



Unconfirmed Minutes

Kioloa Coastal Campus (KCC) Management Committee

MEETING NO.	07/2024
DATE / TIME	24 September 2024 / 2.30 - 3.30 pm
VENUE	ZOOM
PRESENT	Kiaran Kirk, CoS Dean, (Chair) Grady Venville, DVCA, (Deputy Chair) Bronwyn Parry, CASS Dean (HASS Dean representative) Mark Talbot, Associate Director Operations, F&S Sara Rowley, General Manager (First Nations) <i>alternate</i>
APOLOGIES	Peter Yu, Vice-President (First Nations) Simon Haberle, Director CHL, CAP (Academic staff representative) Craig Strong, Associate Director (Education) FSES, CoS (Academic staff representative)
OBSERVERS	Brad Condon (Remote site manager, F&S)
SECRETARY	Nancy Richardson, Manager, Executive Support, CoS

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm

1. Welcome, Apologies and Announcements

Apologies were noted from Peter Yu, Simon Haberle and Craig Strong. Sara Rowley attended as Peter's alternate.

2. Guests

There were no guests at this meeting.

3. Previous Minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the 21 August 2024 meeting were confirmed without change.

4. Action Items

Action ID	Description	Responsibility	Status
6/2023 5.2a	Identify names of relevant academic staff who might assist in formulating a land management plan to deal with excessive kangaroo numbers. Nancy to assist connecting this group of academics with Brad.	Craig Strong / Nancy Richardson / Brad Condon	COMPLETE. Discussed at item 6.1 below (mtg#7/2024)
<p>Notes</p> <p>Mtg #1/2024 update: Craig has identified several ANU academics who have the relevant expertise to assist with formulating a plan. In addition, Craig pointed out that any land management plan will need to be based on a clear understanding of what the Committee considers the campus to be (a farm, a field station, a campus or something else) based on an understanding of the Deed of Gift. Accordingly, engagement with the group of identified academics will be put on hold until the campus' Strategic Plan has been drafted.</p>			
6/2023 6.1	Grady to form a working group tasked with the finalisation of the MoU with local elders and working on an application for the NSW Community Grants.	Grady Venville	Ongoing
<p>Notes</p> <p>Mtg #2/2024 update: Grady has contacted Dave Johnston to organise finalising the MoU and is planning to visit Kioloa to get this done.</p> <p>Mtg #3/2024 Penultimate draft of the MoU will be taken to the elders next week or the week after.</p> <p>Mtg#4/2024 Mtg to finalise the MoU has been scheduled for late June. The VC is keen to be the signatory on the MoUs, noting that there will be two documents (same content) signed by the different groups. Grady's office to circulate dates for the signing event to Committee members.</p> <p>Mtg#5/2024 Grady is travelling to Kioloa on 8 August to confirm finalisation of the MoU content with the Elders. Grady will circulate the current draft after the meeting - COMPLETE (emailed to Committee on 22 July).</p> <p>Mtg #6/2024 Aug 6 meeting with Elders postponed (unfortunately three of the elders were unwell).</p> <p>Mtg #7/2024 - meeting with the South Coast Elders in the diary for Monday 14th October. Grady will meet with the Butlers after this.</p>			
1/2024 5.2	Create a draft pamphlet for internal marketing purposes, targeting non-	Kiaran Kirk (Nancy Richardson)	To be continued

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	fieldwork related areas at ANU. Also create a pamphlet for external marketing purposes.		after the new Kioloa webpage is live.
5/2024 6.1.	Commence work on relocating the artefacts to Kioloa with the first steps being: a) ask Sue O'Connor to evaluate the importance of the artefacts b) ask the Director, School of Archaeology & Anthropology, if there would be any concern with relocating these artefacts.	a) Simon Haberle b) Bronwyn Parry	COMPLETE
	<p>Mtg #6/2024 a) Simon has spoken to Sue O'Connor who is willing to look at the artefacts but is unsure of when she will have capacity to do so. Simon will continue to follow-up on this item. b) No update as Bronwyn was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mtg #7/2024 b) Bronwyn has checked with the Director A&A and confirmed there are no concerns.</p>		
5/2024 6.3.	Improve the Kioloa web pages to make them more user friendly, with first steps being: a) ask the acting CIO if the CoS web team can be given permission to work on the Kioloa web pages b) work with Ilario Priori on listing up suggested changes.	a) Kiaran Kirk b) Nancy Richardson	a) COMPLETE b) COMPLETE This item will be closed off, however, the Committee and other stakeholders will be consulted as the CoS Web team creates the new web page

5. Standing items

5.1. Below Zero engagement and progress report (*Mark Talbot*)

Nil to report. It was agreed that this item was to be removed from the standing items. Mark will report on any Below Zero initiatives relevant to Kioloa as they arise.

5.2. Monthly bookings, maintenance and capital works update (*Mark Talbot*) - August report attached

The Committee noted the following highlights for August:

- Substantial increase in bed nights compared to 2023
- With regard to the proposed new walking trail along the campus boundary, the Shoalhaven Council has agreed to consider including a pedestrian crossing across the highway for safety reasons. They noted that the speed limit along this stretch of the highway had been reduced from 100 to 60 km/h.
- Work is continuing on the open-air teaching space, based on the survey run by Craig.
- The campus will host a group from the Australian Federal Police in September.

6. Other Business

6.1. Defining the KCC to inform decisions about kangaroo overcrowding [refer to attachment *Deed of Gift*]

See action item 6/2023 5.2a – discussion brought forward due to problematic numbers of kangaroos

The Committee discussed the worsening kangaroo overcrowding problem. Whilst it is unclear whether the kangaroos are trapped, it is likely that the remaining (undamaged) kangaroo-proof fences are making it more difficult for the kangaroos within the boundaries of the campus to move freely to other land. Options in terms of the fences are: (a) restore the kangaroo-proof fencing; (b) remove that top (kangaroo-proof) part of the fence; or (c) remove the fence altogether. It was mentioned that our kangaroo fencing is not electrified as are others in the area. Regarding competition with the cattle for food, Brad noted that the main purpose of the cattle grazing now is to keep down the fuel load at minimal cost.

The Committee agreed that:

1. The site should not be protected from kangaroo entry, and that removing the top part of the fences that is supposed to keep the kangaroos out is desirable, with the aim of having kangaroos being able to move freely through the environment.
2. Maintaining low fencing suitable for keeping cattle in place is desirable.
3. We need to be responsible for ensuring that the health of local kangaroos is not damaged by the campus' practices / infrastructure.
4. The Committee should seek expert advice to determine if removing the kangaroo-proof part of the fence will be sufficient to help the kangaroo population currently 'trapped' within disperse naturally or if other interventions are necessary (and if so, what options are there).

ACTION – Consult with the academic expert group proposed by Craig before deciding upon a course of action.

6.2. Review of draft MoU

The Committee had no suggested changes other than those proposed by Kieran. Sara committed to consulting with Peter on the content prior to Grady meeting with the South Coast Elders.

ACTION – Sara to consult with Peter on the content prior to Grady meeting with the South Coast Elders on 14 October.

6.3. Kioloa inductions

The Committee discussed a recent change in inductions at Kioloa whereby the on-site manager, Shane Paul, had been instructed to cease providing verbal inductions. Mark explained that this change had been implemented due to an F&S review of remote site inductions and advice from the university's insurer that we require documentation of proper safety induction that ANU can easily access and prove to have been read and signed by anyone staying on campus. The insurers specifically recommended that the only advice we should provide about swimming at the nearby beach is to not swim at unpatrolled beaches. The Committee asked that the on-site manager be advised that he could provide a verbal induction as long as he followed the new induction information pack.

The meeting finished at 3:16 pm

New action items list

Action ID	Description	Responsibility	Status
7/2024 6.1.	Consult with the group of kangaroo experts on campus to determine if the proposed plan to remove kangaroo-proof fencing from the KCC would alleviate the overcrowding issue.	Craig Strong / Brad Condon / Nancy Richardson	NEW
7/2024 6.2.	Consult with Peter Yu on the draft MoU and advise Grady of any suggested changes prior to 14 October	Sara Rowley	NEW