

Confirmed Minutes

Kioloa Coastal Campus (KCC) Management Committee

MEETING NO. 04/2022

DATE / TIME 31 October 2022 / 3.00 - 4.00 pm

VENUE ZOOM

PRESENT Kiaran Kirk, CoS Dean, Chair

Grady Venville, DVCA, Deputy Chair

Anna Cowan, CoS/CHM Deputy Dean Education

Rae Frances, CASS Dean

Simon Haberle, Director CHL, CAP

Dave Johnston, Indigenous Engagement Advisor (Community

representative)

Mathew Maclay, Associate Director, Operations, F&S

APOLOGIES Riley Guyatt, Student representative

GUESTS Item4 (3.00 - 3.20 pm):

Mark Howden, Director, Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster

Solutions

Item 5 (3.20 - 3.40 pm):

Vibo Chandrasekera, Deputy CFO

OBSERVERS Mick Kelly, Manager, Landscape and Conservation, F&S (Item 4)

SECRETARY Nancy Richardson, Manager, Executive Support, CoS

The meeting commenced at 3.00 pm

Welcome, Apologies and Announcements

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands from which participants attended.

Apologies were noted from Riley Guyatt. Mark Howden was welcomed as a guest and Mick Kelly as an observer for the discussion at Item 4 on Below Zero opportunities at Kioloa. Vibo Chandrasekera was welcomed to the meeting for Item 5 from 3.20 pm.

Rae announced that this would be her last meeting as she is leaving the University. Rae was thanked for her participation and Input. It was agreed that Kiaran would invite, Bronwyn Parry, incoming Dean CASS to replace Rae as the HASS Dean on the Committee (Action ID 4/2022 1.0).

2. Previous Minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the 30 September meeting were endorsed without change.

3. Action Items

Action ID	Description	Responsibility	Status	Notes
1-2022- 2.1	Plan formal campus re-opening ceremony involving Traditional Owners	Grady Venville, Kiaran Kirk and Dave Johnston	In Progress	The VC has advised he would like the formal ceremony to be on the occasion of the signing of the MoU.
1-2022- 3	Seek feedback on MoU from Dave Johnston before circulation to the Traditional Owners.	Grady Venville	In Progress	Grady and Dave to discuss this week.
2- 2022-5	Draft material announcing the reopening of KCC for publication in On Campus.	Mathew Maclay	Complete	Published in VC's Blog on 16 September. Featured in On Campus on 1 November.
2- 2022- 6.1	Dave to liaise with Mathew on the relevant Elders for stakeholder engagement with regard to renaming of KCC cottages.	Dave Johnston	Ongoing	Dave is currently working with elder Owen Carriage to determine some appropriate names to be suggested for the cottages.
2- 2022- 6.2	Set up a meeting with Deputy CFO, Kiaran, Grady and Mathew to advance discussion on financial operations of KCC.	Angela Ryan	Remove	Determined not required at this meeting (#4/2022). See item 5 for details.

Action ID	Description	Responsibility	Status	Notes
3/2022 4.0	Gather market comparison prices for accommodation as follows: a. Other ANU fieldwork trips b. Other universities' field site charges for external users. c. Other local options	a. Anna Cowan b. Kiaran Kirk c. Nancy Richardson	Complete	Attachment provided with agenda for mtg #4/2022
3/2022	Look into NSW Community Grants to fund the establishment of a 'keeping place'	Grady Venville	Ongoing	

4. Below Zero opportunities at the Kioloa Coastal Campus (Mark Howden)

Mark spoke to the Committee about the opportunities for carbon emission reduction and carbon drawdown on the Kioloa campus (see attached presentation), noting the strong alignment between the Committee's remit and the ANU Below Zero program's aims.

Information provided in addition to that in the presentation included:

- A rough calculation of the greenhouse gases emitted by the livestock currently agisted on site (20 head of cattle) gives approx. 75 t CO₂ equivalent-/ year, i.e. equal to emissions from all other sources combined at the campus.
- In the future, vertical-axis wind turbines could be considered. These avoid many of the issues associated with the current mainstream horizontal-axis turbines.

Mathew noted that F&S is already working with Mark and the Below Zero team to look at the solar farm idea and that they would be interested in the new turbines and beach-front rejuvenation ideas.

The Committee agreed that engaging with Below Zero should be prioritised as it will enable the University to take an integrated stance towards climate change, generate a positive message, and provide opportunities to integrate carbon emission reduction with teaching & research. There was also strong support for the integration of Indigenous knowledge into activities.

It was agreed that Mathew and Mick will engage with the Below Zero team to commence planning and work (**Action ID** 4/2022 4.1) and that Mathew reporting on this engagement and all related activities is to be introduced as a standing item for the Committee meetings (**Action ID** 4/2022 4.2).

Mark and Mick left the meeting at 3.24 pm

5. Financial Operations of KCC (Vibo Chandrasekera joined the meeting from 3.20 pm)

Vibo noted that the market comparison information showed a wide variance in charges and thus did not provide the desired clarity for a decision on Kioloa prices to be made.

Mathew noted that F&S has allocated a large amount of capital for remote sites and therefore there is no specific need to rely on money from guests to pay for maintenance.

There was some agreement that the prices modelled at the last meeting (i.e. \$66/night for internals and \$165/night for externals with all meals included for all guests) might be acceptable for 2023 to establish a baseline indication of those prices' acceptability. Nevertheless, equity issues must also be considered as ANU students pay for themselves whereas ANU staff generally do not, therefore there is much less need for staff prices to be subsidised by the University. One further area to look at would be setting higher prices for the private rooms with ensuites.

It was agreed that Mathew would provide the group with a list of external parties that had expressed interest in staying at Kioloa since its closure (**Action ID** 4/2022 5.1). In addition, Mathew will share previous studies conducted on pricing with the group via email and a decision on 2023 prices will be made by the Committee over email (**Action ID** 4/2022 5.2).

Accommodation pricing at the campus will be reviewed by this Committee each year in September/October.

Vibo left the meeting at 3.51 pm

6. Consumption of alcohol at KCC (Kiaran Kirk)

Due to time constraints this discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

7. **Standing item: bookings update** (Mathew Maclay)

To be prepared for the next meeting and thenceforth each meeting.

8. Other Business

Dave provided a short summary of the Indigenous engagement work he had been conducting, including:

- Working with Owen Carriage on suggestions for new names for the cottages
- Establishing a working relationship between Professor Valerie Cooms (Head of CAEPR) and the South Coast Elders Association.

The meeting finished at 3.55 pm

New action items list

Action ID	Description	Responsibility	Status	Notes
4/2022 1.0	Invite Bronwyn Parry to join the Committee to replace Rae Frances as the HASS Dean representative	Kiaran Kirk	NEW	
4/2022 4.1	Engage with the ANU Below Zero team to commence planning for carbon emission	Mathew Maclay	NEW	

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	reduction and removal work at Kioloa			
4/2022 4.2	Add reporting on Below Zero engagement as a standing item from mtg #5/2022	Nancy Richardson	Complete	
4/2022 5.1	Provide Committee members with a list of external parties that have been interested in staying at Kioloa since its closure	Mathew Maclay	NEW	
4/2022 5.2	Committee to determine accommodation pricing for 2023 via email, as informed by previous studies on this matter (to be shared by Mathew) and discussions at mtg #4/2022	All Committee members	NEW	