



Reconciliation Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting held 10:00am Thursday 8 of May 2018 at Churchill Island Visitor Centre

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| Welcome & Apologies | | | |
| | <p>The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.15am and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians and paid respect to the Elders past and present and others in the room. <i>Attendance / Apologies are listed below.</i> In Attendance: Steve Davie (Chair), Sally O'Neill (Minutes) Kate Adams (Management Representative), Brian Beardwood, Graeme Burgan, Maddie Press <i>Phillip Island Nature Parks</i> Adam Magennis - <i>Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC)</i> Patrice Mahoney, Samiro Douglas - <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community</i> Apologies/Absent: Paul Sandells (COO), Steve Parker (<i>Boon Wurrung Foundation and Community member</i>), Safina Stewart - (Community), Roland Pick, Shani Blyth - Phillip Island Nature Parks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for their recent attendance at the Nature Parks' first Board Meeting on Country held on 26 April 2018. The Chair welcomed Richard Faulkner, Threatened Species Planner in the Nature Parks' Conservation Department.</p> | | |
| 1 | Board Meeting on Country | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| 1.1 | <p>The Committee discussed the recent Board meeting on Country. Steve D reported that the Board enjoyed the meeting and that it should become an annual event. The Committee recommended the following: Suggest in 2019, this may be a separate activity e.g. Before or after the Board meeting, not as part of the Board meeting day and, to be held in warmer weather. Suggest more 'on Country' e.g. Swan Lake, Oswin Roberts, Cape Woolamai. There should be more of this and 'going bush' to experience the landscape.</p> <p>There will be a new Board announced in July 2018. The Committee feels that it is important that the Board is briefed on RAC and to understand its role in the Nature Parks as soon as possible. Adam M suggested a tour and Cultural induction for new and existing Board and Management team. Do in warmer weather e.g. Spring and visit sites that relate to current planning documents. Include natural and cultural values and to invite management team also.</p> <p>Members asked if there could be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position on the Board. Appointments are a Government decision and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members can apply at any time.</p> | <p>Steve D to provide this feedback at May Board meeting. Sally O to work with Catherine and Hayley on Spring tour and 2019 Board meeting.</p> <p>Sally O to include this in the draft RAP.</p> | <p>Actions required by Steve D and Sally O</p> |

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| | <i>Suggest we actively encourage ATSI community members to apply for the Board through existing processes.</i> | | |
| 2 | Minutes from Previous Meeting | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| 2.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members approved the draft minutes of the February meeting after changes were made as requested by Maddie. These are now final and will be uploaded to the Nature Parks' website and central files. | None | Complete |
| 3 | Incorporating Cultural Heritage Management Values | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| 3.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed the importance of incorporating the consideration of appropriate management methods when e.g. clearing vegetation or changing existing landscapes. This includes re-using/re-purposing and Cultural preservation of items such as timbers, plants etc in e.g. sculpture and art projects, wood turners, gardening clubs. | Kate A to recommend incorporating this into the Sustainability Plan. Sally O to raise with Bass Coast Shire and Westernport Water | Action required by Kate A and Sally O |
| 4.1 | Joint Reconciliation Artwork | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Group further discussed a reconciliation artwork for Bass Coast and for our next Reconciliation Action Plan. The process will involve an Expression of Interest and contract for use between the artists and Bass Coast. It is proposed to launch this selection process during NAIDOC in July. | Sally O and Kate A to confirm process with Bass Coast Shire Council and Westernport Water. | Action required by Kate A and Sally O |
| 5 | Community Matters Arising from Previous Minutes | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| 5.1 | <p><u>FROM FEBRUARY 2017 MEETING: Developing protocols and opportunity for cultural positions within the organisations (RAP Actions 2.2 & 3.6)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no feedback received on the request from the February meeting for materials to get the 'Working Together' protocols developed. The Committee workshopped this concept and notes from the discussion will be used to draft the document which will be presented to the Committee for final comments and approval. Further details are below in 5.1 of these minutes. | Sally O to draft the Working Together document based on discussions with group. | Action required by Sally O |
| | <p><u>Developing our next Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP Action 4.2)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to everyone for providing input before and also attending the Reconciliation Action Plan workshop with Rueben Berg in April. The next workshop will be held in June. Members to attend next RAP planning workshop to finalise first draft. | All members to attend RAP planning workshop in June. | Action Required by all members. |

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| 5.2 | <p><u>Nature Parks Strategic Plan development - Raised October 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Strategic Plan consultation process is complete. Thanks to everyone for their input. | Catherine B to keep Committee updated on Final Plan. | Ongoing |
| 5.3 | <p><u>FROM OCTOBER 2017 MEETING: RAP Action 2.3 Open Day & Action 1.4 –National Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day and NAIDOC.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates for events and final Sub-Committee meetings were distributed. Westernport Water, Bass Coast Shire, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group and the Community are working together on the 2018 event program. Planning for NAIDOC will commence after National Reconciliation Week. Interested Committee members are invited to attend the sub-committee meetings and the Committee will be kept updated. | <p>Members to attend events as possible with managers' approval where applicable.</p> <p>Sally O to keep committee updated.</p> | Action required by all members |
| 6 | Matters arising and advice from ATSI Community and committee members | ACTIONS | |
| 6.1 | <p><u>Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community update (RAP Action 2.1):</u> Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) Adam M reported that everything was going well and there was nothing extra to report to the Committee.</p> <p>Boon Wurrung Foundation No report given as Steve Parker was an apology.</p> <p>Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community PATRICE: The Community recently held a meeting to discuss the creation of an Aboriginal Corporation for Bass Coast and to start the incorporation process. The next Community gathering will be held in Wonthaggi. Key organisations have offered their support. Membership will be restricted to Bass Coast for now and may extend to South Gippsland in the future due to the large geographic nature of the area. The next step is to put an ad in the paper and it is hoped to be incorporated for a launch in NAIDOC Week. Patrice will keep Committee updated.</p> | <p>Community to attend and provide update at next meeting.</p> | Ongoing |
| 7 | Working Together | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| 7.1 | <p>Kate Adams led a discussion where the Committee workshopped ideas for Working Together protocols. Kate advised members that a draft Position Statement had been presented to the Board in April and that these protocols will follow on from this and outline how we will work together as a Committee recognising the Victorian Heritage Council's decision to appoint the Bunurong Land Council as the Registered Aboriginal Party.</p> <p>The discussion centred around respecting each other, being transparent, open and honest, the key role of the Chair and the Committee's Terms of Reference, funding and time allocation required for implementing the RAP.</p> <p>The Committee also discussed the need for training and induction, Community protocols and the transition to the development of one single Bass Coast Reconciliation Action/Advisory Committee to share time and resources in a consistent, joint approach and to develop meaningful, efficient action that gives the Community confidence and consistency in one regional body.</p> | <p>Sally O to document Working Together protocols from this discussion to present to Committee for adoption at June 13 workshop.</p> <p>Sally O and Kate A to talk to Westernport Water and Bass Coast Shire about</p> | Action required by Sally O & Kate A |

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| | <p>These will be documented for final discussion and adoption at our next session with Rueben in June and will be reflected in our next RAP.</p> <p><i>“Capacity building is complete. Reconciliation moves to recognition.” Adam M</i></p> | Bass Coast Committee. | |
| 8 | Other Business | | |
| 8.1 | <p><u>Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMP) - Raised October 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Faulkner updated the Committee on the planning currently being undertaken to determine which Threatened Species will be introduced back into Phillip Island’s ecosystem and the Nature Parks’ desire to incorporate Cultural values, Traditional kinship systems and traditional ecological knowledge into this process of Structured Decision Making based on a range of criteria including cultural significance. The objective is to choose species that represent “everyone’s best interests and involves partnerships and opportunities for RAC and wider Community involvement. The planning is currently in development stages. Richard thanked the Committee for being invited and said that he enjoyed the whole meeting and will keep the Committee updated and advise when opportunities for involvement arise. | Richard F to provide initial report to distribute to Committee members along with ongoing updates. | Action Required by Richard F |
| 9 | Next Meeting/Gatherings | | |
| 9.1 | <p>The meeting was closed at 12.30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bass Coast Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Events: Sorry Day - Saturday 26 May + National Reconciliation Week - Sunday 27 May - Sunday 3 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAP Planning Session with Rueben Berg: Wed 13 June: 10am-2.30pm: Nobbies Centre NAIDOC Week <i>Because of her, we can!</i> - Sunday 8 July - Sunday 15 July. <i>Stay tuned for details!</i> 2018 RAC Meetings Wednesday 29 August 2018: 10am-12.30pm - Chisholm Centre, Koalas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 13 November 2018: 10am-12.30pm - Venue TBC <p>More details to be provided before dates - times may change subject to group member availability. RAC Contact: Sally O’Neill sally.oneill@bigpond.com 0408 101 976.</p> | | |