

STATE DOG CENTRE DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

The Working Party has considered, collated and grouped all the submissions received from members and subcommittees and made recommendations for consideration by all members.

These recommendations are being placed on the DOGS Victoria Website, facebook page and in *At A Glance*.

Members are now invited to make comment on these recommendations. If you wish to make a comment please send an email to office@dogsvictoria.org.au and place "State Dog Centre Development Plan" in the subject heading. Closing date for submissions will be 10 June 2016.

For reference purposes a current map of the State Dog Centre site can be found on the DOGS Victoria website. Click on "About Us", then click on "State Dog Centre", scroll down to "About KCC Park", then click on "Download a map of KCC Park".

Listed below are the Working Party's recommendations.

1 MAINTENANCE

A long-term maintenance plan needs to be drawn up to include:

- ongoing maintenance of all buildings plus the BBQ/picnic areas that covers cleaning, painting and general maintenance work.
- ongoing maintenance plan for Exhibition Area 1 to include such things, as aeration, fertilising, top dressing and reseeding.

2 CAMPING/CARAVAN AREA

The Working Party considers this to be high on the list of priorities as this area was mentioned numerous times in the submissions received. Once completed it will also be revenue generating, both from fees payable and from expected increase in entries.

The Working Party believes the ideal site would be at the southern end of the site in what is now known as Parking Area C, and it would also encompass the BBQ picnic area. A toilet/shower block would form part of this site and would have a dual purpose as it would not only service the camping area but also be open on weekends to allow exhibitors from Exhibition Area 1 to use.

Access to power and water is nearby. At this stage it is not recommended that cabins be constructed.

3 BOXHALL PAVILION

Now that the floor has been commissioned it is considered urgent that arrangements are put into place to repair the leaks in the roof when it rains and to do everything possible to bird proof this area.

To compliment the new surface it is considered worthwhile investing in new ring barriers, these would be the fold up type on wheels that are now in use in New Zealand.

An engineer's report will be obtained to determine the current status of the roof.

Mention was made of improvement to the lighting; brighter lights such as LED's will be investigated.

The provision of a heating/cooling system would be ideal, costings will be obtained.

The current PA system needs to be upgraded and linked into an entire grounds PA Network.

The area inside the pavilion is now considered too small to meet the current needs of an all breeds show. It is recommended that an extension/add on be built along the western side of the building to cater for more rings, extra set up areas and a toilet block.

4 PARKING/ROADWAYS

It is recommended that the following roadworks take place.

Starting from Wedge Road the whole entrance area needs to be repaired and this is considered urgent. The Working Party will investigate who is responsible for these repairs, Frankston City Council, Vic Roads or DOGS Victoria.

Parking along Kinsman Drive needs to be improved with the relocation of the agapanthus and the removal of the drop off points to enable parking along this side of the roadway.

Continuing on it is recommended that an emergency exit be constructed at the southern end of the site near the residence.

Around the whole perimeter of Exhibition Area 1 and the area outside the office, all car parking bays need to be line marked with an appropriate number of disabled parking bays allocated.

Trailer hitching posts need to be provided throughout the site.

CCTV cameras need to at least be installed in the Carparks D and E that serve Exhibition Area 4 (Boxhall Pavilion).

A suggestion was made to bitumen Carparks A and B, whilst this would be great, the Working Party felt that this expense could probably not be justified at this time.

The relocation of the small off leash area was not considered as this area could ideally service the caravan/camping area.

5 NEW BUILDING

Preliminary discussions have already taken place at Management Committee level regarding a new building.

It is recommended that plans be drawn up to allow for expansion of the office and library, a new canteen/bistro area with indoor facilities, and an extension to the museum.

6 COMPETITION AREAS

The provision of a watering system to Exhibition Areas 3, 6, 7, the two small off leash areas and the Lure Course is recommended.

Trees need to be provided around the perimeter of Exhibition Area 1. It is recommended that the services of an arborist be obtained to find out what are the best trees to be planted to suit our needs given the soil conditions.

Ringside storage boxes which will permanently house the judges table, ringside placing numbers, water bowl etc on one side and can accommodate the judge's personal belongings on the day plus sashes, drinks, etc on the other side, need to be provided under each canopy.

The Working Party suggests that the newly formed lure coursing subcommittee be requested to make a submission on what improvements need to be made to the current lure course.

The PA system needs to be upgraded to ensure it is linked to a PA Network throughout the whole site and also services Exhibition Areas 1 and 2.

The requirement for the office located near Exhibition Area 3 (herding area) needs to be obtained, so that it is either removed or refurbished.

More information needs to be obtained before the Working Party can comment on the need for a Jetty on the dam for Dock Diving.

The low-lying sections of the paths around Exhibition Area 2 that are under water on wet days need to be repaired.

7 SIGNAGE

Some time ago new corporate signage was provided to the site, but some signs were never replaced or upgraded. Signage throughout the whole site needs to be reviewed and where necessary either, replaced, repaired, upgraded or created in line with the current corporate design.

A large DOGS Victoria sign needs to be installed at the front inviting the public to attend free events.

8 WALKING TRACK

The Working Party recommends that a walking track be created around the whole site linking to a series of small tracks that will be created once the earthworks are completed.

9 SOLAR POWER

The provision of Solar Power throughout the site will be investigated.