ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

Name: Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee

Purpose: The purpose of this Committee is to:-

- Advise and assist Council on developmental proposals for Hanging Rock.
- Act as a forum for discussing any other proposals.
- Assist Council in compiling a current and relevant implementation plan using the Loder and Bayly Report as the base.

Membership: Consists of representatives of the:-

Hanging Rock Racing Club
Hanging Rock Tennis Club
Hesket Cricket Club
Friends of Hanging Rock
Macedon Ranges Conservation Society or a similar group
Department of Sustainability and Environment or similar department
Parks Victoria
Tourism Macedon Ranges
Macedon Range Branch of the National Trust
Council's Tourism & Economical Development Unit
Council's Recreation & Cultural Development Unit
Council Environmental Services Unit
Hanging Rock Ranger
Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors

Council Responsibilities: Council is the convenor of the Committee and is responsible for resourcing the meetings.

Reporting Mechanisms: Minutes of the Committee will be circulated to Councillors and specific issues/policies will be presented to Council.

Responsible Officer: Manager, Recreation & Cultural Development

May 2009

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 9.30AM AT HANGING ROCK HUT

1. PRESENT:
Cr. Donna Petrovich (Chair), Rod Clough, Anne Walsh, Guido Bigolin, Barbara Strange, Loy Jackson, Derek Shepherd, David Richardson, Lachlan Milne

2. APOLOGIES:, Frank Marson, Sophia Reynolds, Kevin Johnston, Mark O'Sullivan, Jodie Smith

(It was discussed that Jodie Smith no longer worked for DSE and that Anne would contact them to get a replacement to attend committee meeting and a reminder be sent to the Racing Club)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2004 were confirmed.

Moved: **Derek Shepherd**
Seconded: **Loy Jackson** **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1 New Entry System
The new entry system has been in place since the beginning of March. There have been a number of small glitches with the system but overall is running well. CHS the company which have installed the system have been very obliging and have been very quick to act on any issues that have arisen.

4.2 Events Update
The 2004/05 event season has now finished and overall was a successful season.

Races - Crowds were up at the New Years Day and March race meets and only slightly down on last year for the Australia Day meet.
Car Display – This was an extremely successful event this year with numbers well up on previous years. A number of issues were highlighted, with traffic management being the main, and discussions with the Car Club will take place well before next years event to hopefully stop the same issues recurring.
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Film Night – The crowd was down on last year due to the inclement weather and not falling on Valentines Day as it did the previous year. Although as always the people who did attend had an enjoyable night. The committee discussed and would like to see another film night held over the course of the year perhaps screening different classic film.
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ACTION: ROD

4.3 Koala Count Statistics

Anne advised that the Koala Count held on the 3rd December 2004 went well but only 5 koalas were sited on the day. Committee discussed the importance of the data collected from its count and that this data be forwarded to DSE to be included in the state wide data.

Lachlan Milne, Council's Environment Resource Officer, talked in length about the different types of funding available to local government to conserve koala habitat through such groups as the Koala Foundation. It was felt by the committee that the link between itself, the Macedon Ranges Conservation Society and the Conservation Advisory Committee needed to be stronger in respect the issue of koalas and that Lachlan was a key figure for this type of communication. It was also discussed that perhaps a letter be sent to the heads of department at the different Universities outlining the history of the Koala count, and asking them to perhaps consider Hanging Rock and the Macedon Ranges as a subject for Post Graduate studies into Koala habitat and survival.

The 2005 Koala Count date was set for Friday 21st October at 9.30am. Invitations are to be sent to DSE, Koala Foundation, Conservation Society and Advisory Committee, and to the universities. **ACTION: ANNE**

4.4 National Petanque Tournament 2006

The National Petanque Tournament is to be held at Hanging Rock over the Easter weekend in 2006. It is expected to attract approx 1000 people to the event. The Petanque Club are well underway with planning for this event. The Club are looking to develop the carpark behind the Café to use as Piste for the weekend.

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The two groups are looking to use Hanging Rock for this years events. The Regional event will be held on June 26 and the State event on July 31. The Regional event will attract approx 250-300 participants and the reserve would charge them a fee of $500 for the day. The State event will attract approx 1000 participant and the reserve would charge them a fee of $2,000 for the day. The committee were happy to support these fees set by management.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Entry Statistics

Entry Statistics were tabled.

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"That the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee support the machine entry fees to be maintained at the current level with a report to be brought back to the committee on the effectiveness of the new entry system in the next 12 months and fees to be reviewed in 12 months."

Moved: **Loy Jackson**
Seconded: **Barbara Strange** **CARRIED**

The committee would like to see the Annual Pass promoted to residents and the free entry coupon to be rehashed.

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Interpretive Walking Trails	Trails include summit, base circuit & creek walk. Trails to include interpretive and educational signage.	Awaiting result of funding application to DSE, although project will go ahead regardless	Underway
Portable Display	Develop a portable display which can be used at trade shows, Visitor Information Centres, etc	Complete. Display currently in Woodend VIC	Complete

5.3 Victorian Climbing Club

A letter from the Victorian Climbing Club has been received requesting permission to hold a Rock Climbing day at Hanging Rock. The committee discussed the issue that by allowing one group of climbers at the reserve it set a precedent which would see more climbers wanting to utilise the reserve. After this discussion and with full agreement of the committee the following motion was put forward:

"That the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee were unable to support any rock climbing activities at Hanging Rock Reserve at this time"

Moved: **Loy Jackson**
Seconded: **Barbara Strange** **CARRIED**

Rod to advise Victorian Climbing Club of the outcome of committee's decision.

ACTION: ROD

5.4 Internal Audit

An internal audit of Hanging Rock Revenue Operating Procedures is currently being conducted by Deliottes. The report should be complete within the few months.

5.5 Tennis Courts

Loy advised that the root barrier and drainage works had been completed at the Tennis Courts but have not stopped the cracking of the courts. Donna suggested that the Club investigate "Go For Your Life" funding. The Club should meet with Council's Recreation Development Officer to discuss and investigate the full extent of the damage.

5.6 Book Sales

Sales of the book were steady with only 5 hard cover editions left in stock. The Committee were advised if they were wanted to secure a copy that they should contact Anne as soon as possible. Book "200" which has been signed a number of the cast and crew was still available and Rod suggested that it be could be auctioned on e-bay. The committee were happy for this happen.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20 June 2005 at the Hanging Rock 'Hut' at 9.30am

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Moved: **Loy Jackson**
Seconded: **Barbara Strange** **CARRIED**

The committee would like to see the Annual Pass promoted to residents and the free entry coupon to be rehashed.

5.7 Management Plan

This matter is to be included as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

5.8 Tennis Courts

Loy raised that the Tennis Club have had the courts inspected and they require major work in the long term but need remedial work in the short term. The tennis club are applying for funding through the Community Funding Scheme.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday September 15 at 10.30am at the Hanging Rock 'Hut'

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2005 AT 10.30AM AT HANGING ROCK CAFE

1. PRESENT:
Rod Clough, Anne Walsh, Barbara Strange, Loy Jackson, Derek Shepherd, David Richardson, Lachlan Milne, Frank Marson, Sophia Reynolds, Mark O'Sullivan, Kellie Doering, Mick Hassett (2MH)

2. APOLOGIES: Cr. Donna Petrovich (Chair), Guido Bigolin, Kevin Johnston,

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2005 were confirmed. It was noted that Lachlan Milne was invited to come on the committee as a result of a request from Sophia Reynolds on behalf of the Macedon Ranges Conservation Society.

Moved: **Loy Jackson**
Seconded: **Derek Shepherd** **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1 Trail Works
Works are progressing on the three Interpretive Walking Trails including summit, base circuit & creek walk. A funding submission to DSE has been successful and Mick Hassett from 2MH has been working through the development of the pictorial and advisory signs to be installed along the three walks. Most of these directional signs would be installed onto wooden bollards intermittently along the walks. Where this poses a problem was up the Rock where it was not a simple task to install bollards. Bollards would need to installed on metal plates which would need to be bolted to the rock or drilled into the rock. Rod noted that he had had a concerned resident contact him in relation to small non permanent paint marks which had been placed on a small number of rocks to show the committee where it may prove difficult to install bollards. Rod advised the resident that these marks were a guide only to show where directional arrows may be glued onto the rocks, the resident felt that this was defacing the rock. Rod asked the committee what their feelings were towards gluing directional markers to the rock as opposed to installing bollards. After lengthy discussion with input from DSE & Parks Victoria on the safety aspects of installing poles/bollards and what has been used in other parks and reserves, the committee felt that installing bollards/poles would be more intrusive to the landscape than attaching the small signs to the rock and that the signs should be installed at a low level and blue arrows should be used. The committee voted unanimously on the following motion:

"That the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee would support the installation of small directional signs by way of gluing to the rocks providing it was done in a subtle way and in consultation with the committee, Department of Sustainability and Environment and Parks Victoria."

Moved: **Derek Shepherd**
Seconded: **Frank Marson** **CARRIED**

Work on the base circuit and creek walk and the beginning of the summit walk would continue whilst the consultation was being undertaken.

4.2 Recycling Stations
The prototype station had been installed for a number of months now and from that changes had been made to make the overall structure of each station small. The installation of the stations throughout the reserve was currently being undertaken.

4.3 Updating Contact Details

Committee members had been sent a form with the previous minutes to update their contact details. These had been returned and Anne thanked the committee members for the doing so and advised that where possible agendas and minutes would be forwarded to members via email.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Entry Statistics

Entry Statistics were tabled.
Coaches and minibus numbers were consistent with previous years and cars were up slightly on last year.

5.2 Entry System Update

The new entry system had been up and running for three months now and overall it is working well. There have been a small number of minor glitches which have been actioned immediately by CHS. The ongoing support given by CHS is fantastic and they are showcasing Hanging Rock's system to other users throughout Australia.

5.3 Freeway Signage

The issue of insufficient signage on the Calder Freeway has been an ongoing issue for a number of years now. Kylie Lethbridge, Council's Tourism Team Leader has been communicating with Tourism Vic in relation to getting some new signage on the Freeway. Tourism Vic are happy to support the proposal and will be meeting with Kylie, Rod and Vicroads in the near future to discuss. The most recent letter from Tourism Vic is available to committee members on request.

5.4 Multipurpose Building Proposal

A number of years ago the Committee moved to support the concept of developing a multipurpose building/precinct where the current racing club is located. The committee discussed this concept and moved the following motion:

> "That the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee support ,in principle, the concept of developing a multipurpose building/precinct at Hanging Rock Reserve and continued feasibility investigation of same"

Moved: **Derek Shepherd**
Seconded: **Loy Jackson** **CARRIED**

5.5 Path Works

It has been highlighted by Hanging Rock Rangers that the gravel path to the summit on the western side of the rock is starting to erode and needs some remedial works carried out to rectify. The rangers have investigated different types of materials that may work to reduce the erosion and would like to carry out a trial on a 15-20m stretch of the path but laying a steel mesh "grate" which over time with fill with material. Rod asked the committee if they were happy for the rangers to undertake a trial on this area. Committee were happy for trial works to be carried out.

Moved: **Derek Shepherd**
Seconded: **Loy Jackson** **CARRIED**

5.6 Internal Audit

The Internal Audit carried out by Deliottes has been completed and overall the auditors recommendations showed that Hanging Rock's cash handling systems are adequate with some minor changes to be carried out. The summary sheets from the audit are included.

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 9.30AM AT HANGING ROCK CAFE

1. PRESENT:
Rod Clough, Cr. Donna Petrovich (Chair), Anne Walsh, Derek Shepherd, David Richardson, Frank Marson, Sophia Reynolds, Kellie Doering, Cait Ashdown, Cr Henry Bleek, Guido Bigolin, Mike Rowland

2. APOLOGIES: Barbara Strange, Loy Jackson, Lachlan Milne, Mark O'Sullivan

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2005 were confirmed.

Moved: **Frank Marson**
Seconded: **Sophia Reynolds** **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1 Freeway Signage
Rod and Kylie Lethbridge, Council's Tourism Team Leader have meeting with VicRoads to discuss the new signs proposed for the Freeway. Tourism Vic are looking at changing the style of the signs and VicRoads were happy to support the idea of a prototype sign being erected for Hanging Rock with the cost to be met by Hanging Rock and Tourism Vic. It is envisaged that this sign will be erected before Christmas this year. Donna commented that the commitment of the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee on this matter had been fantastic on this issue and it was great to finally get a positive result.

4.2 Management Plan
The current Management Plan, which was complied by Loader and Bailey in 1993, in now twelve years old and at a previous meeting it was brought up by Derek that he felt the committee should look at perhaps reviewing or updating this plan. Discussion on this matter was deferred until today's meeting. The committee members present today felt that it was a viable project which should be looked at in detail as should incorporate an executive summary, marketing plan, etc. Rod would speak to the Executive group from Council to discuss whether it would agree to a proposed budget of up to $10,000 to engage a consultant to update the plan. It was felt that before putting out to tender for a consultant to undertake the update that the committee should meet to discuss in detail and come up with a brief for what would be required. It was proposed that a "Brainstorming Day" be held on Tuesday 11th October 2005 at the Kyneton Racecourse to work through and put together the brief. Anne will advise members as soon as this date and venue are confirmed. Attached to these minutes is a full copy of the Management Plan for members to read through and make notes on prior to the "Brainstorming Day".
ACTION: **ROD/ANNE**

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Entry Statistics
Entry Statistics were tabled.
Car numbers are up on this time last year. It is hoped that the 2005/06 event season is as successful as the 2004/05 season.

5.2 Works Update

HANGING ROCK – 2005/06 WORKS PROJECTS UPDATE as at 8 September 2005			
PROPOSED WORKS	**DESCRIPTION**	**PROGRESS**	**STATUS**
Entry System	Installation of a new automated entry system including receipting and easy to use cash machine - no 'tokens' required.	Installation complete with system up and running	Complete
Tree Stump Carving	Tree stump to be carved by artist Tim Jones. Subject to final design approval and approval of funding.	Karen Martin still trying to secure funding for this project	On Hold
Recycling Stations	Installation of fixed recycling/garbage stations throughout Reserve. c.	Funding submission through Eco recycle Victoria was successful and works have commenced on installation of stations.	Underway
Interpretive Walking Trails	Trails include summit, base circuit & creek walk. Trails to include interpretive and educational signage.	Trails set and works commenced on installing bollards and signs	Underway
Path Works	Ranger to undertake remedial works on a 15-20m stretch of gravel path on the west of the rock to try and reduce erosion of path.	Quotes sort for materials.	Underway

5.3 Farm Stay

Rod outlined the history of Farm Stay families bringing overseas students to Hanging Rock Reserve and the concerns that have been raised in the past in relation to entry fees. In 2002 it was decided that the families were entitled to a 10% discount in line with the discount offered to other tourism operators. Since 2002 the number of students and families visiting Hanging Rock have decreased. The committee discussed this issue and felt that the Farm Stay families should pay entry but their circumstances differed from that of other tourism operators as they did not have the students staying with them to derive an income. The committee felt there should be a "Farm Stay" pass which could be issued to the families involved. The fee should be higher than that of the annual pass and that there should be conditions specific to this pass. The fee proposed was $59.50.

Moved: **Derek Shepherd**
Seconded: **Mike Rowland** **CARRIED**

5.4 Multi Purpose Building

Mike discussed that Racing Club were in the process of developing a business plan for the Multi Purpose building and that the Club's vision for the building was that it could be utilised by all sorts of users and not just the Racing Club.

6. NEXT MEETING:

"BRAINSTORMING DAY" Tuesday 11 October 2005 at 9.00am at the Kyneton Race Course

"KOALA COUNT" Friday 21 October 2005 at 9.30am at Hanging Rock Reserve.

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY 22 MAY 2006 AT 10.30AM AT HANGING ROCK CAFE

1. **PRESENT:**
Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Cr. Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Anne Walsh - MRSC, Derek Shepherd - SAGE, David Richardson - MRSC, Frank Marson – National Trust, Sophia Reynolds – Conservation Society, Kellie Doering – DSE, Kevin Johnston - HRRC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Barbara Strange – Friends of H/Rock, Maree Mamara – Friends of H/Rock,

2. **APOLOGIES:** Loy Jackson – Tennis Club, Lachlan Milne - MRSC, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria, Mike Rowland - HRRC

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2005 were confirmed.

Moved: **Sophia Reynolds**
Seconded: **Frank Marsen** **CARRIED**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

4.1 Event Season Update
The 2005/06 summer event season was successful. The weather affected the numbers for the race meetings with rain on New Years Day and Labour Day and extreme heat forecast for Australia Day. The day before Harvest Picnic was very wet which kept numbers down. The film night attracted a larger crowd than last year. The Car Club event was a great success with numbers well up on last year. The Camp Out attracted fewer numbers than last year but everyone who attended had a great night.

Braemar College held a school event at the Reserve in February and they are now looking at holding an annual picnic night.

Common Ground was held at the Reserve to coincide with the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games. The ceremony was screened on a large screen in the race club area and there were family activities held through out the evening. The event attracted approx 3,500 people and was a great success.

4.2 Planning Update
Following on from the "Brainstorming Day" held in October 2005, Rod tabled a hand out of information collated from that day. The committee discussed the best way about moving this process forward. It was felt that it may be beneficial for committee members to put forward their ideas on their specific area of expertise. It was felt that committee should met again to break down into smaller groups. The date of this meeting to be advised. Rod advised that there has been an allocation of $5,000 in next years budget towards Strategic Planning such as this.

4.3 Business Plan Update
See 4.2 above

4.4 New Committee Members
Barbara had advised the committee prior to this meeting that she would be standing down as the Friends of Hanging Rock representative of this committee. She attended today to introduce the new representative to the committee. Marie Marmara attended on behalf of her husband Paul who is the new secretary for the Friends group and as Paul works in Melbourne Marie would be attending the meetings.

The Committee would like to welcome Marie and Paul and would like to thank Barbara for her contribution to the committee over the years she has serviced. She will be greatly missed and the Committee would like to wish her all the best.

4.5 Meeting Schedule

The committee is to meet on a quarterly basis as of this meeting.

4.6 National Petanque Tournament 2006

The National Petanque Tournament was held at the Reserve over Easter this year. The Petanque club put in months of work leading up to the event which paid off as the event when off without a problem. The Petanque club carried out a large amount of work on the carpark behind the café which was used at the "Show" Piste over Easter and will now be the clubs main practice area. There were 300 competitors from all over Australia at the event and the feedback from the club has been very positive.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Entry Statistics

Entry Statistics were tabled.
Car numbers are up on this time last year.

5.2 Works Update

Rod tabled an updated works list which was discussed in detail by the committee. One specific item was the issue of the Race Club put up fencing and gates to provide protection from kangaroos to horse and jockeys on race days.

The Committee were happy to approve the erection of black mesh fencing as proposed by the Racing Club, with the exception of the carole area to the south of the race track, providing the height of the fencing and gates was at least 2 metres and gate openings were wide enough to allow kangaroos to pass through won non race days.

Moved: **Derek Sheppard**
Seconded: **Frank Marsen** **CARRIED**

5.3 Australian Koala Foundation

Rod tabled a letter from the Australian Koala Foundation who are offered to develop a Koala Habitat Atlas covering Hanging Rock Reserve. This is following on from Rolf ___ from the AKF addressing the committee at the last years Koala Count. The normal cost of putting together this Atlas would be $10,000 but the AKF is prepared to undertake this project at a cost of $4,000.

The committee discussed the matter in detail and are happy to support the project in principle but would like AKF to supply further information relating to outcomes from the project before the development of the Atlas commences.

Moved: **Kellie Doering**
Seconded: **Frank Marsen** **CARRIED**

ACTION: Rod to follow up further information with AKF

6. NEXT MEETING:

July 2006 (FINAL DATE TO BE ADVISED)

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FRIDAY 25 AUGUST AT 10.30AM AT HANGING ROCK HUT

1. PRESENT:
Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Derek Shepherd - SAGE, David Richardson - MRSC, Sophia Reynolds – Conservation Society, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria

2. APOLOGIES: Cr. Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC Loy Jackson – Tennis Club, Mike Rowland – HRRC, Frank Marson – National Trust, Kellie Doering – DSE, Kevin Johnston - HRRC, Kylie Lethbridge - MRSC

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2006 were confirmed.

Moved: **Sophia Reynolds**
Seconded: **Guido Bigolin** **CARRIED**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 Koala Atlas
The report for the Australian Koala Atlas in relation to developing a Koala Atlas for Hanging Rock was tabled.
The following benefits would come from this project:

- Information on Koala habitat at and around Hanging Rock and where it can be improved
- Hanging Rock would become an example for all of Macedon Ranges
- Opportunity to promote Hanging Rock as an environmentally and koala friendly reserve
- Development of partnership with Australian Koala Foundation.

The committee discussed the proposal and were happy for work to begin on this project. Some of the actions required may include:

- Photo of project launch with Cr McGregor, Cr Gyorffy, Rolf from AKF and Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee.
- Koala Friendly Zone – Display in Discovery Centre and/or Interpretive Sign
- Koala Friendly Zone – Sign at Reserve Entrance incorporating AKF as a partner.

4.2 Master Plan – Sub Committees
Rod gave the Committee an overview of the initial process for reviewing the master plan and discussed the best way about moving this process forward. It was felt that two Sub committees should be formed under the following headings: Marketing & Development and Landscape and Environment. Committee members were then invited to express their interest in either of the sub committees. It was felt that the most benefit would come from Committee members sitting on the sub committee that reflected their specific area of expertise. Committee member present then expressed their interest and the sub committees were then formed as follows:

Marketing & Development	Landscape & Environment
Derek	Lachlan
Kylie	Guido
David	Marie
Anne	Sophia
Rod	Anne
Guido	Rod

Each Sub committee is to now meet before the next meeting to review and develop more detailed directions and objectives with some priority projects. It was felt that the planning

did not need to be a lengthy document. Each sub-committee is to consider the overall vision for Hanging Rock as previously developed and consider also the need for balance.

ACTION : ANNE TO ARRANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

4.3 Reserve Works Update

Refer to attached sheet for works update.

4.4 User Works

Race Club Projects – The race are proposing to undertake a number of projects to improve their facilities which in turn will be beneficial to the Reserve as a whole.
The major project they are currently planning for is the construction of an ambulance track on the inside of the existing track. The Race Club will need to apply for a planning permit to carry out these works. Lachlan expressed his concern that although he was aware of the project, as the Environmental Officer he had not yet been contacted to discuss the environmental issues surrounding the project and the preparations that need to be taken to ensure that the grasslands were adequately protected throughout the project.
The second project the Race Club are looking at is to demolish a number of existing buildings on the western border of their leased area and to refurbish the existing toilet blocks and power facilities. This will open up the public area to the reserve and create a visual flow through. This project will also require a planning permit and although the Race Club are keen to get these works completed before their upcoming season it may not happen until after this time.

Petanque Lights – The Petanque Club are wishing to install lighting on the car park behind the café, near the main toilet block, which they currently use as they main piste, to allow them to be able to train/play later throughout the winter months. The lighting would be car park standard only and would be able to be utilised by the Reserve for events such as the Camp Out. The Petanque Club are still investigating lighting requirements, costs and permits but are keen to move on with the project.

The Committee were in agreement with the proposal provided that the spill from the lights was directed down so as to limit the disturbance to wild life.

4.5 Five Mile Creek Works

Lachlan has been contacted by the Newham Landcare Group who are keen to carry out rejuvenation works along the Five Mile Creek between Coach Road and the Reserve and perhaps develop as a walking trail and would like to know what the Committee felt about this. Major works would be required including removing willows and weeds. The creek is bounded by private land and it would require comprehensive public consultation before any works would be considered. Whilst the committee felt this was a good project it also felt that it would be a major project that would be best left for now and could be looked at closer when further planning for the Woodend to Hanging Rock bike trail was undertaken. It was felt that unless this route was the preferred one it may cause unnecessary distress to land owner if the project was floated and then nothing was to come of it. Lachlan then suggested that he would contact the Landcare group and see if they were interested in carrying out similar works along the creek within the Reserve. The committee were happy to support this.

4.6 Council Advisory Committee Reports

Council are currently looking at better ways to have Advisory Committees report back to them and to ensure that the Committees are better aligned with the Council Plan. Rod and the Councillors on the committee would be required to undertake this reporting.
Rod asked the committee to confirm what group they were representing. The only changes were that Sophia Reynolds was now representing the Friends of Hanging Rock as the Macedon Ranges Conservation Society no longer exists and Derek Sheppard was no longer a member of the SAGE group but was still a member of the Daylesford and Macedon Ranges Tourism Board and Macedon Ranges Tourism. Kellie Doering was no longer representing DSE as she has taken another position but Graeme Oxlade and Kelly Marchingo would now be the DSE representatives.

4.7 Entry Statistics.

Entry Statistics were tabled.
Car numbers are up on this time last year.

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 Friends of Hanging Rock

The Friends have been successful in obtaining a $500 grant from Council which they will use to increase their membership. The committee discussed that the Friends needed to ensure that they were an incorporated group and Lachlan advised that they were able to gain public liability insurance through Victorian Farmers Federation. Marie will liaise with Lachlan to ensure this takes place.

ACTION : MARIE AND LACHLAN

Rod advised the Reserve was happy to support the Friends where possible. Marie advised they had not heard back from Cr McGregor in terms of her offer to pay for a sandwich board for the group to use when working throughout the reserve. Anne will follow up. The group were also keen to ensure that an appropriate permit had been sort from DSE to display items in the glass display case in the Discovery Centre. Anne advised that permission had been granted by Kellie Doering when the case was installed but would follow up to ensure this was still valid and would display near case.

ACTION: ANNE

5.2 Fire Management Plan

Council, DSE, CFA & Parks Victoria are currently working on developing a Fire Management Plan for the Reserve.

5.3 Snakes

It was noted that with the development of signed walking trails throughout the park it may be prudent to advise visitors that snakes may be seen. It was felt that a sign near the discovery centre and a small paragraph on the reserve brochure would be sufficient. Mark advised that such signs can be seen in some national parks in particular the Grampians

ACTION: ANNE TO FOLLOW UP

5.4 Little Athletics Carnival

Victorian Little Athletics held their annual State Cross Country Championships on Sunday 30th July. The event was a great success and the Association sent a letter of thanks and some images of "Snowy" entertaining the children on the day.

5.5 Koala Count

The date for this years Koala Count has been set for 9.30am Friday 8 December 2006. Local schools will be invited to attend as well as the general public.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Cr Gyorffy is one of the two Councillors on this Committee and as discussed at previous meetings he works in Melbourne but is keen to attend meetings and has requested a twilight meeting. The committee members at this meeting felt this would be possible during the daylight savings period and the date was set for **Thursday 16th November at 7pm**. The committee are invited to come to the reserve at 6pm and enjoy a game of petanque before the meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 6.30PM AT HANGING ROCK CAFE

1. PRESENT:
Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Derek, David Richardson - MRSC, Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC Mike Rowland – HRRC Kevin Johnston – HRRC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE

2. APOLOGIES: Cr Loy Jackson – Tennis Club, Frank Marson – National Trust, Kylie Lethbridge – MRSC, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2006 were confirmed.

Moved: **Cr Sandra McGregor**
Seconded: **Mike Rowland** **CARRIED**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 Koala Count / Atlas
The annual Koala Count is being held on Friday 8 December at 9.30am. All committee members are welcome to attend.
Rolf Schlagloth from the Australian Koala Atlas will be in attendance to help with the count and to answer questions over lunch.

4.2 Summer Events Season
Planning is currently underway for the upcoming Event Season. The issue of water may have an affect on the events. Mike advised that whilst the New Year Days races will be going ahead, a decision would be made after this event as to whether Australia Day and Labour Day Races would be held as the track was already showing signs of hardness and if no rain comes it will be too hard to race on.
David advised that the Worlds Longest Lunch was making a return to Hanging Rock Reserve in March 2007 after a two year absence.

4.3 Reserve Works Update
Refer to attached sheet for works update.

4.4 User Works
Race Club Projects –
Ambulance Track – Planning was underway for this project which will involved the construction of an ambulance track on the inside of the existing track. It was discussed that during the project it may be an opportune time to expand the dam whilst the machine was onsite and the level of water was so low.
Building Upgrades – The Race Club have received significant funding and are looking to demolish a number of existing buildings on the western border of their leased area and to refurbish the existing toilet blocks and power facilities.

4.5 Entry Statistics
Entry Statistics were tabled.
The visitor numbers were comparative to this time last year.

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 Development Plan

The draft Strategic Direction & Development Plan was tabled for the Committee to comment on. The committee worked through the development plan list and were happy that the table captured what was discussed in the sub committee meetings. A number of small changes to the wording were made. A comprehensive discussion followed in terms of 'buzz' terms which could be used that may be beneficial when looking to seek funding from external sources. Paul was happy to let Rod know when he came across these terms and advised he was happy to assist where possible with the Environmental Sustainable Development ie: water sustainability plan as this was his field of expertise. Graeme was looking for information from DSE that may be of assistance for this and would pass it on once he received it.
It was also discussed that the Multi Purpose Building be described as a Low Impact Venue when being referred to.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Rod thanked everyone for attending the meeting and felt that is was a very productive meeting.
It was felt that the twilight meeting worked well and that future meetings, during the warmer months of the year but held at this time.

The next meeting time is set for **Thursday 22nd March 2007 at 6pm.** A light dinner would be provided.

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2007 AT 6.30PM AT HANGING ROCK CAFE

1. PRESENT:
Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC, Mike Rowland – HRRC, Kevin Johnston – HRRC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE

2. APOLOGIES: Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Loy Jackson – Tennis Club, Frank Marson – National Trust, Kylie Lethbridge – MRSC, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2006 were confirmed.

Moved: **Cr Sandra McGregor**
Seconded: **Mike Rowland** **CARRIED**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 Summer Events Wrap Up / Entry Statistics
The 2006/07 Events season has now ended with all events receiving good patronage. Unfortunately due to drought conditions the Australia Day race meet was moved to Kyneton and the Labour Day meet was cancelled. Losing these two events has come at a cost to the reserve but was beyond anyone's control.
Reserve attendances were tabled. Numbers for February were down on last year but this may have been due to the extreme heat during the month.

4.2 Environment Sustainability Plan
Paul Marmara works for the consulting firm Hyder Consulting and Paul was happy to report that Hyder would be happy to prepare an Environment Sustainability Plan which will include looking at existing and future opportunities and will also look at estimated budgets. Hyder will do this at no charge to the reserve. Paul will be organising for Hyder staff to visit the reserve to start these works within the next few weeks.
Graham advised that he had followed up information through DSE and he advised that if DSE wanted to undertake this type of report they would engage an independent contractor such as Hyder Consulting.

ACTION: Anne to liaise with Paul about major event water usage.

4.3 Fees
Rod discussed the trends of transfers to reserves going down and expenditure going up over the past seven years and tabled a report showing graphs on these trends.
Committee had a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of increasing the car entry fee from $8 to $10. A number of committee members felt that the fee should be increased and that even at $10 is still very affordable. After further discussion the committee agreed that if the fee was to be increased that it would be beneficial to advertise what type of activities are available at the Reserve, this could be done through a "What to Do at the Rock" brochure and newspaper editorial, press releases and adverts.
The Committee the moved a that "The Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee propose that Council consider in the 2007/08 budget process that fee for car entry to Hanging Rock Reserve be increased from $8 to $10"
Moved: **Mike Rowland**
Seconded: **Graham Oxlade** **CARRIED**

4.4 User Works

Petanque Lights – currently in the planning permit process. Rod advised that the planning department have been advised to ensure that the permit states that any lights were properly baffled to stop light spilling from the carpark area.

Race Club Projects –
Dam Works / Ambulance Track – The race club are proposing to carry out works on the dam to clean out and enlarge the dam to increase the water storage capacity and hopefully ensure they will not have to move another race meet for another 100 years. The committee felt that these works would be beneficial as they would not only increase water storage but would reduce the Karbungi weed, decrease water loss through evaporation and reduce the amount of pumping from Five Mile Creek. The fill removed form the dam would be placed/shaped on the dam wall to create a more natural look and be planted out with native grasses

From a safety aspect it would ensure a larger water supply in the event of a fire. Kevin advised that drought proofing tracks was high on the racing industry's agenda. The race club is currently in negotiations with the VRC to use the funding they already have for the Ambulance track works to carry out these works. This would mean a delay the ambulance track works but if the Club goes back to two meets per year this will not be as high a priority.

DSE and Murray Goulburn Water are happy for the project to proceed.

The Committee endorsed the proposal.

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 2007/08 Projects

A number of projects have been recognised as being High Priority projects for the 2007/08 financial year. These are ongoing projects such as planning for the Multi Purpose Building, Environment Sustainability Plan and User Works. Rather than putting any new projects up to Council's Capital Works Budget work should continue on these projects to keep them moving forward.

6. DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

A number of minor changes have been made to the draft Strategic Direction & Development Plan and were tabled. The plan will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS :

Friends of Hanging Rock have two big events coming up over the next few months. Family Planting Day on 6th May and National Tree Day in July. A number of committee members asked to be advised of this dates when they came up. Committee members were asked if they wanted to go on the Friends mailing list.

ACTION: Anne to provide Paul with Committee Members email addresses.

6. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting time is set for **Thursday 7th June 2007 at 6pm** in The Hut at Hanging Rock . A light dinner will be provided.

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2007 AT 6.30PM AT "THE HUT" HANGING ROCK CAFE

1. PRESENT:

Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Mike Rowland – HRRC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE, Trudy Shepherd – MRSC, Derek Shepherd - MRT

Committee would like to welcome Derek Shepherd back to its meetings after a 12 month break.

2. APOLOGIES: Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC, Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Frank Marson – National Trust, Kylie Lethbridge – MRSC, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2007 were confirmed.

Moved: **Mike Rowland**
Seconded: **Paul Marmara** **CARRIED**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 Environmental Sustainability Plan

Paul Marmara presented to the committee the Environmental Sustainability Plan which he and a number of his colleagues from Hyder Consulting have researched and prepared at no cost to the Reserve.

The report covers a number of topics relating to the Reserve such as water saving ideas - present and future, energy efficient products and ideas and funding opportunities for environmental sustainable works. The report also covers the estimated costings for some of these works. Please find a copy of the report attached to these minutes for you perusal.

It was noted that one issue the report did pick up was that a number of taps throughout the reserve did not have signage advised that the taps were dam water only and not fit for human consumption. As this is only a matter of getting signs ordered and installed it was felt it should be carried out asap.

ACTION: Anne to order signs and Guido to install asap.

The committee moved that "Paul Marmara and his colleagues from Hyder Consutling be formally thanked for their generosity volunteering their time in researching and putting together the Environmental Sustainability Plan"

Moved: **Mike Rowland**
Seconded: **Cr Sandra McGregor** **CARRIED**

4.2 Fees Update

Council approved through its normal budget process to increase the car fee at Hanging Rock from $8 to $10. This change has been implemented at the Reserve with the Machines being changed and signage updated. The committee discussed this and felt that the changes should be advertised through the Council News Column and/or a media release. The advertising should focus on how residents can apply for an annual pass and that they are entitled to one free entry each year using the coupon from the Council update and also that residents can get fee entry if they have a meal at the Café.

ACTION: Rod & Anne to arrange media release and advertise asap.

4.3 Reserve Works Update.

Interpretive Walking Trails
Brochure Development - The brochure has been put on hold at present pending working with the Tourism department on improving the current brochure to make it more comprehensive and include indigenous heritage.
Interpretive Signs – This will be a process that will evolve as the budget allows. The committee felt that the signs should include information about the indigenous heritage such as indigenous food ie: chocolate lilies.
Graeme advised he would talk to DSE and Parks Victoria to find out if they have any information which may be of assistance in development of both the brochure and signs.

Freeway Signage – The signs were installed on the Calder Freeway earlier in the year.

Path Works – Graeme advised that he has now had confirmation that DSE will be able to apply for funding for this project. Graeme will able submitting this application next week. Graeme will advise committee once he is advised if the submission is successful or not.

Multi Purpose Venue – It has been proposed that a steering committee be set up to drive this project. The aim of the steering committee would be to approach and seek support for the project from stakeholders and to then follow up and apply for funding when appropriate.

The Committee sanctioned the formation of the steering sub-committee under the auspice of the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee.

The Sub-committee is to consist of:

Derek Shepherd	-	Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Kylie Lethbridge	-	Tourism Officer - MRSC
Mike Rowland	-	Hanging Rock Race Club
Chinka Steel	-	Victorian Racing Industry / Petanque Club
Paul Marmara	-	Friends of Hanging Rock
Maree Marmara	-	Friends of Hanging Rock
Cr Sandra McGregor	-	Councillor / HRDAC
Rod Clough	-	MRSC
Anne Walsh	-	MRSC

Moved: **Mike Rowland**
Seconded: **Maree Marmara** **CARRIED**

Koala Atlas – Australia Koala Foundation officers have undertaken onsite site inspections and are currently in the process of producing the maps which will form part of the Koala Atlas.

Fuel Reduction Burn – A fuel reduction burn was carried out in April this year. For the first time the responsibility for this burn was given to Council's Fire Prevention Officer. The burn was undertaken and unfortunately the intensity of the burn caused some damage to a number of large trees and some had to be cut down due to safety reasons.

The outcome has been that a debrief was held after the burn and plans have now been put in place that future burns will not take place until all the appropriate actions have been undertaken to ensure that the impact is minimal and managed.

The Committee supported the need for more care in the future.

4.4 User Works

Petanque Club – The Petanque Club have expressed an interest in building a shelter area near the main toilet block. This shelter would also include a small storage area at one end for the Club to store their equipment in. The committee discussed the concept and advised that any structure should be in keeping with the other buildings in the area ie: toilet block and the heritage toilet block. Any permits required would be the responsibility of the Club to get and any construction including earthworks should not be undertaken until all appropriate permits and contractor inductions are undertaken.

The committee moved that they were happy to provide 'In Principle' support for the development of a new shelter area by the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club"
Moved: **Mike Rowland**
Seconded: **Graeme Oxlade** **CARRIED**

Race Club Projects –

Ambulance Track – These works have been put on hold by the race club at present

Dam Works – Works to clean out the silt from the dam floor were undertaken in May this year. These works were scheduled for earlier in the year but the Race Club were advised that they would need a planning permit. The permit was applied for by the Club and after a number of months they were advised that they, in fact, did not require the permit. This meant that the works needed to be done asap before it started to rain, as once it became wet the opportunity to do these works would be lost and conditions may not be suitable again for a number of years.
The Race Club engaged a contractor and within two days of starting the works it began to rain which meant that the fill which was meant to be placed on the dam wall was not able to be moved as the machinery was becoming bogged and it was felt that it would cause too much damage to the area.
Unfortunately the contractor commenced the preparations to place the fill on the grasslands area but was stopped within a few hours before any fill could be placed. As a result there has been soil disturbance on the grasslands and a process has commenced for the racing club to undertake remediation works.
The committee expressed its concerns and encouraged better supervision and induction of contractors in the future.

5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The plan is currently being updated in-house. The Plan will be tabled for the committee to comment on as changes are made.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS :

Entry Statistics - Entry Statistics were tabled.
The cars numbers are slightly up on this time last year.

Labour Day – Race Club advised that the Labour Day race meet is no longer on their calendar of events. This was an industry decision.

Loy Jackson – The committee was advised on Loy's passing. The committee moved that a letter be sent to Brian (Loy's husband) giving thanks for Loy's involvement on the committee.
Moved: **Trudy Shepherd**
Seconded: **Cr Sandra McGregor** **CARRIED**

ACTION: Rod draft letter and send on behalf of Committee.

Wildlife Signs –Maree advised she had noticed a number of kangaroos on South Rock Road outside the reserve which had been hit by cars and asked that the Committee request VicRoads to install wildlife signs on the road.

ACTION: Rod & Anne to contact VicRoads with request.

Cricket Club – Rod advised that he and Anne had met with the Cricket Club and advised committee members that the Club were doing a lot of work to their Clubrooms.

Friends of Hanging Rock – The FOHR are holding a Bird Walk on Sunday 16th September 2007 at 9am at the Reserve. Committee members are welcome to attend.

6. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the annual **Koala Count**.
This will be held on **Friday 16th November at 9.30am** at the Reserve

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 12.30PM AT HANGING ROCK CAFE

1. PRESENT:

Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE, Trudy Shepherd – MRSC, Derek Shepherd – MRT, Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Ian Mason – MRSC

2. APOLOGIES:

Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC, Frank Marson – National Trust, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria, Mike Rowland – HRRC,

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 August 2007 were confirmed.

Moved: **Cr Sandra McGregor**
Seconded: **Graeme Oxlade** **CARRIED**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 Koala Count / Koala Atlas

Thanks to everyone for attending the Koala Count this morning. Unfortunately only one koala was found.

Rolf Schlagloth updated the Committee on the mapping process undertaken by the Australia Koala Foundation for the Hanging Rock Koala Atlas. The AKF are a long way through the process and the plans are very comprehensive. Once complete the Atlas should be presented to Council briefing. It was felt that it would be Rolf should be in attendance on that day and explain the Atlas to Council. Rod will organise for a Council briefing early in the new year.

ACTION: Rod to arrange Council Briefing.

4.2 Multi Purpose Venue Update

The next step in this project is to seek funding to develop a full feasibility study for the MPV. Tourism Victoria visited the reserve week to look at the proposal and advised that any potential funding source would want to see a feasibility study before committed to anything. Funds for the study to match grant funds are to be referred to the 2008/09 budget.

ACTION: Rod to arrange.

4.3 Hanging Rock Brand

Rod tabled the new logo and the branding pyramid which has been developed by Council's Tourism department as part of the ATDP funding. The new brand has been reflected in the current event brochure and works are currently underway to develop a new information brochure for the reserve in the same style. Ian also outlined how the balance of the money was to be sent, ie: reserve signage and promotion and improving the area outside the café. The committee were unanimous that the new brand reflected what they wanted the Reserve to represent.

4.4 Path Works

DSE's Risk Manager and trails officer recently visited the reserve with Graeme to inspect the path on the west side of the Rock. Graeme reported back to the committee that the risk manager was very impressed with what had already been done at the reserve and was happy to provide some form of funding towards improving the path. Also that DSE officers with expertise in trail development were happy to assist in the design and development of the path. It is hoped that these works will progress in early 2008

5. GENERAL BUSINESS :

2007/08 Event Season - Planning is currently underway for the upcoming event season. It is hoped that the season is better than last year. The dam works and heavy rains after these works have ensured that the dam is full and there will be plenty of water to ensure the racetrack is safe for racing, although Country Racing Victoria has decided not to run the Labour Day Race meet any more.

Petanque Shelter – An application has been submitted to Sport and Recreation Victoria to get funding to develop a new shelter incorporating Petanque storage. The shelter would be sited at the southern end of the carpark near the main toilet block. Funding announcement should be made in March 2008. The shelter will be able to be utilised by the general public and major events as well as providing a much need home and storage for Petanque.

New Fence on Racetrack – The Race course are about to replace the existing fence on the western side of the racetrack from the crossover all the way to the north end of the track with a 1.8 black powder coated mesh fence. The current fence has been identified by Country Racing Victoria as a major risk issue.

Land for Wildlife – Maree mentioned the Land for Wildlife process and wondered if it was something the committee were interested in pursuing. Attached to these minutes is information for committee members to peruse and feedback will be sought at the next meeting.

Discovery Centre Roof – Council's building maintenance officer has identified that the roof is in need of major restoration works. He is currently in the process of engaging a contractor to re-roof the whole centre.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 12 March at 4pm
Gisborne Shire Offices – Robertson Street, Gisborne

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.
Thank you for giving your time so generously throughout 2007.

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2008 AT 4PM AT GISBORNE SHIRE OFFICE

1. PRESENT:

Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Cr Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE, Lachlan Milne – MRSC

2. APOLOGIES:

Marie Marmara – Friends of H/RocK, Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC, Frank Marson – National Trust, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria, Derek Shepherd – MRT, Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Ian Mason – MRSC, Trudy Shepherd – MRSC, Anthony Quigley - HRRC

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2008 were confirmed.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 Koala Atlas Update

Rolf Schlagloth briefed the Council prior to today meetings on the mapping process undertaken by the Australia Koala Foundation for the Hanging Rock Koala Atlas.
Once the Atlas completed which should be in the next few months, there will be an official handover to the Council from the CEO of the AKF to the Mayor. Rod will include in the operational budget a separate line for works relating to the Koala atlas. The partnership between the Committee and AKF is good and should continue to develop.

ACTION: Rod to include line in budget.

4.2 Event Roundup

The event season is now drawing to a close with the Camp Out on Sat 29 March 2008. The events were successful with good numbers over all. Whilst participation was slightly on last years for New Years Day and Harvest Picnic the events were still enjoyed by all and the event organisers were very happy. Please see attached general entry statistics for final numbers.

4.3 MPV Update

The next step in this process is to source funding to develop a detailed feasibility study for the project. Rod is currently talking to Tourism Victoria to see if they are able to provide funding and an application will be submitted to Department of Victorian Communities for money also.

4.4 Hanging Rock Brand

Ian is currently working on updating reserve signage, with the signs at the entry to be the first step. New promotional and information brochures which incorporate the new logo are also being developed and should be available early April. The new event brochure was well received.

4.5 Path Works

Graeme was happy to report that he has managed to source funding of $50,000 through DSE towards the path works at the top of the Rock. The money will be used for the design and construction works of the path, also to design viewing area at the end of the path and replace the chain fencing near the stairs to ensure it meets safety regulations.

4.6 Land for Wildlife

Due to the small number of members at the meeting this matter will be deferred to our next meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS :

Petanque Shelter –Funding has not been announced as yet but we should know by the end of March 2008.

Conservation Issues – Lachlan raised the issue of preserving the longevity of the natural environment of the reserve through policies and procedures, including such things as a landscape plan for the East Paddock, development of guidelines for the grassland and including environmental initiatives in the budget. Discussion was held around this and it should be noted that the Committee understand the importance of the natural environment of the reserve and that any decisions made also take this into consideration. Lachlan advised he was happy to look at funding sources to develop things such as the landscape plan and he would look at developing draft guidelines for discussion.

ACTION: Lachlan to look at funding sources and draft guidelines.

Friends of Hanging Rock – Please find attached the Friends latest newsletter and their activities timetable for the next 12 months.

6. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 5 June at 6pm
"The Hut" - Hanging Rock Reserve

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MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2008 AT 6PM AT HANGING ROCK CAFÉ

1. PRESENT:

Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria, Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Anthony Quigley - HRRC

2. APOLOGIES:

Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC, Frank Marson – National Trust, Derek Shepherd – MRT, Kylie Lethbridge – MRSC, Trudy Shepherd – MRSC, Cr Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Jane Cooke - HRRC

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2008 were confirmed.

Moved: Guido Bigolin **Seconded:** Graeme Oxlade

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 Koala Atlas Update

Rolf Schlagloth from AKF has advised that the data analysis is finished, maps are complete and the final report for the Koala Atlas is well under way and will be completed and represented to Council before the next HRDAC meeting.

4.2 Multi Purpose Venue

This project has not progressed a great deal over the last few months. Kylie Lethbridge has returned from overseas and will be following up with Tourism Vic in relation to progressing the project. An application is being developed and will be submitted to Department of Victorian Communities for money to produce a feasibility study for the project.

4.3 Hanging Rock Marketing

New motivational and information brochures were tabled. Installation of new entrance signage is complete. New Café signage is being developed. A large mural showing the top of the Rock is to be installed on the lattice outside the café. A dedicated Hanging Rock Display unit has been installed in the Woodend VIC. All this has been possible through the ADTP grant the Tourism unit received last year.

4.4 Path Works

DSE have provided funding $50,000 towards the path works at the top of the Rock. The money will be used for the design and construction works of the path, also to design viewing area at the end of the path and replace the chain fencing near the stairs to ensure it meets safety regulations. Graeme provided a number of images of different path treatments he has seen lately.

4.5 DSE Risk Funding

Anne advised that a number of applications had been submitted to DSE through their Public Safety on Public Land funding program for various reserves throughout the Shire. One of which was to re-concrete the area outside the café near the ticket machines and the dining area adjacent at Hanging Rock. Graeme was happy to advise that this funding submission was successful and it is envisaged that the works will be carried out over the next few months.

In previous years Hanging Rock has been successful in gaining money through this funding source for things such as tree works, non slip treatment to the walkway on the discovery

centre and work on the speed hump at the front gate. It should be noted that these works may not have been possible without this funding source.

4.6 Shelter Works

Money has been allocated in Council's draft budget to construct another shelter in the Reserve. The site for this would be at the end of the carpark behind the Café. The Petanque Club will be contributing money to the project as they will be using it on the nights they play at the reserve and a small storage area will be incorporated for their use. This shelter will be the first fully accessible shelter in the reserve and has the ability to be used by a number of groups as well as major events. Permits are currently being sought for the project and it would be hoped construction may be complete before the event season depending on the permit approval.

4.7 Strategic Direction Update

Rod tabled the Draft of the Strategic Direction Document. In the process of developing this document a review of the priority actions from the 1993 Management Plan was undertaken and it was pleasing to see that the MP is fairly relevant today as it was in 1993 and we are still heading in the right direction.

The ideology behind the Strategic Direction is that the document be a guide for the future management and development of the reserve to ensure the delicate balance between environment / development / recreation is maintained.

It was felt that the document should include reference to the indigenous history of the Reserve.

Committee members are asked to peruse the document and provide feedback to Anne or Rod and the committee will reconvene again in 6-8 weeks to workshop further.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS :

Entry Statistics – Tabled and discussed.

Tourism Signage – Mark from Parks Victoria raised the issue of tourist signage on Mt Macedon for Hanging Rock. It was discussed and decided that Council and Parks Victoria should approach Vicroads together to see if it is possible to increase the signage. A meeting will be arranged between Rod, Kylie & Mark to discuss the approach.

ACTION: Rod to arrange meeting

Race Club Works – Anthony outlined the works the Club is award a tender for. They received funding from Racing Victoria to carry out maintenance works on the existing toilets, bar structures and retaining walls. It is hoped these works will be completed by November this year.

Friends of Hanging Rock - Planting day was a success with over 100 plants/trees planted. National Tree Day in July is the next event, Rod suggested Marie liaise with Lachlan and Anne to organise some advertising.

Wildlife Signs – Marie mentioned that nothing had been done about the Wildlife signs on South Road Rock. Anne will write to Vicroads again about this issue.

ACTION: Anne to write to Vicroads

6. NEXT MEETING: Strategic Direction Workshop

Please advise which of the following times suits you best. We will go with a time that suits the majority.

Monday 11t^{h} August at 2.30pm
Tuesday 19th August at 8.30am
Wednesday 27th August at 11.30am

File: 1/1005/300

MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMER 2008 AT HANGING ROCK RESERVE

1. PRESENT:

Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE, Derek Shepherd – MRT, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Trudy Shepherd – MRSC, Cr Sandra McGregor – MRSC, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Andrew Carcelli - MRSC

2. APOLOGIES:

Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Cr Tom Gyorffy – MRSC, Frank Marson – National Trust, Kylie Lethbridge – MRSC, Jane Cooke – HRRC, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria, Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Anthony Quigley - HRRC

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2008 were confirmed.

Moved: Anne Walsh **Seconded:** Graeme Oxlade

Follow up from last minutes:
Tourism Signage consideration between Parks Victoria, VicRoads, Tourism Unit and Hanging Rock to be arranged.

ACTION: Rod to arrange

4. UPDATE:

4.1 Multi Purpose Venue

Work is current underway on an application which will be submitted to Department of Victorian Communities for money to produce a feasibility study for the project.

4.2 Path Works

DSE have provided funding $50,000 towards the path works at the top of the Rock. The money will be used for the design and construction works of the path, also to design viewing area at the end of the path and replace the chain fencing near the stairs to ensure it meets safety regulations. Graeme provided a number of images of different path treatments he has seen lately.

4.3 DSE Risk Funding

Concreting works to the area outside the café near the ticket machines and the dining area have been completed and look fantastic. Tree works will be carried out over the next few months.

4.6 Shelter Works

The Petanque club are currently in the process of getting planning and building permits to undertake these works.

4.7 Path Works

Contractors will be engaged soon to progress these works.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS :

Water Analysis – Friends of Hanging Rock ran held a day at the Rock recently which saw Melbourne Water onsite and testing water samples. Two samples from the lagoon and the dam near the tennis court were tested and both showed that the water quality is very good.

Grassland Management Plan – Graeme advised the DSE have completed the Grassland Management Plan and he will pass on to Rod.

National Tree Day – 12 people attended this day at the Rock and 370 were planted. Marie asked the question how we managed Corporate Groups wanted to come up and plant trees. It was discussed and these groups should be encouraged to come up and plant trees.

Information Brochure – Trudy requested that the information brochure have the entry fees prices printed on it .

ACTION: Anne

6. STRATEGIC DIRECTION:

The committee worked through the current document to make sure they are happy that the document. .
Feedback/Actions:
Lachlan to see the environment content fleshed out more.
Consider including an implementation plan for actions arising from the Strategic Direction with the implementation plan developed through sub committees, which would be set up to utilise the skills and passions of people on the committee.

The committee agreed that the document, with the minor adjustments as discussed, be accepted as an evolving/working plan and be presented to Council.

Moved: Derek Shepherd **Seconded:** Cr Sandra McGregor

The Committee felt that there could be two formal advisory committee meetings per annum and that two other sub committee meetings should be convened to work on implementation.

NEXT MEETING: **KOALA COUNT – Friday 28th November 2008 at 9.30am**

File: 1/1005/300

MINUTES OF THE HANGING ROCK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2009 AT 10AM AT HANGING ROCK RESERVE

1. PRESENT:

Rod Clough - MRSC (Chair), Anne Walsh - MRSC, Guido Bigolin - MRSC, Graeme Oxlade – DSE, Derek Shepherd – MRT, Marie Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Andrew Carcelli – MRSC, Cr Joe Morabito – MRSC, Lachlan Milne – MRSC, Sophia Reynolds – Friends of H/Rock, Jane Cooke - HRRC

Mick Hassett – 2MH Consulting, Pene Rice – Architect

2. APOLOGIES:

Paul Marmara – Friends of H/Rock, Mark O'Sullivan – Parks Victoria, Anthony Quigley – HRRC, Cr Neil Manning – MRSC, Cr Joan Donovan – MRSC, Marilyn Steel – HRTC

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2008 were confirmed.

Moved: Derek Shepherd **Seconded:** Marie Marmara

4. UPDATE:

4.1 Introduction of New Councillor Delegates

The committee would like to welcome Cr's Donovan, Manning and Morabito onto the committee.

4.2 Path Works

2MH Consulting have been engaged to project manage the path works on the west side of the rock. Mick Hassett, Company Director, attended the meeting to discuss the process undertaken to design and cost the works. The design will control the flow of water and significantly reduce the erosion on the path and surrounds. Mick also discussed the complex nature of these works from getting the materials to the site through to the construction process. Mick tabled an artist's impression of the completed path (see attached) and discussed the proposed materials for construction. The committee as a whole approved of the design and construction.

NOTE: A number of committee members visited the site after the meeting and they agreed that the works should be undertaken asap. There was also discussion that once the works are undertaken and the water flow is more controlled, the native flora in the area to the west of the path may start to rejuvenate.

Viewing Areas

Pene Rice, Architect, has been asked to develop a concept for two viewing areas at the top of the Rock as part of the path works project above. The brief given to Pene was to design viewing areas that take in the panoramic views from sites that people are naturally drawn to, but that did not impact on the natural environment of the Rock whilst improving the safety of visitors to the Rock.

Pene's design concept (see attached) was well received by the committee and the members that visited the proposed sites were very accepting of the concept and could see the both the safety and environmental benefits.

4.3 Multi Purpose Venue

An application will be submitted to Department of Planning & Community Development in the next few weeks to source funding to undertake a feasibility study for the Multi Purpose Venue.

ACTION: Anne

4.4 Shelter Works

The Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque club have commenced construction on the new shelter. This is the first new shelter to be constructed in the reserve for some time. Hanging Rock Reserve are contributing $22,000 towards the project with the Club contributing the balance of monies and a huge amount of in-kind support. This will become fantastic facility for the reserve and also provide a permanent home for the Club. The Club should be commended for their efforts in particular Ian Castle who has been working tirelessly on the project.

4.5 Strategic Direction Review

The Strategic Direction Review was tabled (copy attached to these minutes). Rod discussed the need for this to be a living/working document. Committee members were asked to look at the document and follow any comments / queries through to Anne.

ACTION: All Committee Members

NOTE: As part of General Business Derek raised that he believed it would be beneficial for a small working group to be formed to work on the plan to ensure it's progression. The committee agreed. Derek, Andrew, Jane & Lachlan offered to be part of this group. It was felt that there should be at least one other representative on the group. Marie will consider and advise if she is available. Anne will set up a meeting for the working group.

ACTION: Anne / Marie

4.6 Visitation Stats and Event Round Up.

Annual visitation statistics were tabled (see attached). Cars numbers are up on this time last year. Minibuses are slightly down and coaches on par with last year. Jane mentioned that New Years Day was a great day with numbers well up on last year and although the Australia Day Race meet had to be moved to Kyneton due to the lack of water, the attendance was still good.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS :

Current Priorities for Officers – Rod discussed the current priorities Council officers would be working on. They are: Path Works / Viewing areas, Completion of Shelter, MPV funding, working with the Race Club to ensure ongoing viability of events at Hanging Rock and tree audit (see below for further details)

Tree Audit – DSE have allocated $20,000 to undertake a Tree Audit at the Reserve. The audit will include inspecting, photographing, numbering, mapping through GPS (which can then be uploaded onto Council's systems), and a detailed report and spreadsheet (including prioritised works and estimated costs) of all significant trees in the high and medium traffic areas of the reserve. Low traffic areas will be undertaken if the budget allows.
This audit will not only highlight any trees required works or currently under stress but will record the health of all significant trees, ensuring will be an accurate, easily accessible history for each tree.
Craig Hallam from Enspec Enviroment and Risk will undertake the audit and has been responsible for this type of audit for Parks Victoria including the Macedon Regional Park.

Conversation Management – Lachlan raised a number of concerns he has about maintenance practices within the reserve. Rod has invited Lachlan to meet to discuss these concerns given they are generally operational rather than developmental.

Committee Charter – Derek would like to see the current Committee Charter updated to reflect the current purpose of the committee as it has not be changed since 1993. Draft to be prepared and updated version and bring to the next meeting

ACTION: Anne

Tourism – Andrew discussed the statistics taken at Visitor Information Centres and that Hanging Rock was still the No. 1 destination for visitors to the Macedon Ranges.
In depth discussion followed about the importance of marketing and promotion to ensure the Reserve profile both locally, nationally and internationally and the importance of inclusion of the education sector.

Wildlife Signage – Marie wondering their had been an progression for the wildlife signage the committee requested on South Rock Road. Anne will follow up and report back.

ACTION: Anne

Distribution of Information – Anne advised the committee that rather than providing printing documentation at the time of meeting, any documentation would be sent to committee member with minutes.

Hanging Rock Tennis Club Delegate – Marilyn Steel will be the new Tennis Club delegate on the Committee.

NEXT MEETING: **To be Advised**

Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday 16th February 2010

- MINUTES -

1. Present

Mike Rowland (HRRC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Guido Bigolin (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DSE), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC), Catherine Barker (HRTC)

2. Apologies

Cr Joe Morabito, Cr Joan Donovan, Cr Neil Manning, Paul Marmara (FOHR), Maree Marmara (FOHR), Anthony Quigley (HRRC), Mark O'Sullivan (Parks Vic), Jane Cooke (HRRC), Andrew Carcelli (MRSC)

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2009 were confirmed.

Moved: Rod Clough **Seconded:** Mick Rowland

4. General Business

The committee was updated on the recent activities below via a power point presentation. Should committee members want a hardcopy of this presentation please contact Anne who will arrange for a colour copy to be sent to you.

Recent Activities:

Shelter Opening – Official Opening was held in October 2009.

Code Red Days – Council in late 2009 that any Council services in Macedon, Mt Macedon and Woodend would not be operation on Code Red Days. This includes Hanging Rock Reserve.

Visitation Stats – 2009/10 is shaping up to be a good year in terms of visitations. Please see attached.

Event Update – Currently part way through the event season and most events are recording equal or improved numbers compared to 2008/09. Still to come: The Age Harvest Picnic on 28th February, La Boheme Opera on 13th March and Camp Out at the Rock on 20th March.

Flooding – Due to the nature of recent storms, flooding has occurred in and around the Café highlighting the need to works to be carried out on the current drainage.

Path Works – These works are now complete apart from some planting to be undertaken over the next few months. The finished product is a vast improvement on the old path and will reduce future erosion problems.

Planned Activities:

Rabbit Control (Lachlan) – Lachlan advised in 2009 he had engaged a contractor to map warrens and to undertake some eradication works and follow up works would be undertaken later this year.
Lachlan had recently submitted an application to the DSE under the Good Neighbour Funding Program to continue these works. Graeme advised that this application had not been successful but DSE were currently investigating other funding sources.
Guido mentioned he felt there had been a slight drop in the population at the Reserve recently.

Footbridge Replacement – Council recently undertook a bridge audit including footbridges. This report indicates that the footbridge at Hanging Rock is in need of immediate replacement to ensure public safety. A new initiative has been put up to the 2010/11 budget to fund this replacement. Graeme advised this may be able to be part funded through DSE under the Public Safety on Public Land Program. Anne will draft up an application letter and send to Graham for consideration.

Multi Purpose Venue / East Paddock Use & Events – A funding application was submitted to Department of Planning & Community Development in 2009 to undertake a feasibility study for the Multi Purpose Venue. Unfortunately it was not successful.
The feasibility study would look at the viability of development of the MPV and some form of environmentally friendly and sustainable development in the east paddock and the potential of the latter funding the MPV.

It was noted that in the development of a brief for this study the longer term impact of increased traffic in and around the Reserve should be considered

In August 2005 the committee moved a motion to support this development "In Principle". The committee felt that given the time lapse it would be prudent to update this motion. The then discussed and approved the following motion.

"That the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee support, in principle, the concept and continued investigation into the feasibility of low impact, environmentally friendly, sustainable development in the East Paddock. This includes but is not limited to the development of a Multipurpose Venue at Hanging Rock Reserve."

Council has been approached by a large, respected event organisation to discuss the potential of holding events in the East Paddock. A small amount of work would be required to level an area to erect a stage and fill / flatten a number of depressions. An emergency access track would need to be made. This was discussed by the committee and strongly supported. The development of a landscape plan for the east paddock should be investigated in the near future.

Strategic Direction – Updated plan was tabled and discussed. This document is a living / evolving document which will be presented to the committee on a regular basis as changes / updates are made.

The Ongoing and Future Development section were discussed. Changes will be made to reflect current works such as the footbridge and future development priorities altered to reflect the current climate.

Guido suggested the Development Plan should highlight the potential of purchasing the vacant land to the east of the Reserve on Straws Lane should it ever come on the market. The committee agreed this should be included as a low priority.

Business Arising:

Tree Audit – Enspec Environment & Risk have completed an audit of all the mature / significant trees within Hanging Reserve. In brief the audit looked at the tree species, condition and structure, useful life expectancy and made recommendations on remedial works where required. The comprehensive report included GPS mapping of all trees inspected and tagged and a working spreadsheet to record the ongoing maintenance on each tree. Funding for this project was provided by DSE.

A letter will be sent to DSE on behalf of the committee thanking them for funding the Tree Audit and Path Works and their continued support of Hanging Rock Reserve.
ACTION: Anne

Tourism Promotion – Kylie advised that the Daylesford Macedon Ranges Tourism Inc Campaign committee is about to embark on a $7.3M promotion of the region over the next three years.
One aspect of this promotion involved an invitation being sent to the channel 9 morning show Today" to do a live broadcast from the region. A number of options were given and they have now confirmed that Hanging Rock Reserve has been chosen. The final broadcast date is yet to be confirmed but will be later this year.
The tourism department will provide a 6 monthly update to the committee on how the campaign is progressing.

Optus Tower – In late 2009 the committee were sent a proposal for the erection of a mobile phone tower on a property adjoining Hanging Rock. The tower would be visible from the reserve.

The proposal was discussed and the committee unanimously agreed that:

"The Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee strongly oppose the industrialisation of the landscape around Hanging Rock Reserve"

Meeting Times – The committee felt dinner meetings at 6pm on Tuesday evening was a good time to meet.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 6pm in "The Hut" – Hanging Rock Reserve

Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday 11th May 2010

- MINUTES -

1. Present

Cr Joe Morabito, Cr Joan Donovan, Cr Neil Manning, Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Guido Bigolin (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DSE), Mark O'Sullivan (Parks Vic), Andrew Carcelli (MRSC) , Catherine Barker (HRTC), Belinda Jacques (HRTC), Anne McLennan (MRSC), Mark Graham (K&HRRC)

2. Apologies

Mike Rowland (HRRC), Paul Marmara (FOHR), Maree Marmara (FOHR), Anthony Quigley (HRRC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC)

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2010 were confirmed.

Moved: Graeme Oxlade **Seconded:** Catherine Barker

4. General Business

Path Works – Official opening was held on 19th March 2010.

Visitation Statistics –
Comparing figures to this time last year:

↑	Cars up by 14.73%	(**08/09** – 20580 **09/10** - 23611)
↑	Minibuses up by 11.66%	(**08/09** – 120 **09/10** – 134)
↑	Coaches up by .934%	(**08/09** – 107 **09/10** – 108)
↓	Pedestrians down by 8.16%	(**08/09** – 53 **09/10** – 49)

Easter 2010 was extremely busy with over 2173 vehicles visiting the reserve over the Easter week. A record number of 693 vehicles visited on Easter Sunday.

Events Round Up –

- 8 major events
- 25,622 people attended
- Car Show up by 29.42% from 2008/09
- Camp Out up by 49.08% from 2008/09
- Australia Day – able to held at Rock due to good early rain
- 2 new events
  - Co-opera – 192 patrons
  - Run the Rock – 1048 runners

Tourism Promotion Update -
Andrew gave the committee an overview of what type of promotion the Tourism Department have been involved in over the past year. The following is snapshot of same:

- Presentation to approximately 100 staff from the City Of Melbourne Visitor Services department.
- Advert is 2010 Macedon Ranges GREAT Grand Tour compendium
- Various journalist visits to Hanging Rock Reserve, Coast and Country magazine and Australian Travel Writers Association.
- TODAY show filming March 30th 2010
- Macedon Ranges Village Video
- Promotion at the Harvest Picnic in Werribee (Nov 2009) and at the Hanging Rock reserve (Feb 2010)
- Promotion at the Tourism Industry Exchange (Melbourne, Sept 2009)

Cr Morabito would to see any tourism promotion include the link from the Hume Highway on the eastern side of the Shire.

Footbridge Replacement -
The existing large timber footbridge, 18m in length and 1.8m wide, was found to be beyond major rehabilitation in the 2009 Shire Wide Bridge Condition Survey. Replacement of the footbridge has been put up to Council's Capital Program 2010/11 and are now awaiting outcome. DSE have provided $8,800 towards the project from their Public Safety on Public Land Funding program.

East Paddock Opportunities / Rezoning –
Rod updated Committee on the opportunities and rezoning process for the East Paddock at Hanging Rock Reserve.

5. General Business

Tennis Club are looking at fundraising to fix up their courts.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th August at 6pm in "The Hut" – Hanging Rock Reserve

Should any Committee member like a copy of the presentation from the meeting please contact Anne on 5421 1469.

Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday 24th August 2010

- MINUTES -

1. Present

Cr Joe Morabito, Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DSE), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Belinda Jacques (HRTC), Paul Gray (MRSC), Correne Cooper (MRSC)

2. Apologies

Mike Rowland (HRRC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Cr Joan Donovan, Cr Neil Manning, Maree Marmara (FOHR), Anthony Quigley (HRRC), Mark O'Sullivan (Parks Vic), Mark Graham (HRRC), Andrew Carcelli (MRSC), Guido Bigolin (MRSC), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR), Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC), Catherine Barker (HRTC)

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2010 were confirmed.

Moved: Graham Oxlade **Seconded:** Cr Joe Morabito

4. General Business

2009/10 Visitation Statistics –

Statistics collated at the end of the 2009/10 financial year showed the following increases in visitations to the Reserve:

- Total: 13.49% Increase (77530 in 2008/09 up to 87988 in 2009/10)
- Events: 29.93% Increase (19720 in 2008/09** up to 25622 in 2009/10)

**It should be noted that in 2008/09 Australia Day Races were not held and Car Show was the day after Black Saturday

2009/10 saw the largest number of general visitations at the reserve since the 2001/02 financial year.

Derek suggested it would be good to do some research in the future into where the visitors are coming from, ie: local, national or international. It may be that university students can undertake this as part of the studies. Further investigation will be undertaken.

Craft Markets Australia –

Craft Markets Australia (CMA) is an independent company that approached Hanging Rock to hold their events at the Reserve. CMA have been running markets throughout Victoria for over 35 years and currently run the successful Flemington, Mornington, Red Hill, Yarra Glen & Healesville Markets. Two craft markets will be held at Hanging Rock on the following dates - Sunday 31st October 2010 and 13th March 2011. CMA envisages up to 3,000 cars will attend each event. CMA believes Hanging Rock and the Macedon Ranges are well suited to their events and are excited about running their events here. Local artists and stallholders are encouraged to become involved.

East Paddock Feasibility Study –

The brief for the feasibility study has been drafted. Tourism Victoria have confirmed their funding. Council have confirmed their funding and Regional Development Victoria's funding application is still pending. An update on this funding will be given at the next meeting.

East Paddock Rezoning –

Through the recent planning permit process an anomaly in the zoning of the East Paddock has been discovered.

Hanging Rock Reserve (Crown Section) is currently zoned Public Conservation & Resource Zone (PCRZ) and the East Paddock (Council Section) is zoned Rural Conservation Zone Scheduled One (RCZ1).

The planning department have recognised that is in fact a true anomaly in the Planning scheme and have gone through the formal process to have the East Paddock rezoned correctly to Public Parks and Recreation Zone. There may be a requirement in the future to zone Hanging Rock reserve this way as well.

This is going to the Council meeting on 25th August and once adopted will then be sent to the State Minister for Planning to be formally rubber stamped. ***[Refer Attachment A]***

The committee should note that the co-operation and assistance given by Council's Planning Department, Department of Planning and Community Development and Department of Sustainability and Environment and other referral authorities in throughout this process has been exceptional.

East Paddock Events –

Frontier Touring has submitted a formal planning permit application to hold four concerts over the next two years in the East Paddock. The application has been sent off to the relevant authorities for comment. DSE have asked that a condition of the permit be that no concerts are held in April / May of each year as this is the breeding season for the powerful owl.

The application is going to the Council meeting on 25th August. ***[Refer Attachment B]***

Tourism Promotion Update –

Fantastic new videos have recently been launched on the Visit Victoria website for the Macedon Ranges and Kyneton township. Follow this link to view:
http://www.visitvictoria.com/videos/index.cfm/vid.803C56F1-CE71-4C47-9B134FF7E753858B/&cid=&scid

The continued "pulling power" of Hanging Rock should not be underestimated. Recently the Hanging Rock website was integrated into www.visitmacedonranges.com (VMR) as this is main site for the region. The first month after integration saw visits to the VMR site increase by 50%. In correspondence to the tourism department the site developer quoted "This is primarily due to the new Hanging Rock section coming online onto the site"

A representative from the Tourism department will be in attendance at our next meeting to give a more comprehensive update.

Cr Morabito would to see any tourism promotion include the link from the Hume Highway on the eastern side of the Shire. This will be referred to the Tourism Department.

ACTION: Anne to refer to Tourism Department

5. Other Business

Footbridge Works –

Quotes are currently being sought for replacement of footbridge.

Willow Reduction Project –

Council's Environmental Resource Officer - Lachlan Milne - has been approached informally by Newham Landcare Group who would like to undertake a Willow removal project along 5 Mile Creek between Coach Road and Hanging Rock. This is on a narrow strip of crown land along the creek that is part of the title for Hanging Rock.

They would like to undertake this project in partnership with Hanging Rock, DSE and the North Central Catchment Management Authority with funding likely to come from NCCMA as the responsible waterway manager in the region.

The Committee are happy to endorse these works and for Lachlan to work with all groups involved to undertake the project.

Race Club Fence Extension –

Works will be undertaken to extend the black mesh fence around the racetrack. This is being undertaken by the Race Club in response to an incident at the Australia Day Race Meeting earlier this year where kangaroos jumped on the track in front of the race ambulance. Whilst no one was injured it was raised by stewards as an issue that could potentially be lethal therefore the Club have committed to making improvements.

Bat Trapping / Tree Works –

Council's Conservation Planner, Paul Gray, attending the meeting to discuss the results from a bat trapping exercise he was involved in earlier in the year. Traps were set part way up the Rock Walk and a large number of bats were trapped. Paul believes there may be a roost in the area and will come into the reserve over spring/summer to carry out further trappings to locate the roost. Nesting boxes can then be installed in the correct area. Paul requested he be advised of any scheduled tree works to ensure the roost is not disturbed. Graeme advised that DSE would be able to fund supply and installation of nesting boxes for bats and other fauna.

5. Next Meeting

Friday 12th November
Koala Count at 9am
Advisory Meeting at 12 noon in "The Hut" – Hanging Rock Reserve

"Attachment A"

Report No: **Report Title :**

PE.2 ***MACEDON RANGES PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C68 CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND ANOMALIES – ADOPTION AND REQUEST TO MINISTER FOR APPROVAL***

Synopsis:
This report seeks the formal adoption of Amendment C68 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme with one change which results from further review and discussion with DPCD and a supporting submission from DSE. The Amendment corrects several minor mapping errors and anomalies which have been identified for correction for some time. The Amendment facilitates a number of land rezonings by way of mapping corrections. In particular the Amendment:

1. *Rezones the rear portion of Lots 60, 64, 65, 68 and 69 PS 432506G and Lots 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, and 519 PS 534632H Parish of Gisborne from Rural Conservation Zone 4 to Residential 1 Zone.*

2. *Rezones a small portion at the north-west corner of Lot A PS302693G Parish of Gisborne from Residential 1 Zone to Rural Conservation Zone 4.*

3. *Rezones Reserve 2 PS 432506G Parish of Gisborne (Certificate of Title Volume 10799 Folio 436) from Rural Conservation Zone 4 to Public Park and Recreation Zone.*

4. *Rezones the western most part of Lot 5 on LP205979, Robertson St Gisborne from Rural Conservation 4 to Public Park and Recreation Zone.*

5. *Rezones the western two thirds of Crown Allotment 19B Parish of Gisborne from Public Park and Recreation Zone to Public Conservation and Resource Zone.*

6. *Rezones Crown Allotment 19C (two parcels) Parish of Gisborne from Public Use Zone 6 (Local Government) to Public Conservation and Resource Zone.*

7. *Rezones 21 Webb Court New Gisborne, Crown Allotment 19D (Reserve); and Crown Allotment 61A from Rural Living Zone 1 to Public Park and Recreation Zone.*

8. *Rezones the southern half of Webb Court New Gisborne from Rural Living Zone 1 to Residential 1 Zone.*

9. *Rezones 20 Robertson Street Gisborne being Lot 1 LP 98085 Parish of Gisborne from Public Park and Recreation Zone to Business 1 Zone.*

10. *Rezones Crown Allotments 7B, 7C, 7D, and 7E Section 2 Parish of Newham from Rural Conservation Zone to Public Park and Recreation Zone. (Note: the amendment previously sought to rezone this land to Public Conservation and Resource Zone).*

The notification requirements for the proposed Amendment have been undertaken in accordance with the conditions of the Minister of Planning's Authorisation (No. A01715). The formal notification period ended on 8 August 2010.
One supporting submission has been received to date from the Department of Sustainability and Environment. DSE's submission supports the use of the Public Park and Recreation Zone. The application of this Zone has been considered by Council's Planning and Recreation Units and it is agreed that the suggested Zone should be applied to the land as it is the most appropriate zone for the Hanging Rock eastern paddock having regard to the recreation purposes for which the land is to be used.

The purpose and provisions of the Public Park and Recreation Zone at Clause 36.02 of the Planning Scheme:

• best suit the current and ongoing use of the eastern paddock; and

• best provide for the continued implementation of the Hanging Rock Recreation Reserve Management Plan.

(The Management Plan is a reference document at Clause 21.08 of the Planning Scheme. The document highlights the role of the eastern paddock for the relocation of activities away from the Hanging Rock as an active conservation measure.)

Officer Recommendation:
That Council resolve to:

a. Adopt a change to Amendment C68 to:

- ***rezone Crown Allotments 7B, 7C, 7D, and 7E Section 2 Parish of Newham from Rural Conservation Zone to Public Park and Recreation Zone.***

- ***introduce an addendum to the Hanging Rock Recreation Reserve Management Plan, 1993 being a reference document at clause 21.08 of the Planning Scheme so that land use activities have regard to the Powerful Owl's April/May breeding period.***

b. Adopt Amendment C68 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme under Section 29(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to rezone land as shown in the maps attached to this report; and

"Attachment B"

Report No: ***Report Title :***

PE.3 ***APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT P2100302***
USE OF THE LAND FOR OUTDOOR MUSIC CONCERTS AT HANGING ROCK – EAST PADDOCK, SOUTHROCK ROAD, NEWHAM

Synopsis:

This application seeks approval to use the subject site for four (4) outdoor concerts starting from 20 November 2010 to 26 April 2012. The first concert is planned for 20 November 2010, the second concert for 26 April 2011, with the third and fourth concerts held between 1 October 2011 and 26 April 2012. The concerts would be of a 'Day on the Green' type with a target demographic of 25 to 60 years of age. Maximum patron numbers per concert would not exceed 12,000 people, with up to 4,000 people accommodated in reserve seating with the balance bringing along their picnic blankets and deck chairs.

For each concert a large temporary stage would be erected, along with associated concert infrastructure, food and drink stalls (including food and drink from the local area), amenity and first aid facilities. In regards to car parking provisions, 2,200 informal spaces would be accommodated on the southern portion of the land, with an additional 800 informal spaces for overflow within the Hanging Rock Reserve. A coach parking area would be located on the northern portion of the site.

The application was extensively advertised via registered mail to property owners and occupiers within the general vicinity of Hanging Rock, along with a large public notice erected on the Southrock Road and Colwell Road frontages, along with public notices being published in the three (3) locally circulating newspapers. No objections were received and feedback received from surrounding residents was extremely positive.

It is acknowledged that under the current Rural Conservation zoning of the land a Place of Assembly (includes outdoor concert) is prohibited. Council is currently undertaking a correction and anomalies planning scheme amendment which identifies that this land covered by the incorrect zone, given that it is owned by Council and seeks to rezone the land to Public Park and Recreation. This zoning would enable a use permit to be obtained for a Place of Assembly. Therefore, any approval would be subject to the land being rezoned to Public Park and Recreation prior to a permit being issued.

Importantly, this application does not involve the construction of any permanent buildings and works and is purely a use permit and comes with the support of the Hanging Rock Reserve Committee. In the event a permit is forthcoming Council as the land manager would upgrade Straws Road, construct additional crossover/gates and internal roads on the land. In addition the applicant would need to enter into a licence agreement with Council, for the use of the eastern paddock, prior to a concert being held.

The application was referred externally to CFA, DSE, VicRoads, Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria and internally to Major Projects, Environmental Health, Building and the Conservation Planner who all gave conditional consent to the proposal. Council's Conservation Officer and DSE have given conditional consent to proposal and require that concerts only occur between 1 November and 31 March (or weekend immediately following) outside the breeding and baby rearing period of the Powerful Owl. Therefore, any approval should only extend until 1 April 2012 (inclusive), not 26 April 2012 as requested by the applicant.

The proposal is considered to meet the intent of the relevant provisions of State and Local Planning Policy and the Public Park and Recreation zone, as such a use will bring tourist to the area, thus facilitating economic development in the Shire, whilst protecting the surrounding natural environment which is a key attribute for the Municipality. Therefore, provided that the land is rezoned to PPRZ a temporary permit should be issued to Frontier Touring to hold four (4) concerts on the subject site until 1 April 2012 (inclusive) with the relevant conditions attached.

Officer Recommendation:

That the Council resolve subject to the land being rezoned to Public Park and Recreation, grant a Permit to use the land for outdoor music concerts (Place of Assembly) at Hanging Rock Reserve – East Paddock (C/A 7B-7E) subject to the following conditions:

1. The layout of the use and the placement of temporary structures shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

2. Traffic Management, Emergency Management, Security Management, Access Management, Waste Management, Noise Management, Alcohol Sale & Procedure, on site water, temporary fencing and power supply must be implemented as per the endorsed documentation that forms part of this planning permit and must be at all times to the satisfaction of Council, VicRoads, the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria.

Use Conditions

3. The amenity of the locality must not be adversely affected by the activity on the site, the appearance of any buildings, works or materials, emissions from the premises or in any other way, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

4. Unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, live music may only be performed between 5.00pm to 10.30pm on the day of a scheduled concert (this does not include sound checking and tuning).

5. Unless with the prior written consent from the Responsible Authority, the number of patrons present on the property at any one time for a concert must not exceed 12,000 people, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

6. A maximum of four (4) concerts can be held to the 1 April 2012, unless with the further written consent of the Responsible Authority.

c. Request that the Minister for Planning approve Amendment C68 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme under Section 31 of the Act.

d. Liaise with DSE to establish the terms of a review for the Hanging Rock Recreation Reserve Management Plan (September 1993) within the next 12 months.

It was moved by Cr Letchford seconded by Cr Guthrie that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

7. No concerts are to be held on any Code Red Day. If a concert is scheduled for a certain date and a Code Red Day is announced on that day, the concert must be cancelled.

8. Two (2) months prior to any concert the operator must submit for approval by the Responsible Authority and Victoria Police an artist/performer schedule.

9. Within one (1) month after each concert the applicant must undertake a de-brief/review of issues arising from the concert with Council, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, the Country Fire Authority, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment; and make any amendments as agreed between the relevant stakeholders to the endorsed documents relating to the operation and management of the use on the site.

10. All external lighting associated with the use of the land as hereby approved must be designed, baffled and located so as to prevent adverse effect on adjoining land, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Country Fire Authority

11. Suitable access must be provided for emergency vehicles into and around the site including truck turnarounds adjacent to the stage and food areas. The truck turn around can take the shape of a court bowl with minimum radius of 10 metres, a roadway encircling the relevant areas or a "T" or "Y" head solution with each leg measuring 8 metres from the centre point with a minimum trafficable width of 4 metres.

12. Access and egress routes are to have a minimum trafficable width of 6 metres and must be constructed to a standard so that they are accessible in all weather conditions and capable of accommodating a vehicle of 15 tonnes for the trafficable width.

13. Suitable access to a water supply must be provided for firefighting purposes (e.g. dams).

14. No fires will be permitted in the open without the written consent of CFA.

15. In the event that a Total Fire Ban day is declared, permits for cooking must be obtained (these permits are available on application to CFA in Chapel Street Bendigo).

Note: The permits should be obtained prior to close of business on the Friday.

16. An Emergency Management Plan must be developed which is to include appropriate signage for Emergency Assembly Areas.

17. A draft copy of the Emergency Management Plan is to be submitted to CFA not less than two (2) months prior to any proposed event to provide opportunity for comment to the Responsible Authority.

18. A finalised copy of the Emergency Management Plan is to be submitted to CFA not less than three (3) weeks prior to any proposed event to provide opportunity for comment to the Responsible Authority.

19. Appropriately trained Fire Wardens must be in attendance at the venue at all times.

20. The event organizer is to appoint Safety Officers for each of the events. Each Safety Officer must have completed the "Safety Officer – In a place of Public Entertainment" course or hold an equivalent competency.

21. Vegetation works must be undertaken prior to the events to remove fuel hazards (long grass etc.) where necessary across the site.

22. A minimum 10 metre buffer zone must be provided around the event site (i.e. fire breaks around car parks, stage, food area etc.).

23. All stalls, displays, tents and marquees (either temporary or permanent structures) must be a minimum of 6 metres apart or may have a lesser separation distance where the event organiser has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority that fire spread between stall etc will not occur.

24. Traffic management Personnel must be on site at all times to facilitate emergency vehicle access to the site in case of emergency.

25. The grassed areas in and around car parking, vehicular routes, camping areas and Emergency Assembly Areas must be maintained to a height of no more than 100mm to the satisfaction of CFA.

26. A 10 metre fuel reduced zone around the internal perimeter of the event site must be provided to the satisfaction of CFA. Grass must not exceed 100mm in height.

27. Written authorisation from the CFA Operations Manager, District 2, Bendigo must be obtained for any use of CFA resources and/or personnel.

VicRoads

28. The Traffic Management Plan must be amended to the satisfaction of VicRoads a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the first event (i.e. issues to be addressed are (i) the signs indicated in the legend are not indicated on the plan and distances between the signs and intersections are not shown, (ii) traffic management is proposed to commence at

1.00pm, the car park to open at 3.00pm and the doors to the concert area to open at 4.00pm. Consideration needs to be made to opening the car park earlier because of the concern that there will be queuing of vehicles along the road, especially if it is expected that there could be 12,000 people at the concert with 2,000-3,000 cars in the car park, coaches and taxis and staff accessing also).

29. The use of Variable Message Signs (VMS) will not be permitted on the Calder Freeway.

30. A Memorandum of Authority (MOA) must be submitted to VicRoads for approval a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the first event (concert).

Victoria Police

31. No glass containers are to be allowed on site and Responsible Service of Alcohol must be adhered to at all times.

Department of Sustainability and Environment

32. Concerts must only occur between 1 November and 31 March (or weekend immediately following).

Conservation Planner

33. The southern car park fence line is to be maintained and appropriately signed to prevent access of vehicles and/or persons to the creek environs to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

34. All silt and rubbish resulting from all activities involved in the event must be contained within the site during site preparation, the actual event and pack up to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

35. All rubbish must be removed from the site after each event and disposed of at the appropriate facility to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

36. Any weed infestation not currently present within the site that occurs as a result of the proposed activities is to be removed/controlled by the applicant or their agent to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Environmental Health

37. Noise levels emanating from the premises must not exceed those required to be met under State Environment Protection Policy (Control of Music Noise from Public Premises) No. N-2 to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

38. Any temporary or permanent premise which sells food to the public must contact council to determine their requirements under the Food Act 1984. All water supplied must be of a potable quality and freely available at all times. (This does not include the sale of bottled water).

39. All waste generated on site must be appropriately disposed of as determined by Council prior to any events occurring.

Major Projects

40. The applicant/owner shall restrict sediment discharges from any construction sites within the property in accordance with Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (EPA 1991) and Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (EPA 1995).

41. All internal major circulation and access roads are to be defined with appropriate temporary fencing and have a two way lane width adequate for the expected circulation of a CFA truck or Ambulance to the satisfaction of the Authorities

42. Suitable drainage is to be provided to ensure all access roads and hardstand areas provide appropriate access to the vehicles intended to use these areas.

Time Limits

43. This permit allows the use of the land only by Frontier Touring Co Pty Ltd. If Frontier Touring Co Pty Ltd ceases to use the land, this permit will expire, unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

44. Except with the written consent of the Responsible Authority, the use of the land for the purpose of outdoor concerts (place of assembly) must cease on 1 April 2012.

Note: The applicant must apply for a temporary siting approval from the Municipal Building Surveyor prior to each concert.

It was moved by Cr Benson seconded by Cr Letchford that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNAMIOUSLY

Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday 29th March 2011

- MINUTES -

1. Present

Cr Joe Morabito, Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DSE), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Catherine Barker (HRTC), Paul Gray (MRSC), Cr Joan Donovan, Mark Graham (HRRC), Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC), Guido Bigolin (MRSC)

2. Apologies

Mike Rowland (HRRC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Cr Neil Manning, Maree Marmara (FOHR), Anthony Quigley (HRRC), Mark O'Sullivan (Parks Vic), Andrew Carcelli (MRSC), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR)

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2010 were confirmed.

Moved: Graeme Oxlade **Seconded:** Paul Gray

4. General Business

1. November Concert / East Paddock concept

Presentation on the November Concert given. Overall the concert was a great success with some adjustments to car parking / traffic management required before next concert. A large number of local businesses were involved prior to and on the day of the concert and business and accommodation feedback after the event was all positive. Some retail stores recorded their highest sales and a number of eateries sold out of food. The concert organisers are looking at possibly staging smaller "Day on the Green" type events in November 2011 and potentially another international act in Feb/March 2012.

It has become evident that to make this type of event more sustainable and to ensure that Hanging Rock is a competitive venue for these and other events investment in infrastructure is required in the East Paddock. This would help implement the 1994 Plan to incorporate the East Paddock into the reserve with: access roads and paths, revegetation, shelters, toilets, power, water etc. This would also take the pressure off more sensitive areas of the reserve closer to the Rock, improve habitat areas in some parts of the reserve and provide income to support further care of the reserve.

Concept plans were presented and committee discussed. Rod advised that total works would be in excess of $2M but works could be staged and sourcing of funding for Stage One has begun. Graeme Oxlade advised DSE have already given in principle support to Regional Development Victoria who may able to assist with funding of works. Mark Graham advised the Race Club are keen to see timelines for works.

The committee supports the concept plans as outlined, the continued investigation for funding and to carry out staged works when funding is secured.

2. *Accommodation Feasibility Study*

Background: In February 2010 the committee discussed and passed the following motion:
"That the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee support, in principle, the concept and continued investigation into the feasibility of low impact, environmentally friendly, sustainable development in the East Paddock. This includes but is not limited to the development of a Multipurpose Venue at Hanging Rock Reserve."

Kylie updated the committee on funding. Council and Tourism Victoria have confirmed their funding to undertake a Strategic Masterplan including an accommodation analysis for the reserve. This process will take between 6-12 months and will commence in June 2011.

Regional Development Victoria have announced a new Tourism Infrastructure fund, Kylie has briefed RDV on the proposed Hanging Rock East Paddock works and Council will be submitting a formal application to this fund for the first stage of these works. RDV have confirmed in writing they will allow Council to spend their component and still be able to retrospectively access the RDV funds once the Strategic Masterplan is complete.

Priority of works is as follows:

1 Start works in East Paddock (with Council/Hanging Rock funding)
2 Complete Strategic Masterplan
3 Access RDV funding for additional East Paddock works.

3. *Australia Day Races and Kangaroos*

All races were cancelled on Australia Day due to kangaroos in the grasslands. Country Racing Victoria have stated that racing cannot proceed at Hanging Rock until an approved plan is place. A working group has been set up with representatives from the racing industry, Council and DSE to investigate options and develop a plan. A preliminary report has been prepared by Ian Temby, an expert in this field and once the report to finalised information sessions will be held to inform the public. Exclusion fencing is being considered. It should be noted that harming kangaroos is not and has never been an option.

4. *Events Wrap Up*

The 2010/11 events season is drawing to a close with the last event, Run the Rock, being held on Saturday 9 April. Overall the event season has been a success even though the severe weather conditions meant the first Craft Market and the film night had to be cancelled. The cancellation of racing due to the kangaroo issue on Australia Day was disappointing considered the large crowd in attendance.
The Car Show was the largest ever and numbers were up 12.28% on the previous largest in 2008. Attendance at the Age Harvest Picnic was down on last year but the weather on the day was fantastic.
The inclusion of the Craft Markets on the events calendar proved popular with over 4,500 people attending the first one in March. Craft Markets Australia, the event organisers, were trilled with the response and have locked in 31st October 2011 and 18th March 2011 for markets at Hanging Rock.
As discussed above the Leonard Cohen concert in November was a huge success.

5. *General Visitations*

Attendance report tabled.
Comparing numbers to same time last year, cars are up by 3.03%, minibuses up by 30.9%, coaches up by 11.6% and pedestrians up by 18.9%.

6. *Phone Tower*

Council has been approached by a telecommunications company with a proposal to potentially erect a mobile tower at Hanging Rock Reserve. Concept plans were tabled. Committee discussed the potential benefits and downside of the proposal at length.

The committee was unanimous that it could not endorse such a development at this stage as it has significant concerns about the visual and environmental impact of such and the proposal should be referred to the Strategic Masterplan process to ensure all aspects of any such a development are fully considered. Rod will contact the company to discuss the committees' views.

ACTION: Rod

7. *Other Business*

No other business raised.

8. *Tree Top Proposal*

Two individual European companies have approached management about the potential to develop a "Tree Top Adventure" business within Hanging Rock Reserve. Whilst both companies are different the concept is similar with a high wire course set amongst the trees in the reserve. The committee discussed the potential benefits and downside including:

- Attracting visitors, especially younger demographic, to region & Hanging Rock
- Providing service to visitors/events
- Providing ongoing income (increase Hanging Rock income by over 20% or $65k)
- Providing local employment especially for young people
- Increasing profile of Hanging Rock
- Environmental – nesting boxes, revegetation, tree management; and
- Potential environmental / visual concerns.

One of the companies, Trees Adventure, attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the committee on their existing business in Belgrave and what they envisage would work at Hanging Rock. The committee were able to ask a number of questions relating to environmental and other issues. After lengthy discussion it was decided that a site visit to Belgrave would be beneficial for the committee before they could endorse any such proposal. Anne will arrange a suitable date.

ACTION: Anne

Rod discussed that given we have been approached by two companies an Expression of Interest process would be necessary to ensure transparency of process.

9. *Next Meeting*

Tuesday 19th July 2011 at 10.30am in "The Hut" – Hanging Rock Reserve

Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday 13th September 2011

- MINUTES -

1. Present

Cr Joe Morabito, Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DSE), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Catherine Barker (HRTC), Paul Gray (MRSC), Cr Joan Donovan, Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC), Guido Bigolin (MRSC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Maree Marmara (FOHR),

2. Apologies

Mark Graham (HRRC), Mike Rowland (HRRC), Cr Neil Manning, Anthony Quigley (HRRC), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR)

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2011 were confirmed.

Moved: Graeme Oxlade **Seconded:** Derek Shepherd

4. General Business

1. East Paddock funding

Unfortunately the application to the first round of funding was not successful. Feedback for the funding body is being sought. Second round applications are due to open in November 2011. Committee discussed process and support officers continuing to seek funding.

2. Development & Investment Plan Funding

Funding of $115k in total (includes $15K in kind) has been secured to undertake this study. The breakdown of funding is $35k Tourism Victoria, $40k Regional Development Australia, and $40k Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

The study will look at the whole reserve including the east paddock and incorporates a review of the 1993 Masterplan.

A brief has been developed and four consulting firms were asked to provide quotations to undertake study. AECOM have now been appointed with a view to completing the project in March 2012.

Paul asked if environmental concerns would be addressed as part of the study. Kylie & Rod advised that extensive consultation will all users, community and committee members was to be undertaken to ensure all areas including environment were covered.

3. Flood Recovery Funding

After significant state wide flooding events in late 2010 and early 2011 the Department of Sustainability & Environment created the Flood Recovery for Community Infrastructure Fund. An application was been submitted for $22,000 for clean up works at Hanging Rock Reserve. This project has been endorsed by the DSE state wide assessment panel. Once again Graeme Oxlade has been instrumental in gaining this funding. The committee would like to thank Graeme for his efforts.

4. *Race Meetings & Kangaroos*

The working party have developed a kangaroo management plan which includes construction of a 1.9m fence along the existing fence between the east paddock and racecourse. The race club are in the process of securing funds. DSE have confirmed they are contributing to the project. Works are scheduled to begin in Early November.

5. *Events Season*

The 2011/12 events season is about to begin with the Craft Market on Sunday 30 October 2011. It is hoped this year's season is as successful as last year.

6. *General Visitations*

Attendance report tabled.

Comparing numbers to same time last year, cars are up by 26.3%, minibuses up by 54.5%, coaches up by 25% and pedestrians up by 320%. Whilst the pedestrian increase appears high, these figures are based on July/August only when pedestrians numbers are usually non existent.

7. *Trees Adventure – Site Visit*

A site visit to Trees Adventure in Belgrave has been scheduled for Thursday 13th October. Please let Anne know as soon as possible if you can attend.

8. *Next Meeting*

Hanging Rock Koala Count – Friday 25th November 2011 – 9.30am

Anne Walsh

From: Anne Walsh
Sent: Tuesday, 22 November 2011 4:21 PM
To: Anne Walsh; Anthony Quigley; Cath; CR Joan Donovan; CR Joe Morabito; CR Neil Manning; Derek Shepherd; Graeme Oxlade - DSE; Karen Stevens; Kylie Lethbridge; Lachlan Milne; Marie Marmara; Marilyn Steel; Mark Graham; Mark O'Sullivan - Parks Vic; Mike Rowland (Kyneton Racing Club); mjjoiner@bigpond.com; Paul Gray; Paul Marmara ; Rod Clough; Sophia Reynolds (sophiareynolds@bigpond.com)
Cc: O'Loan, Tim
Subject: Hanging Rock Investment Plan Meeting

Hi All,

Further to my telephone conversations with most of you today please note the Hanging Rock Investment Plan meeting is now confirmed for:

Monday 28th November
6pm
The Hut - Hanging Rock

Tim O'Loan from AECOM will be presenting at this meeting. Your attendance is important so if I have not spoken to you today to confirm you are coming along can you please contact me before close of business this Thursday.

We will be provided a light dinner so please let me know asap if you have any special dietary requirements.

Thanks

Anne

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Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Monday 10 December 2012

- MINUTES -

1. Present

Cr Joe Morabito (MRSC), Cr Jennifer Anderson(MRSC), Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DSE), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Belinda Jacques (HRTC), Gloria Crozier (HRTC), Paul Gray (MRSC), Mark Grady (HCC), Guido Bigolin (MRSC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Martin Joiner (FOHR), Karen Stevens (MRSC), Mark Graham (KHRRC), Mike Rowland (KHRRC)

2. Apologies

Cr Russell Mowatt, (MRSC), Cr Graham Hackett (MRSC), Anthony Quigley (HRRC), Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR), Maree Marmara (FOHR)

Welcome to new councillors Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Graham Hackett & Cr Russell Mowatt and welcome to Cr Joe Morabito.

3. Role of the Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee

Rod outlined the role of the committee including projects to date and potential issues for the coming year.

4. General Business

4.1 Year In Review

2012 has been a busy year:

$200,000 worth of track works undertaken on racetrack after a horse went through the track at the New Years Day meet.

Rod Stewart Concert in February – 12,500 attended.

Craft Markets – three markets held March – October & December 2012 – over 10,000 people attended the three events. December was an additional market as Craft Markets Australia had a spare weekend and thought they would try a Xmas market. They may not do this again.

Breeding pair of powerful owls have been within the reserve for a number of years and continue to reproduce each year.

Guido racked up 30 years service in April but is very reluctant to make a big deal out of it. Guido is heading off on long service leave in February 2013.

Committee visited Trees Adventure site in Belgrave in October 2011 to test out the course and see how it all works amongst the trees.

4.2 2012/13 Event Season

The 2012/13 events season has begun with the October & December craft markets attracted nearly 7,000 people over both events.

The inaugural Carols at the Rock event will be held on Saturday 15 December and is expected to attract approx 2,000 visitors.

January will see the return of racing to the rock on New Years Day and Australia Day after two disappointing seasons

The car display, Harvest Picnic and film night will return in February and the craft market and camp out will be held in March along with two Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band concerts over the Easter weekend.

Run the Rock is being held on April 27 in 2013.

4.3 General Visitations

Attendance report tabled.
Comparing numbers as at the 1 December 2011 to 1 December 2012: cars are up by 12.17%, minibuses up by 44%, coaches up by 1.6% and pedestrians down by 43.5%. We are hopeful that the drop in pedestrians can be put down to educating visitors to drive in and not park outside.

4.4 Issues for 2013

East Paddock Funding
An expression of interest for Round 4 of the Regional Development Fund Australia has been submitted. The outcome of this EOI is expected in February 2013, at which time is it hoped we will be asked to submit a full application.
If successful this funding will be used to undertake revegetation works and development infrastructure in the east paddock such as lighting, water, power & data reticulation, and toilet/shelters.

Trees Adventure
Company are still keen to persue Hanging Rock as a potential site. Paul Gray expressed environmental concerns. It was decided to invite Nic from Trees Adventure to a future meeting to brief the committee.

ACTION: Anne

Development & Investment Plan
The development of the plan is progressing. Kylie to brief committee at a future meeting.

ACTION: Kylie

5. Next Meeting

6pm - Tuesday 26 March - Meeting and inspection of concert set up.

Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday 26 March 2013

- MINUTES -

1. Present

Cr Russell Mowatt, (MRSC), Cr Graham Hackett (MRSC), Cr Joe Morabito (MRSC), Cr Jennifer Anderson(MRSC), Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DSE), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Belinda Jacques (HRTC), Paul Gray (MRSC), Mark Grady (HCC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Mike Rowland (KHRRC), Anthony Quigley (HRRC),

2. Apologies

Martin Joiner (FOHR), Karen Stevens (MRSC), Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR), Maree Marmara (FOHR), Mark Graham (KHRRC)

3. Concert Preparation and site visit.

Committee assembled and visit the East Paddock to view the concert site and set up. Site Manger, Peter Pollard, briefed committee on the set up process and answered questions.

4. General Business

4.1 Regional Development Australia Fund

Rod advised Council have been asked to submit a full application to Round 4 of the fund for $2,089,000 towards the total project cost of $4,178,000. The application must be submitted before 11 April 2013. Officers are currently working on this application and concept plan.

The application is seeking funding for the Hanging Rock: Essential Infrastructure Development Project. The infrastructure proposed as part of this project will improve the ability of Hanging Rock to support, sustain and enhance visitor numbers to Hanging Rock and the region through picnickers, concerts and events. The works include:

- Upgraded power supply to the reserve
- Services ring main – power
- Potable water tank and pump system
- Water ring main – potable and non-potable supply
- Two visitor pavilions incl. shelter, toilets, bbq's, environmental sewerage treatment, water supply, and car parking
- Stage mound and hard stand area
- Viewing mound & small amphitheatre - landscaping/ drainage
- Internal power upgrades to picnic oval
- Informal lighting throughout reserve
- Wildlife corridor/landscaping/ buffer (perimeter eastern picnic ground)
- Habitat and shade tree plantings
- Cultural Heritage Study

- Road works – various including all weather surfacing main access road and circulation roads
- One Footbridge – replacement
- Main entrance road pedestrian link
- Racecourse pedestrian link

The committee viewed the concept plan, discussed the proposed works and application process.

The committee again fully supported and endorsed the concept plans and continued work to seek funding to undertake the project.

4.2 Recycled Water & Shared Trails

Rod tabled a plan of potential recycled water pipeline route from Woodend to Hanging Rock. Western Water have expressed interest in this project which would provide recycled and potable water from Woodend to Hanging Rock. The benefits of the proposed project are drought proofing reserve for racing club, events, concerts and picnics, provide drinking water and allow visitors and residents safe access by foot or bike. The estimated cost is $3.5m.

4.3 2012/13 Event Season

The 2012/13 event season has been very successful to date with almost 37,000 people attending the events including the craft markets, race meetings, car show, and Harvest Picnic. Approximately 2,000 people attended the augural The Carols at the Rock. Unfortunately the film night had to be cancelled due to a large electrical storm. 34,000 tickets have been sold to the two Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band concerts over the Easter weekend. Run the Rock is being held on April 27 in 2013.

4.4 Warrior Dash

Warrior Dash is a commando style endurance race. The event company that currently run these events all over America and most recently in New Zealand have expressed interest in running an event at Hanging Rock in April 2013. Officers will continue to work with event organisers on this new event.

5. Next Meeting

To be advised.

Hanging Rock Development Advisory Committee
Tuesday 23 July 2013

- MINUTES -

Present

Cr Jennifer Anderson(MRSC), Cr Russell Mowatt, (MRSC), Rod Clough (MRSC), Anne Walsh (MRSC), Graeme Oxlade (DEPI), Derek Shepherd (TMR), Belinda Jacques (HRTC), Mark Grady (HCC), Guido Bigolin (MRSC), Lachlan Milne (MRSC), Martin Joiner (FOHR), Kylie Lethbridge (MRSC

Apologies

Cr Joe Morabito (MRSC), Cr Graham Hackett (MRSC), Anthony Quigley (HRRC), Sophia Reynolds (FOHR), Maree Marmara (FOHR), Karen Stevens (MRSC), Mark Graham (KHRRC), Mike Rowland (KHRRC)

Rod advised that Mark Graham was no longer with the Kyneton & Hanging Rock Racing Club.

Attendance Data

A comparison of paid general visitation attendance data as at the end of financial year shows overall increases from 2011/12 to 2012/13. See below:

	2011/12	2012/13	Percentage Increase
Car	25022	27818	11.17%
Minibus	138	148	7.25%
Coach	138	143	3.63%

Decrease in pedestrian numbers of 52% seems significant but given the small number of pedestrians at the reserve it only equates to approx 50 people.
Attendance trends over the 10 years show a slow increase in paid general visitations.
Event attendances (excluding concerts) have also been increasing apart from 2011/12. This was due to cancellation of Australia Day races. When concert attendance is taken into consideration there has been a significant increase in event attendances.

Concert Review & future

Rod presented some background information which had been presented to Council earlier in the month about current and future challenges including potential funding shortfalls.
Review of Bruce Springsteen concert:
9.04% of the Macedon Ranges adult population attending the two events. 16.75% of tickets were sold interstate. Minimal issues were experienced – Council received 24 feedback emails of which only 4 were complaints.
An economic impact assessment was undertaken for the two concerts. 636 concert patrons responded to a survey. 41% of respondents stayed overnight – 46% of these stayed in the Macedon Ranges and the large majority stayed away from home for an average length of 2.7 nights. 88% of respondents indicate they would return to Hanging Rock again (outside of concerts).

The total economic impact from these two concerts was $9,655,302. This is the equivalent of supporting 29 FTE (full time equivalent) jobs annually. Full copy of the report is available on request.
Council recently conducted a survey of local residents (within 3km), community and businesses to gauge support for holding further concerts at Hanging Rock. Surveys indicated majority support for concerts to continue – residents (84%); community (79%); businesses (97%).
Given this and benefits to the region and Hanging Rock recommendation is that Council continue to include concerts as part of the range of events Hanging Rock hosts. A report is going to Council on Wednesday 24 July.
Lachlan Milne asked that if any future agreement with a promoter could have a clause to ensure the promoter acknowledges where possible the environmental significance of Hanging Rock and the Macedon Ranges.
Graeme Oxlade advised that officers from DEPI have raised concerns with him that concerts should not be held within powerful owl breeding seasons (April – October). Rod advised any agreement would reflect this.

Regional Development Australia Fund

Rod officially advised committee that application to the Round 4 of Regional Development Australia Fund for $2,089,000 has been successful. The improvements proposed from this funding with support and sustain existing events, whilst also providing opportunities for new events; encourage growth in general visitors/use such as picnickers, family gatherings, schools and weddings; and ensure the ongoing financial viability and environmental sustainability of the reserve through increased income.
Proposed works were discussed. Most infrastructure will be underground with only shelters and minimal lighting visible in the east paddock. Cr Anderson asked whether committee would be consulted in relation to shelter design. Rod advised committee would be consulted.
The first part of the project will be to undertaken a Cultural Heritage management plan and replacement the footbridge in the main reserve.
The project in total is expected to take approximately two years to complete.

Development & Investment Plan

Kylie presented the background on how idea of the Development & Investment Plan came about and was funded. The aim of this plan is to:

- Investigate options for improving service to our community and the visitor and to ensure the sustainability of Hanging Rock.
- Demonstrate how the sensitive conservation area of Hanging Rock Reserve can be preserved and improved by harnessing tourist visitation.
- Develop a comprehensive master plan and tourism investment strategy to provide guidance on the future opportunities for the Hanging Rock Reserve (including the Eastern Paddock).

It is envisaged that the plan will be presented to Council for comment over the next month and following this will be presented to the committee for comment.
Cr Anderson asked the committee if they were happy with the level of consultation about the plan to date and the committee advised they were.
Cr Mowatt advised he would like to see the Woodend bus extend to Hanging Rock in the long term.

Advisory Committee Review

Council will be reviewing their advisory committees in the coming months. Cr Anderson felt there should be councillor representation on the HRDAC. Derek asked that consideration be given to a Braemar College having a representative. Kylie felt Tourism Macedon Ranges should also be represented.

General Business

Recycled Water / walking trail from Woodend. Council and Western Water are in discussions.

Bat Boxes – Graeme Oxlade advised DEPI have a number of bat boxes available. Graeme will forward through details to Anne & Lachlan.

Warrior Dash – Mark Grady asked how Warrior Dash ended up. Rod and Anne advised the organisers have not been in contact since the event but overall the event went well.

Next Meeting

October 2013 – Actual date to be advised.