a section of walkway between the Macquarie Grove and Chicory Paddocks.

Moved: Sandy Davies, **Seconded:** Sarah Cleaton

Motion Carried

STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates

Cr. Cindy Cagney: Nothing to report

CTF Calendar and Events update – CCSO

- Markets booked for every Saturday. Likely to return to CTF in next few weeks.
- Camden Council's TASTE Festival booked for 30/10/2022
 - Ridge paddock not available
 - Sheepdog paddock should not be used for parking due to flooding and compaction
 - Use for market stalls acceptable but not mass vehicle movements
- Notes that CTF Events Framework will be reviewed by CCSO in consultation with Sarah Cleaton
- Stockade Country Beer & BBQ Festival enquired for 16/10/22
 - Members have grave concerns for the grounds of the CTF.
 - Concerns that the event does not comply with the conditions of the events DA for the CTF.
 - Concern that it is being held too close to TASTE Festival and that the farm may be damaged extensively.
 - Notes that the event application has yet to provide details concerning traffic, parking, RSA, security, ticketing, and that an approval from Council has not been granted.

Motion: That the CTF Reference Group recommend to Council that the Stockade Country Beer & BBQ Festival not be approved due to concerns relating to damage to grounds.

Moved: Sarah Cleaton, **Seconded:** Jeff Ferrif

Motion Carried

Agricultural Operations Working Group – report

- Herd all drenched and vaccinated by Sydney Uni. Vets and students. 4/8/22
- 1 animal (1907) euthanised due to parasitic infestation. 2/8/22
- 1907 buried on farm in Sheepdog Paddock by Council in compliance with DPI guidelines. 2/8/22
- Remainder of herd is in good to poor condition but improving.
- Hand feeding now completed with herd grazing in Western Lucerne and Lagoon Paddock.

Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer

- Floods have impacted the gardens quite a bit.
- Floods have killed the Rosemary hedge.
- Gardens committee has decided not to replace the hedge.
- Garden plots will be restructured.
- Paths need to be topped up and rerolled.
- Likely to be applying for various grants from NSW Govt. and Council's Community Small Grants.
- Kerrie Flynn suggests contacting *SectorConnect* for grant support.

Motion: That the CTF Reference Group write a letter of support for the Camden Community Gardens for their future grant applications relating to flood damage.

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Sarah Cleaton

Motion Carried

New Action: (22-005): CCSO and Chairperson to write letter of support for CTFCGA inc.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil
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Meeting Closed 9:17pm

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Chairperson's Report

Welcome,

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the future of the Camden Town Farm and your attendance at this meeting.

I have found it difficult to find a starting point for this report. It seems eons ago since I presented a President's Report for the 355 committee, probably November 2022. However, we move on.

The exceptional circumstances presented by successive floods and the affect it has had on the farm infrastructure, plants and livestock has tested the resilience of all.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those who have contributed their efforts to dealing with the many situations that have occurred over the recent months from flooding to fencing and feeding.

As a reference group I feel it is important that the group does not loose sight of the various innovations developed by the 355-committee including the action log and the various projects that were proposed and initiated.

This is fortunately summarised in the proposed works included in the Westinvest grant application.

And, as discussed in the previous meeting, has been summarised in the 2022 CTF Action Log Projects.

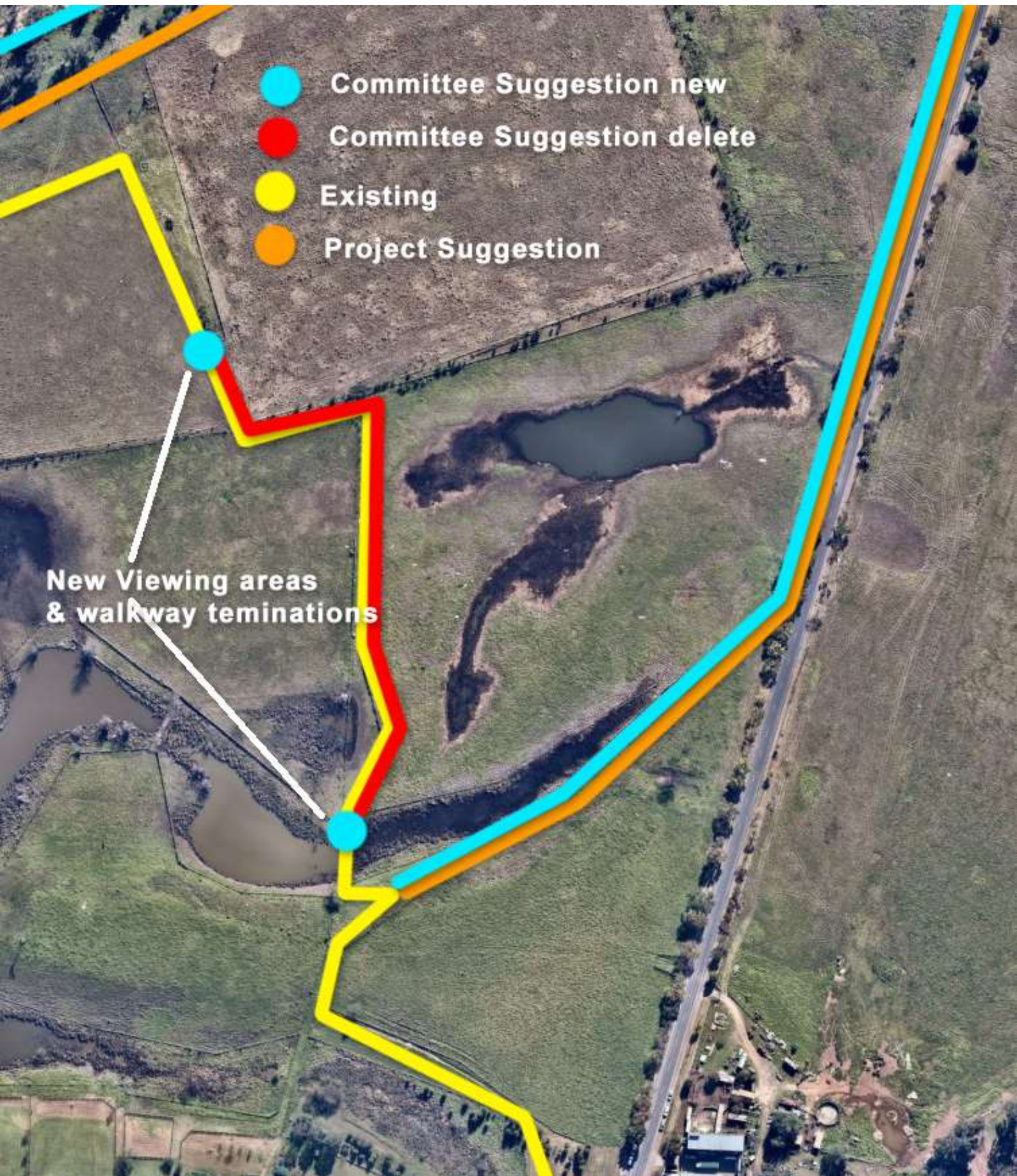
As the reference group now advises council it is important the group is clear in its vision for the continued maintenance and development of the CTF. Obviously the recent and potentially future floods have strongly influenced the immediate need to restore fences and pastures and remove rubbish. The restoration of the walkway would then become a priority etc.





It may take a few months to restore some sense of normality to the CTF however I am confident the reference group can move forward in a positive spirit of cooperation with council to restore and improve the functioning of the farm into the future.

Thank you.

David Buckley

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-  Committee Suggestion new
-  Committee Suggestion delete
-  Existing
-  Project Suggestion

New Viewing areas
& walkway terminations



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	CCSO and Farm Ops.	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Meeting held with Farms Ops. Volunteers. CCSO team documenting process and flood triggers to implement plan. WIP
19-032 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Indigenous Garden project	CCSO & David Buckley	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping.
19-039 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Install waterline and trough in Brickpit paddock	CCSO	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – To be included in Councils PSLP walkway extension. CCSO to monitor.
19-045	CCSO/355 Committee COWA flooring treatment	CCSO	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor.
19-049 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Design POI signage for walkway	CCSO	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop and design new signs. CCSO team to coordinate content and design.
19-062 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Electronic gates for walkway	CCSO	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor.
19-073 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Design info signage for CTF public access area on Toilet Block 1.	CCSO	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.
21-018 2021	CCSO/355 Committee LLS ephemeral wetlands project	CCSO	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping.
21-021 2021	CCSO/355 Committee Install safety bollards at walkway entrance.	CCSO	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.



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21-022 2021	CCSO/355 Committee Install additional furniture on MLDM Walkway.	CCSO	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to procure and install additional furniture. CCSO team to coordinate works.
21-025 2021	CCSO/355 Committee Procure ATV for use by Council staff and volunteers	CCSO	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Risk assessment compiled by Council Safety team. CCSO working through procurement process.
22-001 17/8/2022	CCSO. Council proposal to extend walkway within CTF. Request for CTF RG to review proposed route.	CCSO	20/7/22 - CCSO to coordinate an onsite walk and fencing inspection with Reference Group members for 10am 31/7/2022. Completed 17/8/22 – Walk completed. Recommendation made on preferred route. WIP
22-002 17/8/2022	CCSO. Methodology needed for event suitability assessment by reference group	CCSO & Sarah Cleaton	20/7/22 - CCSO to liaise with Sarah Cleaton to draft events framework for Reference Group review 17/8/22 – CCSO & Sarah Cleaton to review CTF SFP and Council event planning guide
22-003 17/8/2022	Tony Biffin. CTF Biosecurity signs.	CCSO	17/8/22 - CCSO to purchase suitable Biosecurity signs
22-004 17/8/2022	Tony Biffin. CTF Biosecurity Plan development.	CCSO & All Members	17/8/22 - CCSO to distribute Animal Health Australia biosecurity plan to reference Group for review
22-005 17/8/2022	Col Packer. Community Gardens applying for grants for flood recovery funds	CCSO & Chairperson	17/8/22 - CCSO and Chairperson to write letter of support for CTFCGA inc



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

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