

Diamond Harbour Reserves Committee - (unconfirmed minutes)

Date: Monday 11 September 2023, 7pm to 9pm - Green Room, Diamond Harbour Community Centre

Present: Graeme Fraser - Chair, Paul Dahl - Vice Chair, Robert Goldie, Emma Kinnings

Guests: Rodney Chambers, Dave Hammond, Debby Redmond, Richard Hill

Apologies: Tom Kuenning, Paul Devlin, Pete Ozich

Minutes of last meeting (10 July 2023) – passed unanimously.

Public Forum: Nil

Declarations of Interest: Nil

Health and safety issues or accidents: Nil

1. Update on recent activities

Planting:

Purau Bay Reserve

- 300+ trees planted on planting day in late July.
- Lots of rain since and slip in the gully. Work needed on water supply before the dry season.

School Gully

- 200 plants planted by kids from the Kindy and School on Friday 8th Sep, and then around 550 planted yesterday (10 Sep) in the new area.
- Graeme expressed his thanks to Rodney for the quick work getting the area fenced off (by range Matt Rose).
- Discussion on possible summer watering options - Rodney suggested investigating access to the stock water already in the paddock, and if not, then perhaps a large tank could be situated above the area (near the school?) which could also be available for fire brigade purposes.
- Graeme suggested that we wait till Pete gets back, and that irrigation pipes could be recycled from Morgan's and Sam's Gullies.
- Consideration to any reduction of vegetation fuel load will occur over next 2 months in Sam's/Morgan's

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Track work and weed control:

- Conditions have been too wet recently for much of these.
- Graeme expressed his thanks for the work done repairing the track at Black Point which had slipped following heavy rain.

2. Forthcoming activities:

Planting (2024)

- Graeme explained that all proposals for possible planting areas, as well as types and numbers of plants should be forward to him before the end of September, so that they can be ordered.
- The committee discussed a few possible areas:
 - an extension of the School Gully area (at least to take in the School Track, and possibly a corridor of trees linking the new area with Marine Drive at the next bend).
 - Other parts of the Purau Bay Reserve – at the top and towards the boundary.
 - 2M Waipapa Ave – small section recently set aside by CCC – neighbours to have working bee, then planted. Graeme to ask for a mini plan from the residents group coordinator (Nancy Vance) of proposed works they are doing and plants required.
 - An extension of the View Shaft area of Stoddart Point.
 - Possibly more planting around Black Point – to be discussed when Tom returns.

Weed control:

- Some work needed on areas adjacent to the new School Gully reserve:
 - Bamboo was noted on the south-east corner. It may spread into planted area, now that grazing not occurring there.
 - There's also a macrocarpa hedge on the north east corner – possibly not in private ownership.
 - There is also an area bordering Marine Drive next to School Gully which could be tidied up by removing weed species.
- Weed control in others to be arranged when Pete returns.

Tracks:

- Gravel requirements to be assessed by Pete O and order placed with Rangers.
- Planning for any track spraying was discussed following Three complaints received by CCC asking if glyphosate was used. Confirmed it was not used by committee on high use tracks.
- Tom and Graeme were requested to update the schedule of volunteer folk responsible for the various track sections..
- Rodney updated re the retaining wall repairs on Black Point section,

3. Plans and budgets

- CCC land Outline Development Plan - The planning working group will continue discussion with ranger staff re the proposed area for the nurse shade house, possible community garden and removal of the over mature exotic trees
- Works to follow existing current management plan or a new draft landscape plan.
- The committee agreed to the revised DHRC's schedule of reserve areas basis for the associated 3-year work plan and budget prior to approval of the Board.

4. Any other business

- **Rangers Report.** Rodney provided a verbal update and input to issues covered.
- **Purau** the picnic tables on the Urupa are again being requested to be relocated to the eastern bank of the Purau Stream.

Meeting ended 8.50 pm.

Next meeting – Monday 13 November 2023, 7pm