



STATE NRM OFFICE
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State NRM Program Community Grants

Guidelines and Application Form 2012/13

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Please refer to the check list on page 6 of the application form prior to submitting your application.

Application Form

Applicant details

OFFICE USE ONLY Project ID

Group name	Denmark Shire		
Postal address	PO Box 183		
Project contact person	Gemma Maling		
Position on organisation	Sustainability Officer		
Telephone	98480329	Mobile	N/A
Email	so@denmark.com.au		

NOTE: The person nominated above must be contactable during office hours either by phone or email.

Legal Entity

Is your Group incorporated; a school or a local government council?	Yes
Is your group registered for GST?	Yes
Does your group have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes

NOTE: Community groups who cannot answer yes to all three questions are not considered a “legal entity” for the purposes of this grant program. A group that is not a legal entity must be sponsored by a group that is, such as a local government authority, a peak industry body or a regional NRM organisation. If the application is successful, the sponsor will be legally responsible for meeting the contractual obligations of the grant (i.e. administration, management and reporting). You should only seek a sponsor if your group is not a legal entity. An organisation may sponsor more than one community group.

Sponsor Organisation (if applicable)

Name			
Postal address			
Contact person			
Position on organisation			
Telephone		Mobile	
Email			

NOTE: A letter confirming the organisation above is prepared to act as your sponsor must be attached to this application.

Partnerships

1. Is this a partnership project? No
2. If yes, with whom? _____

The following person/s from partner organisations has been consulted during the preparation of this application and can be contacted during the assessment process.

	Organisation 1	Organisation 2
Organisation:		
Contact person:		
Position		
Telephone:		
Mobile:		
Nature of relationship to the project:		
Letter of support is attached	Yes/No	Yes/No

3. How will they be involved in the project?

NOTE: Partnerships will enhance your application but are not a requirement. A partnership organisation can be the same as your sponsor organisation. A letter of support from each partner must accompany the application and outline all contributions they have agreed to provide.

Aboriginal engagement

1. Will your local aboriginal community group (s) be involved in the project? Yes
2. Have you contacted them in the planning of this project? Yes
3. Please provide some explanation to justify your answer to the previous questions.

The local indigenous community representative for Denmark as advised by the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) is Wayne Webb. Wayne was part of the initial steering group committee and assisted staff in the sighting of the proposed trail course.

The Shire has corresponded with DIA in the planning of this project. DIA noted that generally the Council was aware of and addressing Aboriginal Heritage. However, advised the Shire on who how to proceed with the project should further development activities occur.

Recently members of the Albany Aboriginal Heritage Reference Group (AAHRG) were consulted about the trail. Ms Treasey Woods spoke for AAHRG and supported the project. Ms Woods stated that she believed it would be impossible to stop people visiting Poison Point and therefore it was better to define a 'suitable' track than allow current practices to continue. Ms Woods's approval was subject to the continuation of Indigenous advice and involvement of a local Indigenous Monitor in the final (ground truth) alignment.

4. Does your project comply with the Native Title Act? Yes
5. Does your project comply with the Aboriginal Heritage Act? Yes

Please contact your local Department of Indigenous Affairs or David Collard, State Aboriginal NRM Coordinator (08) 9368 3198 david.collard@agric.wa.gov.au if you need information to complete these questions.

Project Details

Title (maximum 15 words)

Restoration of Poison Point and Access Restriction

Description

1. Provide a brief description of the project including how it will be carried out.

The project brief is to aid restoration of the riparian zone at Poison Point by providing a sustainable walk trail and vehicular access to Poison Point. The project aim is to enable the riparian zone to regenerate by reducing the current pressure exerted by visitors to the Point's foreshore.

The project objective is to restrict access to sections of the existing walk trail and road so as to minimise the current deleterious impact on the riparian zone. The intention is also to manage vehicular activity by restricting vehicles and parking to the first embayment area, while allowing visitors to access the Point via a designated walk trail.

The trail and road will be surveyed and pegged after final consultation with stakeholders. The reconstruction works will be implemented by a local contractor under the direction of the Shire's, Infrastructure Services and Planning and Sustainability Directorates. The Shire will rehabilitate sections of the riparian zone focusing on areas of the trail and bank.

Ongoing management and surveillance will be provided by the Shire of Denmark with the support of the local community.

2. Identify the location and the asset you intend working on in the project.

Please attach a map of the location of your project

960 Poison Point Road, Denmark.

3. Who owns the asset?

The Poison Point Reserve is Crown land and vested in the Shire of Denmark.

4. What are the threats to this asset and what has been done to address these threats?

Currently the main threats include:

- Rapid soil loss and soil erosion following torrential downpours and sheet flows due to the steep slope and incised and un-stabilised surface of the existing 4 wheel drive access. Subsequently eroded soil may contribute to sedimentation of the Inlet.
- 4 wheel drive vehicles continue past the first embayment and proposed vehicular parking area and proceed along the existing section of walk track widening the track, destroying vegetation, compacting soil and 'tearing up' the walk trail.
- Trampling of understorey and fringing vegetation by tourists, local recreational walkers and recreational fisherman as they traverse across intact vegetation creating multiple tracks and venture around the bank edge of the point.
- Multiple vehicle and visitor made tracks in the riparian zone along the foreshore and on the edge of the bank result in exposure and damage to the understorey and tree roots causing soil compaction and soil erosion of Wilson Inlet. There is also loss and decline of fringing vegetation.
- Vehicles are currently parking in several locations at the first embayment and at two embayment's further down the walk trail. This vehicular activity is incrementally increasing the parking footprint(s) due to lack of a defined 'permitted' parking area. This causes soil compaction in the trees' drip zone and damages roots, buttressed trunks, understorey and fringing vegetation resulting in the death of some tree species and areas of rushes and sedges.
- Dieback, *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, is a potential threat to the Poison Point Reserve. Mapping has identified the presence of Dieback in nearby Shire Reserves. The unsealed pitted and incised existing access road may act as a vector for the spread of dieback to Poison Point Reserve as water pools on the irregular surface (exposed laterite and clay) and the Reserve is down slope from the road.
- Acid Sulphate Soils (ASS). Wilson Inlet has been identified as 'high to moderate risk' (WIFRMP, 2008) within three metres of the natural soil surface. The persistent vehicular activity and creation of incised tracks on the 'Point' could result in exposure of ASS.

5. Why is the asset important to your group?

This Reserve is identified in the Shire of Denmark's amended 'Wilson Inlet Foreshore Reserve Management Plan 2008' (WIFRMP) as 'a beautiful place, with unspoilt vegetation and extensive views of the inlet'. However, the management plan goes on to explain that the 'steep and partly eroded' walk and vehicular track limit accessibility.

Council resolved (Res: 110511) at the Ordinary Council Meeting, 24 May 2011 to apply for funding to cultivate Poison Point as a recreational node while ensuring minimal disturbance to the adjacent vegetation.

6. What is the total grant funding you are applying for?

\$40,500

NOTE: Exclude GST in the amount identified above. Applications can be made for grants of between \$10 000 and \$50 000 and you can apply for more than one grant. You can also apply for new grants even if you currently have a State NRM Program community grant.

Project Plan

Activities and financial requirements

Provide a list of the major activities of your project. For each activity identify when they will be completed, the grant funds required and the funds (cash and in-kind) that you will be contributing.

Description of key activities	Completion date	State NRM funds required (GST exclusive)	Other contributions including cash and in-kind
Photo point monitoring	Nov 2012		500.00
Stakeholders meeting at site – Indigenous Community, Shire Officers and Councillors	Nov 2012		500.00
Final survey of trial course in consultation with Indigenous Monitor.	Nov 2012		(included in above figure)
Grading site works for access road reconstruction	Dec 2012	10,000.00	8,000.00
Stormwater pipes	Dec 2012	2,700.00	
Access road surfacing	Dec 2012	9,800.00	
Carpark - location determined by Shire of Denmark Officers to ensure minimal disturbance to adjacent vegetation.			500.00
Carpark –Clearing, grading and construction (mulching where possible)	Dec 2012	13,200.00	
Installation of bollards with concrete footings and a keyed gated (fire access) at carpark adjacent to the first embayment.	Dec 2012	1,300.00	
Installation of signage to define car parking bays and restrict parking.	Dec 2012	500.00	

Installation of interpretative signage that depicts the Indigenous connection with the Point and Wilson Inlet.	Dec 2012	3,000.00	
Revegetation – Planting and supply of local (riparian) species			5,000
Administration of Grant			2,000
TOTAL		\$40,500.00	\$16,500.00

NOTE: Please see the guidelines for assistance with calculating in-kind contributions

Funding requested

1. Identify the other contributions (outside the grant requested) being made towards the project.

NOTE: it should match the total identified in the previous table.

\$ 18,500

2. If you are unable to identify contributions that at least match the grant request, please provide justification why this is not possible / appropriate.

Denmark Shire is a small municipality with approximately 5,000 permanent residents to draw rates from. However, the Shire's Natural Assets such as Poison Point are utilised and appreciated by thousands of visitors each year who in part contribute to the damage to the foreshore, access and trail at Poison Point.

3. If you are applying for funding outside the guidelines, please provide justification for that request.

N/A

4. If you are applying for a component of funding for project management (up to 10% of your total grant), please provide detail of this funding request.

N/A

Measurement and Maintenance of Results

1. How will you determine whether you have addressed the problem?

The Shire of Denmark will assess if the problems been addressed by the following indicators:

- Reduction in soil loss and in soil erosion following rain events and 'torrential downpours'. This should be evident at site inspection following significant episodic rainfall events.
- Cessation of vehicles encroaching on the walk trail. Any breach will be apparent as bollards will be installed with concrete footings and a keyed gated installed (fire access).
- Amelioration of riparian vegetation evident by a reduction in the number of plant deaths and an increase in species density. This will be apparent in, and recorded by, a photo point monitoring program. (Initial photos to be taken just prior to commencement of the project to ascertain the extent of current vegetation and its condition.)
- Survival of seedlings planted areas previously accessed by vehicles but where access is now prohibited. Marked by plant survival percentage.

2. How will the benefits gained from this project be maintained in the future?

The 2 wheel drive access, car parking and rehabilitation work will be maintained by Denmark Shire -

Infrastructure Services. The trail will be maintained by the Shire and Local Community.

3. How will you promote the work being done in this project?

Media release - local newspapers and WALGA –Eco News

Other Projects

Please provide details of all other NRM projects your organisation is currently involved in, including projects you are delivering components of for other organisations.

Project	Project proponent	Resources and source	Start date	Finish date
Revegetation of Priority Sites along Wilson Inlet	Shire of Denmark	State NRM Community Grants	Oct 2010	July 2012
Biodiversity surveys Mt Hallowell Reserve and Wilson Inlet Foreshore Reserves	Shire of Denmark	State NRM Community Grants	2011	Dec2012

Application Checklist (Please tick each box once completed)

Complete all questions and attach requested information to the application form.

An application could be deemed ineligible if all boxes are not ticked or comment provided on why it cannot be complied with.

- Have you checked your eligibility to apply?
- Have you identified the main contact person for the project?
- Have you identified your sponsor (if required) and attached a letter from that organisation confirming that they are willing to fulfil this role on your behalf?
- Have you identified all of your project partners (where applicable), provided a contact person and a letter confirming the contributions they will make?
- Have you attached a map showing the project location?
- Have you checked that the figures in the funding requested section match those in the financial requirements table?
- Is the amount of funds requested between \$10 000 and \$50 000 and excluding GST?
- Wherever possible your application should identify a matching contribution (cash and/or in-kind). Have you either identified these matching funds or provided information why this is not possible/ appropriate?
- Have you used the information provided in the guidelines to calculate the cash and/or in-kind contributions?
- If you have applied for funds outside those identified in the guidelines (e.g. the \$3000 km allowable for fencing materials), have you provided the justification required?
- Are all of the activities you have requested State NRM Program funds for, eligible according to the guidelines?
- If you have applied for up to 10 per cent of your total grant for management of your project, have you provided justification?
- Have you consulted with your local regional NRM organisation?



8.1.1 POISON POINT RECREATIONAL RESERVE : REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

File Ref:	A3013
Applicant / Proponent:	Shire of Denmark
Subject Land / Locality:	Lot 960 (Reserve R12344) Poisson Point Road - Poison Point
Disclosure of Officer Interest:	Nil
Date:	15 April 2011
Author:	Annette Harbron, Director of Planning & Sustainability
Authorising Officer:	Annette Harbron, Director of Planning & Sustainability
Attachments:	Yes – Page 1

Summary:

Poison Point is a recreation reserve, with the Management Order issued to the Shire of Denmark. The current, essentially unmanaged, recreational use of this reserve has environmental impacts and the Shire does need to consider appropriate management recommendations in the long-term.

It is recommended that Council provide the opportunity for a staged development approach to the provision of recreational facilities at Poison Point, thus ensuring a level of development at Poison Point that can balance the environmental and recreational desires of the community.

Background:

The Wilson Inlet Foreshore Reserves Management Plan 2008 (WIFRMP), which was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 25 November 2008 (Resolution 111108), included a number of management recommendations, associated actions and staging timeframes specifically associated with the development of Poison Point reserve, namely:

Recommendation	Actions Required	Responsibility	Priority	When
2.5 p) – Poison Point be upgraded to a vehicular recreation destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain funding to upgrade Poison Point as a vehicular recreation destination. Provide vehicular access from Inlet Crescent to Poison Point by upgrading the current vehicle access track and internal track with passing bays developed with minimal tree removal to enable passing of vehicles. Provide a low number of vehicle parking bays at Poison Point (developed with minimal tree removal). Install appropriate signs at the entrance to the access track to Poison Point. Remove the “Professional Fishermen Only” sign located at the entrance to the access track. Provide picnic facilities at 	• Shire	• L	• 2015
		• Shire	• L	• 2015
		• Shire	• L	• 2015
		• Shire	• H	• 2010
		• Shire	• H	• 2010

	Poison Point (developed with minimal tree removal).	• Shire	• L	• 2015
	• Provide an internal all weather pedestrian/wheelchair friendly access way at Poison Point.	• Shire	• L	• 2015
	• Provide up to 2 suitable wheelchair friendly fishing platforms being constructed to service deep water shore based fishing at Poison Point.	• Shire	• M	• 2010
	• Restrict boat launching to current active commercial fishermen for use only for their business, not for public boat launching.	• Shire	• H	• 2010
	• Either licence and make safe the jetty, or render it unusable.			

In 2009, the Shire of Denmark was successful in obtaining grant funds of \$11,130.00 from the State Government's 2009 Environmental Community Grant Program to implement some of the WIFRMP recommendations/actions, namely develop a nature walk trail with picnic facilities and indigenous heritage interpretative signage at Poison Point, with Council's contributory funds of \$15,000.00 to be associated with the road works required to ensure appropriate vehicular access to Poison Point. Approval to Council funds being allocated to the project was considered at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 October 2009 (Resolution 121009).

The timeframe for implementation and completion of the project was originally indicated for 2009/2010 financial year. In May 2010 an extension for completion of the grant works until 30 November 2010 was approved by the Department of Environment and Conservation on account of delays in the roadworks to upgrade vehicular access to the site and to allow for further consideration of environmental concerns with the proposed works at Poison Point.

As a result of some community opposition to any works occurring at Poison Point, the Poison Point Steering Group (which was established to oversee the project and comprised Cr Bob Laing, H Heydenrych (Shire's NRM Officer), Wayne Webb (Noongar Elder representative) and D Harwood & K Koning (community members)) determined that it would be appropriate for Council to review the recommendations provided for in the WIFRMP to determine the appropriate form of development that should occur at Poison Point, noting the concerns raised by sectors of the community that the management recommendations and associated actions as provided for in the adopted WIFRMP were not the subject of community consultation.

Council considered this matter at the Ordinary Meeting of 25 January 2011 and resolved as follows (Resolution 110111):

"That with respect to Poison Point Recreational Reserve:

1. Council advertise for 35 days seeking public comment with regards to Council Resolution 111108 item 9.1 of 25 November 2008 and management actions included in the Wilson Inlet Foreshore Reserves Management Plan 2008 for Poison Point Reserve (R12344).
2. Following the process outlined in 1. review future options for Poison Point reserve, including:

- a) *the best form of protection and prevention of further degradation of this iconic site;*
 - b) *issues of safe pedestrian and vehicular access;*
 - c) *consideration of the environmental values and Indigenous heritage values of the site;*
 - d) *consideration of activities which are currently being undertaken in this reserve;*
3. *Give consideration to the overall planning for access to the Wilson Inlet foreshore for the disabled and elderly.*
 4. *That, with respect to the 2009 Environmental Community grant project received for development of a nature appreciation walk trail for Poison Point Reserve (R12344), Council approve the return of unspent monies (\$11,130.00 ex GST) to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)."*

Comment:

As per Council Resolution 110111, public consultation occurred in relation to the management recommendations and associated actions as provided for in the WIFRMP. At the close of the advertising period, a total of 42 submissions were received, comprised of:

- 8 submissions lodged supportive of the WIFRMP recommendations for the provision of disabled access to Poison Point and associated recreational facilities;
- 31 submissions lodged objecting to the WIFRMP recommendations for the provision of disabled access to Poison Point and associated recreational facilities;
- 1 multiple signatory submission/petition (containing 394 signatures) supportive of the WIFRMP recommendations for the provision of disabled access to Poison Point and associated recreational facilities; and
- 2 multiple signatory submissions/petitions (one containing 66 signatures and the other containing 43 signatures) objecting to the development of any new infrastructure at Poison Point.

Attached is the Schedule of Submissions which provides a summary of the key issues raised in the submissions and Planning & Sustainability Directorate officer comments accordingly.

As is evident from the submissions received, the community has very polarised views as to the future recreational use of Poison Point reserve, although they all reflect the following:

- the desire to retain the high natural values of the site;
- the need for "low environmental impact" to be the guiding factor in determining the level and/or form of development at the site; and
- that the primary use of the site should be for nature-based recreational experiences.

It should also be noted that within the Shire of Denmark's 2011 Community Needs and Customer Satisfaction Survey there was a question seeking comment on the concept of constructing a fully accessible (wheelchair access) path, as well as a fishing platform or structure, to enable deep water fishing at Poison Point. The survey has recently been finalised and analysed, with the results pertaining to this question as follows:

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unsure
32.1%	7.4%	21.7%	14.7%	19.6%	4.5%

Having regard to all of the issues raised in the submissions and the original management recommendations and associated actions as provided for in the WIFRMP, it is considered that there is the opportunity to provide for a level of development at Poison Point that can balance the environmental and recreational desires of the community in the short to medium term, whilst providing the opportunity to consider further development of the site (such as the wheelchair friendly fishing

platforms and full disabled access around the Poison Point recreational reserve) subject to matters such as funding, environmental and cultural heritage impact assessments and statutory approval process being investigated/pursued further.

The short to medium term development opportunities that are considered appropriate at Poison Point on the basis that they allow Council to sensitively manage the recreational reserve include:

- providing for 2-wheel drive vehicle access to the site by resheeting the current access track surface with gravel, ensuring that all works are undertaken to minimise disturbance to the adjacent vegetation;
- development of a car parking area (maximum 4 bays with 1 bay being designated as a disabled bay), suitably located so as to ensure minimal removal of existing vegetation;
- development of an all weather nature appreciation trail, surfaced with crushed limestone, providing safe pedestrian access for the physically able and elderly (i.e. not suitable for disabled access) to deep weather fishing spots at the point; and
- development of rest-point facilities (seating, picnic tables) in suitable locations to provide for passive nature-based recreational experiences (bird-watching, picnicking, photography, painting), with facilities able to be utilised by the disabled where provided in close proximity to the parking area.

Providing the opportunity for such a staged development approach enables Council to:

- provide for some recreational use of Poison Point;
- sensitively manage Poison Point through the development stages;
- review development options for the site should it be deemed the environmental impact cannot be adequately managed; and
- review development options for the site should the issues of funding and statutory approvals not be forthcoming.

Poison or Poisson?

From reviewing the files it is evident that there has been extensive debate in the Council arena and the community for many years as to the correct spelling – Poison or Poisson. Current mapping information seems to provide reference to both spellings, with the road being referred to as Poisson and the actual point referred to as Poison.

Officers have recently liaised with Geographic Names Committee on this matter and after researching it they have advised that Council, via a letter dated 8 August 1983 to the then Surveyor General's Department, requested the name Poisson Point Road be allocated to a portion of the road reserve that was previously named Pinniger Point Road south of Inlet Drive, and that the correct spelling of such is "Poisson". A search of Council records has confirmed that this correspondence was as a result of a Council resolution on the matter at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 July 1983.

The Denmark Historical Society Inc. advises that they consider the area is Poison Point. They do note that since the late 1950's some nearby residents referred to it as Poisson Point (which is French for fish) because they did not like the name Poison Point – which was named because of the gastrolobium plants that grow there containing a poison which killed many calves and sheep in the early years.

From an officer's perspective, both names appear to have merit and a basis for use as they have some affiliation with the area. Notwithstanding which spelling is determined as being the most appropriate, it is strongly recommended that the name of the reserve and the name of the associated road reserve need to be spelt the same. Given that for the most part the road reserve is effectively unconstructed and there is no signage associated with it as a result, it is considered appropriate that "Poison" be utilised for the spelling associated with the reserve and the road reserve.

Consultation:

External Consultation

As per Council Resolution 111108, public consultation occurred in relation to the management recommendations and associated actions as provided for in the WIFRMP.

Internal Consultation

- Natural Resource Management Officer – H Heydenrych
- Chief Executive Officer – D Stewart
- Director of Finance and Administration – G Bird
- Engineering Administration Officer – S Bracknell

A question was also included within the Shire of Denmark's 2011 Community Needs and Customer Satisfaction Survey in relation to the construction of a fully accessible (wheelchair access) path, as well as a fishing platform or structure, to enable deep water fishing at Poison Point.

Statutory Obligations:

There are no statutory obligations associated with the report or the officer recommendation at this stage.

Policy Implications:

There are no policy implications associated with the report or the officer recommendation at this stage.

Budget / Financial Implications:

There are no known financial implications upon the Council's current Budget or Plan for the Future at this stage as any budgetary considerations will be dependent upon grant funding being able to be obtained to undertake the majority of the actions associated with the development of Poison Point as a recreation node.

Strategic Implications:

Depending on the Council's final resolution on this matter, the WIFRMP may require to be amended accordingly.

Sustainability Implications:

➤ **Environmental:**

The level of development for Poison Point will need to be considered in context having regard to the function and intended purpose of the reserve whilst ensuring a sustainable environmentally acceptable development outcome is provided, regardless of the form and extent of development proposed.

➤ **Economic:**

Depending on the form of development that is proposed for the site, Poison Point could become a tourism asset for the Shire.

➤ **Social:**

The provision of access to popular facilities within the Shire of Denmark is a social obligation. The officer's recommendation provides the opportunity for improved access to the site and within the reserve to be provided in the short to medium term by vehicles and for the physically able and elderly, with the option to consider access for the disabled in the future subject to matters such as funding, statutory approvals and environmental/cultural heritage impact assessments being investigated/pursued.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
MOVED: CR SAMPSON

ITEM 8.1.1 (a)
SECONDED: CR SYME

Cr Syme asked whether Cr Ebbett's declaration of interest related to item 8.1.1 (a). The Shire President noted that it did not relate and that he would allow Cr Ebbett to return to the meeting to debate and vote on the motion.

4.39pm – Cr Ebbett returned to the meeting.

That with respect to the issue of "Poison" or "Poisson", Council:

1. Determines that "Poison" be referenced as the correct spelling;
2. Requests the Department of Regional Development and Lands to amend the gazetted road name of "Poisson Point Road" to "Poison Point Road";
3. Requests the Department of Regional Development and Lands to amend all cartographic and topographic mapping references such that it is "Poison Point" and not "Poisson Point"; and
4. Advise the Department of Water, Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Indigenous Affairs and the Denmark Historical Society Inc that the area should be referenced as "Poison Point" and not "Poisson Point".

CARRIED: 10/0

Res: 050511

4.40pm – Cr Ebbett left the meeting.

FORMER OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 8.1.1 (b)

That Council with respect to the Poison Point Recreational Reserve and the current management recommendations and associated actions as provided for in the Wilson Inlet Foreshore Management Plan 2008:

1. Note the submissions received from the community;
2. Amend the actions associated with Recommendation 2.5 p) as per the following:
 - a. Apply for partnership funding to develop Poison Point as a recreation destination (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - b. Provide for 2-wheel drive vehicular access to Poison Point by resheeting the current access track surface with gravel, ensuring that all works are undertaken to ensure minimal tree removal (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - c. Provide for a car parking area (maximum 4 bays with 1 bay designated as a disabled bay), suitably located so as to ensure minimal tree removal (Priority: High / When: 2012);

- d. Provide rest-point facilities (seating, picnic tables) in suitable locations to provide for passive nature-based recreational experiences, with facilities suitable for use by the disabled where appropriate, ensuring minimal tree removal (Priority: Medium – High / When: 2012 – 2015);
 - e. Provide an all weather nature appreciation trail, surfaced with crushed limestone, providing safe pedestrian access for the physically able and elderly to deep weather fishing spots at the point (Priority: Medium / When: 2015);
 - f. Consider upgrading of the all weather nature appreciation trail such that it is wheelchair accessible subject to identification of appropriate funding sources being identified, environmental and cultural heritage impact assessments being undertaken and the necessary statutory approvals, if required being obtained (Priority: Low / When: 2018);
Consider the provision of up to 2 suitable wheelchair friendly fishing platforms to service deep water shore based dishing at Poison Point subject to identification of appropriate funding sources being identified, environmental and cultural heritage impact assessments being undertaken and the necessary statutory approvals, if required being obtained (Priority: Low / When: 2018);
 - g. Restrict boat launching to current active commercial fishermen for use only for their business, and not for public boat launching (Priority: Medium to High / When: 2018);
 - h. Liaise with the Department of Transport and the licensee / user regarding the licensing and or removal of the jetty (Priority: High / When: 2012).
3. Advise the submitters of Council's resolution.

At the meeting held on the 17 May 2011, Cr Laing asked the Director of Planning & Sustainability to clarify the construction material for the trail.

The Director of Planning & Sustainability advised that the trail would be surfaced with mulched vegetation and part 2 e) of the Officer Recommendation has been amended accordingly.

The Director of Planning & Sustainability advised that she had made a couple of slight amendments to the Officer Recommendation which she had highlighted and provided a copy to Councillors.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 8.1.1 (b)

That Council with respect to the Poison Point Recreational Reserve and the current management recommendations and associated actions as provided for in the Wilson Inlet Foreshore Reserves Management Plan 2008:

1. Note the submissions received from the community;
2. Amend the actions associated with Recommendation 2.5 p) as per the following:
 - a. Apply for partnership funding to develop Poison Point as a recreation destination (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - b. Provide for 2-wheel drive vehicular access to Poison Point by forming, draining and resurfacing the current access track surface with gravel, ensuring that all works are undertaken to ensure minimal tree removal (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - c. Provide for a car parking area (maximum 4 bays with 1 bay designated as a disabled bay), suitably located so as to ensure minimal tree removal (Priority: High / When: 2012);

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3. Advise the submitters of Council's resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 8.1.1 (b)

MOVED: CR PEDRO

SECONDED: CR SYME

That Council with respect to the Poison Point Recreational Reserve and the current management recommendations and associated actions as provided for in the Wilson Inlet Foreshore Reserves Management Plan 2008:

1. Note the submissions received from the community;
2. Amend the actions associated with Recommendation 2.5 p) as per the following:
 - a) Apply for partnership funding to develop Poison Point as a recreation destination (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - b) Provide for 2-wheel drive vehicular access to Poison Point by re sheeting the current access track and laying a bitumen top incorporating drainage within the bitumen shoulder on the northern edge with grids and drainage tubes beneath the road to transfer clean water to the southern slopes, ensuring that all works are undertaken to guarantee minimal tree removal and minimise disturbance to the adjacent vegetation (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - c) Provide for a car parking area (maximum 4 bays with 1 bay designated as a disabled bay), suitably located so as to ensure minimal tree removal (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - d) Provide rest-point facilities (seating, picnic tables) in suitable locations to provide for passive nature-based recreational experiences, with facilities suitable for use by the disabled where appropriate, ensuring minimal tree removal (Priority: Medium – High / When: 2012 – 2015);
 - e) Consider in the future the possibility of providing an all weather nature appreciation trail, surfaced with die back free mulched vegetation, providing safe pedestrian access for the physically able and elderly to deep water fishing spots at the point (Priority: Medium / When: 2015);
 - f) Consider in the future upgrading of the all weather nature appreciation trail such that it is wheelchair accessible subject to identification of appropriate funding sources being identified, environmental and cultural heritage impact assessments being undertaken and the necessary statutory approvals, if required being obtained (Priority: Low / When: 2018);
 - g) Consider the provision of a facility that will enhance the environmental experience such as a suitable wheelchair friendly bird hide or fishing platform to service deep water shore based fishing at Poison Point subject to identification of appropriate funding sources being identified, environmental and cultural heritage impact assessments being undertaken and the necessary statutory approvals, if required being obtained (Priority: Low / When: 2018);
 - h) Restrict boat launching to current active commercial fishermen for use only for their business, and not for public boat launching (Priority: Medium to High / When: 2012);
 - i) Liaise with the Department of Transport and the licensee / user regarding the licensing and or removal of the jetty (Priority: High / When: 2012);
 - j) Seek the vesting of the reserve adjacent to and south of Inlet Drive to combine with the Poison Point Recreation Reserve (Priority: High / When: 2011).
3. Advise the submitters of Council's resolution.

Cr Hinds lodged an objection with the dealing of this issue in that in the past alternate motions had been required to be lodged 7 days prior to the meeting and placed on the Agenda. Cr Hinds stated that he would like to debate each change individually.

Shire President stated that alternate recommendations have been accepted during the meeting however Notices of Motion needed to be lodged prior and placed on the Agenda.

Cr Hinds stated he has always been refused the inclusion of an amended recommendation.

AMENDMENT

MOVED: CR HINDS

SECONDED: CR WAKKA

That part 2 g) be amended by replacing the words “Consider the provision of” with the word “Provide” and the words “Priority: Low be replaced with the words “Priority: High” and that the date be change from 2018 to 2012.

5.06pm – Cr Sampson left the meeting.

5.07pm – Cr Sampson returned to the meeting.

LOST: 4/6

Res: 060511

AMENDMENT

MOVED: CR HINDS

SECONDED: CR BARROW

That part 2 g) be amended so that the word “or” be change to “and”.

CARRIED: 7/2

Res: 070511

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: CR SAMPSON

SECONDED: CR SYME

That the substantive motion now be put.

LOST: 4/5

Res: 080511

AMENDMENT

MOVED: CR HINDS

SECONDED: CR PHAIR

That in part 2 g) after the word “platform” the words “and a wheelchair accessible path from the access road and parking area” be added.

LOST: 4/5

Res: 090511

AMENDMENT

MOVED: CR BARROW

SECONDED: CR PHAIR

That the timeframe on item f & g be amended to state “2015 to 2018”.

CARRIED: 5/4

Res: 100511

AMENDED MOTION

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 - g) Consider the provision of a facility that will enhance the environmental experience such as a suitable wheelchair friendly bird hide and fishing platform and a wheelchair accessible path from the access road and parking area to service deep water shore based fishing at Poison Point subject to identification of appropriate funding sources being identified, environmental and cultural heritage impact assessments being undertaken and the necessary statutory approvals, if required being obtained (Priority: Low / When: 2015 to 2018);
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3. Advise the submitters of Council's resolution.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AND WAS
PUT CARRIED: 7/2 Res: 110511

REASONS FOR CHANGE

Council added that the access track / road was bitumised and that adequate drainage was in place so that the access track did not erode or be difficult to use for two wheel drive cars.

Cr Hinds requested that Cr Sampson's & Cr Barnes' votes against be recorded.

Schedule of Submissions – Poison Point Recreational Reserve: Review of Management Recommendations and Associated Actions




Number of Submissions Received and Objection/Support Detail	Summary of Key Issues Raised In Submissions	Planning & Sustainability Directorate Officer Comments
<p>31 x individual submissions lodged to the WIFRMP 2008 recommendations for the provision of disabled access to Poison Point and associated recreational facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Poison Point as it is, Poison Point is one of Denmark's remaining wild spaces. Council and the Denmark community need to preserve the tranquility and relatively untouched feel of the place. Do not clutter it up with roads, picnic facilities, toilets, fishing platforms, rubbish bins, parking bays. • Do not disturb the natural environment at Poison Point, it currently has high environmental values and provides undisturbed habitat for the conservation of wildlife, flora and water birds. • Poison Point is an Aboriginal Heritage Site, and deserves respect as a sacred site. • Due to the steepness of the site, upgrading the access track will require considerable road-works and drainage for 2 wheel drive access. This will result in excessive environmental disturbance of the site. The walk track into the reserve could be improved for safe pedestrian access. • Easier access to the reserve via a 2 wheel drive roadway will mean more recreational activity in the reserve, which will result in more rubbish, fire risk and likelihood of overnight camping, which needs more servicing and resources for management. • The cost of providing universally accessible recreational facilities at Poison Point outweighs the likely benefits provided, and the environmental costs of such a development at this site cannot be justified when alternative sites exist. • There are numerous alternative sites on Wilson Inlet for development as a wheelchair accessible recreational fishing site such as Poddy Shot, Denmark River Mouth, the Yacht Club, and Springdale Beach. Council money would be better spent developing these more accessible sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of development for the site will need to be considered in context having regard to the function and intended purpose of the reserve whilst ensuring a sustainable environmentally acceptable development outcome is provided, regardless of the form and extent of development proposed. • Management of reserves is beneficial for reducing the environmental impacts resulting from human use. Poison Point Reserve requires sensitive management to maintain the wilderness experience and high environmental values currently enjoyed by visitors and locals. • The adjacent unmanaged crown reserve (R22248) includes an Aboriginal Heritage Site (DIA 4580 – stone quarry) on the granite outcrop. The Aboriginal Heritage site is therefore mostly located outside of the Poison Point Reserve. DIA and Aboriginal Elders have been consulted regarding any potential issues associated with the registered heritage site. • The reserve is currently accessed by a steep track which is unsuitable for 2-wheel drive access. The access track urgently requires maintenance as it is deteriorating and eroding. Shire officers consider that the proposed road works involving resheeting of the surface with gravel, reshaping for drainage and putting in two passing bays can be undertaken in an environmentally acceptable manner. • It is acknowledged that improved access to the site may increase the use of the site, which may in turn impact negatively on the environmental values of the site. However, if appropriate management actions are put in place (e.g. demarcated picnic sites, parking areas and walking tracks) the impacts can be contained and managed accordingly.
<p>2 x multiple signatory submissions/petitions (one containing 66 signatures and the other 43 signatures) objecting to the development of any new infrastructure at Poison Point</p>	<p>Opposed to any development of new infrastructure at Poison Point on the grounds that the cost to the environment will be too high.</p>	<p>The current recreational use of this reserve has environmental impacts which require management in the long-term. Ideally any Council management activities or recreational facilities provided within the reserve will be unobtrusive, and have minimal environmental disturbance.</p>

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<p>8 x individual submissions lodged supportive of the WIFRMP 2008 recommendations for the provision of disabled access to Poison Point and associated recreational facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poison Point is vested for recreation and should be accessible by aged and disabled people. • Boardwalks can be environmentally sensitive, as the plants and animals can grow or move underneath it. • The development would be an asset to the community. • Current access to Poison Point is not safe and needs to be upgraded to make it safe for all the community, not just a select few. • Cleared areas for parking and boat launching currently exist, these should be improved to accommodate disabled parking bays and picnic tables. • 25% of the population have disabilities, and this figure is expected to rise over the next 20 years. Need to provide facilities to ensure that the environment is accessible to all people in stages of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. • The installation of boardwalks is expensive and requires ongoing maintenance to ensure safety standards. Prior to consideration of boardwalks at Poison Point, issues such as weather and wave energy exposure, and the rocky environment need to be taken into consideration. • Noted. • The reserve is currently accessed by a steep track which is unsuitable for 2-wheel drive access. The access track urgently requires maintenance as it is deteriorating and eroding. • The provision of large parking areas is constrained by physical and environmental conditions. There currently is a cleared area at the bottom of the access track that could accommodate 3-4 vehicles. Should the provision of car parking be supported it would be recommended that it be limited to accommodate a maximum of 4 vehicles (inclusive of 1 disabled bay) to ensure minimal impact on the environment in terms of vegetation clearing occurs. • Picnic furniture and safe walk-paths for the elderly can be provided in Poison Point reserve with minimal disturbance to the environmental values of the site. • Noted, although Council needs to balance a range of issues in determining the appropriate level of development for the site, including but not limited to installation and ongoing maintenance costs, the environmental impacts, cultural heritage values and social amenity.
<p>Multiple signatory submission/ petition (394 signatures) supportive of the WIFRMP 2008 recommendations for the provision of disabled access to Poison Point and associated recreational facilities.</p>	<p>Poison Point is the only place within a recreational reserve along the Wilson Inlet foreshore that has access to deep water. Support for a low environmental impact recreational proposal to manage the Poison Point Recreational Reserve as stated in the WIFRMP 2008 which includes: vehicular access; safe wheelchair friendly walk trail/boardwalk to access picnic sites and picnic facilities; provision of up to 2 wheelchair friendly fishing platforms that allow safe shore-based access to deep water.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of development for the site will need to be considered in context having regard to the function and intended purpose of the reserve whilst ensuring a sustainable environmentally acceptable development outcome is provided, regardless of the form and extent of development proposed. • The installation of fishing platforms is expensive and generally will require ongoing maintenance. Issues such as costs, environmental impacts and approvals required, cultural heritage impacts, aboriginal heritage approvals and social amenity all need to be the subject of further investigation.

Description of key activities	State NRM funds required (GST exclusive)	Other contributions including cash and in-kind
Project planning, management and monitoring		2,500.00
Stakeholder consultation – Indigenous Community, Shire Officers and Councillors		1,000.00
ACCESS ROAD OPTION 1 4WD access road 200m (minimal grading, resheeting with gravel – filling low points) Figure excluded for Totals of OPTION 2 and 3		8,000.00
ACCESS ROAD OPTION 2 2WD access road 200m (grading, resheeting with gravel and drainage improvements) ESTIMATED FIGURE		16,000.00
Stormwater pipes		2,700.00
ACCESS ROAD OPTION 3 Bitumen seal the access road 200m - based on OPTION 2 road foundation		8,850.00
Carpark – construction		2,000.00
Walk trail – construction and upgrade (1.2m wide mulched path 600m length)	11,600.00	
Installation of bollards with concrete footings and a keyed gated (fire access) at carpark adjacent to the first embayment.	1,300.00	
Installation of signage to define car parking bays and restrict parking.	500.00	
Installation of interpretative signage that depicts the Indigenous connection with the Point and Wilson Inlet.	2,000.00	
Revegetation – Planting and supply of local (riparian) species	2,600.00	
Administration of Grant		2,000
TOTAL ACCESS ROAD OPTION 1	\$18,000.00	\$15,500.00
TOTAL ACCESS ROAD OPTION 2	\$18,000.00	\$26,200.00
TOTAL ACCESS ROAD OPTION 3	\$18,000.00	\$35,050.00

POISON POINT ACCESS ROAD WALK TRAIL AND CAR PARK 2012



-  PoisonPointAccessRoad
-  PoisonPointCarpark
-  PoisonPointWalkTrail2012

0 25 50 100 150 200
Meters

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-  PoisonPointCarpark
-  PoisonPointWalkTrail2012

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Current Access Road Condition





Proposed Car Parking Bay Area

