
**SCENIC HILL USER GROUP
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON
MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5:28 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Jenny Ellis (Chair), Councillor Christine Stead, Rodney Savage (Community Representative) (ZOOM), Ronald Anson (Community Representative), Matthew Hockings (Community Representative), Sharon Careri (Community Representative), Helen Vowles (Community Representative), David Heffer (Community Representative), Denis Couch (Community Representative), Matthew Pasin (Community Representative), Sally Bamblett (Community Representative) (ZOOM), Julie Groat (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs, Corporate Property Officer, Amanda Vardanega and Minute Secretary, Joanne Bollen

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Not Applicable

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Not Applicable

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Amanda Vardanega entered the meeting, the time being 5:33pm.

CL01 TERMS OF REFERENCE

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet gave the Committee an overview of the Committee Terms of Reference.

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference and agreed that they will initially meet monthly, on the first Monday of each month.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Christine Stead and Denis Couch that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference with the relevant changes made including an amendment that the Scenic Hill User Group meet on a monthly basis.

CL02 COMMITTEE MEMBERS INDUCTION - MANDATORY

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, provided an overview of the Committee induction process which Committee members may access on Council's website. Committee members are required to read the Code of Conduct policy and procedures, Code of Meeting Practice policy, Statements to the Media Policy, Social Media Policy, Information Protection Principles, and Child Safe policy. Committee members are also required to complete the online volunteer form and policy acknowledgment form. Explanation was provided in relation to the requirement to declare any Conflicts of Interest Committee members may have in their consideration of Committee matters. Conflicts of Interest declaration forms can be completed electronically or hard copies submitted at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Ronald Anson and Matthew Pasin that the Committee members note the Committee Induction requirements and complete induction process outlined in this report.

CL03 AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee members introduced themselves and advised of their connection to Scenic Hill.

Representation on the Committee comprises of members of the Griffith Motorcycle Club, Griffith Feral Joggers, Griffith Riding for the Disabled, Griffith Pioneer Park Museum volunteer, local mountain bike riders and local residents who use Scenic Hill for recreational use.

The Committee brainstormed Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to Scenic Hill (attached below).

CL04 SCENIC HILL (ZONE 3) - NATURAL AREAS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee noted that the Griffith Feral Joggers were missed from the stakeholder list at the start of the Scenic Hill (Zone 3) – Natural Areas Plan of Management document.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 4WD and Motorcycle use on Scenic Hill

The question was raised if 4WD vehicles or motorcycles can be used on the fire trails on Scenic Hill.

Mr Stonestreet advised that the use of cars or other vehicles on Crown land is prohibited and requires a licence or authorisation from Crown Lands – NSW Government.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Scenic Hill User Group is to be held on Monday, 4 March 2024 at 5:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:02pm.

Attachment - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to Scenic Hill

Strengths

Flora and fauna

Peaceful

Views/lookout

Tracks

Accessible

Hermits Cave/Rock formations Asset to promote the City Tourism spot

Weaknesses

Rubbish

Weeds prickly pear/Noxious weeds

Signage

Vandalism

Fire risk

Vehicular access

Motorbikes

Walking track maintenance

Steel posts on walking tracks

Fire tracks - RFS

Wild goats

Old MTN9 building

Opportunities

Tourism

Soft landscaping

Maintained tracks

Community engagement

Family and community

involvement Grant funding

Emergency funding grant
for signage

Development of a community
and stakeholder plan

Threats

Apathy