

Shire of Lake Grace

Newdegate Swimming Pool Management Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday 14 May 2024

Meeting Commencing at 11:15 am

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Acknowledgement of Country to be read by the Chairperson

I wish to acknowledge the traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects.

I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



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SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE

Minutes of the Newdegate Swimming Pool Management Committee Meeting held at the Newdegate Community Library, Mitchell Street, Newdegate on Tuesday 14 May 2024.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

Subject to directions of the Minister and the Shire and subject to the Licence and of these Rules the objectives are;

- 1) *to advise on the management and control of the Facilities by the Parties according to the terms of the Agreement;*
- 2) *to develop community awareness of the potential of the Facilities;*
- 3) *to promote communication between the Minister, the Shire and users of the Facilities, including booking guidelines and procedures;*
- 4) *to make recommendations to the Shire and the Minister on:*
 - a) *the conditions of hire;*
 - b) *hire charges;*
 - c) *staffing and maintenance;*
 - d) *the settlement and disputes involving management procedures; and*
 - e) *the standard of the Facilities.*

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Acting Chairperson DCEO Chris Paget opened the meeting at 11:15 am.

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Judy Garlick	Principal	DoE Representative
Rochelle Walker		DoE Representative
Len Armstrong	President	Shire of Lake Grace
Roz Lloyd	Councillor	Shire of Lake Grace
Chris Paget	Deputy CEO/Acting Chair	Shire of Lake Grace

Apologies

Alan George	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Lake Grace
Jasmine Offer		DoE Representative

Observers/Visitors

Aimee Turnbull	CEDO	Shire of Lake Grace
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3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 NEWDEGATE SWIMMING POOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 23 NOVEMBER 2023

Recommendation/Resolution

Moved: Roz Lloyd
Seconded: Judy Garlick

That the minutes of the Newdegate Swimming Pool Management Committee Meeting on 23 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 5/0

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 NEWDEGATE SWIMMING POOL REPORT

Principal's Report:

Numerous emails from October last year to now between Brendon Gerrard (Principal Environmental Health Officer) and Lana Russell (Property Coordinator, Property and Leasing – Asset Planning and Services) and Emma Boulter Department of Education, Lorraine Daniels (Principal Project Officer, Capital Works and Maintenance), Peter Frantom (Asset Planning and Services) and Andrew Dooley (Senior Project Officer Department of Finance Esperance Office) with no solution to the required resurfacing of the pool.

Currently Sarah Bates (District Office Northam) is following up with Andrew Hodgkinson (Capital Works and Maintenance) and Ty Vandertogt (Principal Project Officer) Department of Education to find a solution.

All water results were up to standard but the surface is not smooth and impervious and therefore not up to Standard of Practice for Health, and needs to be resurfaced.

Peter Frantom is currently pursuing the electrical bonding completion and the resurfacing need as DoE is now fully aware now that the Health Department is involved.

The pool is available for all repairs until the end of October.

DoE is aware that the politicians are taking a keen interest in keeping our facilities operational, especially in smaller communities.

All the Shared Facility agreements are in the process of being re-written to conform to the new Health Guidelines. Royal Life is working alongside the DoE to ensure these pools/facilities conform to the rules of Group 1,2, or 3 Swimming Pools.

The Shire of Lake Grace organised and paid for removal of the two palms near the toilet block which were causing issues.

Newdegate Primary School P&C and Containers for Change funded the replacement shade cover for the toddler pool, installed by McMullens Blinds – Esperance.

John Heerey (Pure Water Pools) replaced components in the pump room as necessary. Solenoid replacements are currently being addressed by 4 Rivers Plumbing – Ravensthorpe through BMW (DoE) as the gardener is not permitted to modify or change electrical components.

Pool was closed at Easter.

5.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Continue to follow up with DoE representatives to complete the bonding and resurfacing projects asap; the replacement of artificial turf area will be on hold until necessary pool repairs are completed. As already noted by the Shire's Environmental Health Officer, there is a significant risk that the pool may have to be closed to the public health and safety issues that have been identified if this doesn't occur soon.

*President Cr. Len Armstrong, on behalf of the Shire, will contact our local Members of Parliament Peter Rundle MLA and Shelley Payne MLC immediately after this meeting to request they assist the Committee and Council in calling on the Department of Education and Minister responsible to move forward with the repairs and renovations necessary for the Newdegate Pool asap, as this matter has been dragging on far too long.

6.0 OTHER BUSINESS

General discussion around other issues with the facility:

- Would tiling be an alternative to painting and sealing (cost benefits over the long term)?
- Need for the new 'cool' style artificial turf as existing material gets extremely hot and uncomfortable during the pool season warm weather.
- Protective mesh covers for fluorescent lights in change rooms and exterior would be useful.
- Additional shading desired – sails or shelters.
- There may be some business or philanthropic grants that could be pursued to fund some of these works; CBH Grass Roots funding was provided previously.
- Investigate upgrade of the logging system to better track numbers of patrons coming through the gate – present setup only records the individual key user and not their accompanying family members or friends who come in with them.

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Newdegate Swimming Pool Management Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on 22-10-2024 at the Newdegate Community Library, Mitchell Street, Newdegate commencing at 9:00 am.

8.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Acting Chairperson closed the meeting at 11.38am.