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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 19th March from 2.00- 4.00 PM

Meeting Room, Wetlands Centre Cockburn, Bibra Lake

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association
Robert	Dunn	RD	Native Arc
Gail	Beck (Chair)	GB	South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
Guy	Boggs	GBG	Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute

Other attendees:

Linda Metz (LM) - Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager (City of Cockburn)

Apologies

Heidi Mippy (HM) Aboriginal Reference Group

Tim Fisher (proxy) Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Jozina DeRuiter Hamilton Hill Community Group

Rachel Standish Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

Diana Corbyn Wildflower Society

1. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes accepted as true and accurate record of the previous meeting. Moved KD seconded CB. All members agreed that minutes should be made available on Rehabilitating Roe 8 website.

2. Business arising from previous meeting

2.1 Terms of Reference (refer agenda item 4.1). **Completed sent to all members. Accepted moved by KD seconded CB.**

2.2 Project Manager six monthly report (refer agenda item 4.2). **Completed sent to all members.**

2.3 Community expectations and satisfaction survey workshop (refer agenda item 4.3).

Tabled-CB noted some minor errors on flyer. Several committee members will be attending on Friday 29 March 9-11am. Aboriginal Community Engagement Workshop will be held on Wednesday 27th March 5-7pm. LC noted that it may not be appropriate for RR8AC members to be present at the indigenous session. GBG felt that RR8AC members would not be required unless it is to inform attendees. CB wanted to be present to answer questions not to contribute.

2.4 Trail location and formalization North Lake Rd East (refer agenda item 4.4). Committee supported location of track proposed in North Lake Rd East but debated on appropriate width of track. LM informed committee that limestone is preferred treatment for pedestrians and bicycles as a minimum. CB noted limestone is good for dieback management. LC raised concerns over existing limestone tracks and vehicle width tracks are not necessary. Suggested that money for providing 3m wide track could be reallocated into smaller track and money reallocated into weed control by other means. CB sought compromise for cycle way sized track. LC commented that track connections need to be considered-egress points.

Carry over: LM to investigate option for reducing track width to 1.8 m wide (pedestrian only) to exclude vehicles and implications and review any track standards that may apply.

2.5 Community Open Day: (refer agenda item 4.5). **Completed.**

Nature City Seminar: (refer agenda item 4.6). Feedback received that Lucy would be happy to drop Hanson as a sponsor in place of Rehabilitating Roe 8 project for an amount to be determined by the committee but would not ask Hanson representative on steering committee to step down. LM noted that sponsorship request would require a business case to Main Roads as it falls outside the explicit budget item of RR8 community science conference. **Refer**

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2.6 Committee Reports (Refer Agenda item 4.7). **Supplied and recorded in previous minutes.**

3. Correspondence

Inward

Email	17/02/19	Jane Chambers regarding Nature Link
Email	31/02/2019	Community resident regarding Norfolk Island Pine stumps on turtle corner.
Email	01/03/2019	Lucy Commander Re Nature City Seminar

Outward

Email	06/03/2019	Murdoch University Turtle Research project-notification of support
Email	11/03/2019	Lisa O'Malley on update of bill to amend MRS.

4. Declaration of conflict of interests-Nil

5. Project Update from Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager –tabled no questions

6. Other business

6.1 Refer to Agenda item 7.1 Presentation: Fiona Hook Aboriginal heritage survey

Fiona Hook from Archae-aus gave a detailed presentation on the values of deregistered archeological sites within the Roe 8 corridor. Fiona Hook detailed that process to date has been flawed. Site 4107 which sits across Bibra Lake and parts of the Roe 8 road alignment was deregistered. Section 18 was granted but concerns that it was based on misinformed decision-making and broader issue with change to definition of what Aboriginal site was. Only a single shallow (20cm) test pit was undertaken by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Based on excavations conducted by Fiona Hook, Joe Dortch and community members with support from the Noongar elders that were conducted within the Bibra Lake portion of the site six of 20 shovel pits contained artefacts. These were recorded from a depth of 0-100cm throughout the soil profile. The artefacts consisted of quartz, charcoal and chert. Preliminary indications are that many of these would be dated from greater than 6000 years old. Locations of artefacts are likely to be around the 4m contour. Fiona also detailed that based on information from the excavations and the Noongar elders future rehabilitation works may impact on archeologically significant sites. Fiona provided to members a map that indicated high sensitivity in terms of possible artefacts. Heritage Act does not address sub-surface material well. Bibra Lake and North Lake sites represent significant archeological sites on the Swan Coastal Plain.

Citizen science opportunities for people to be involved in this process-training up people as citizen archaeologists. TB asked about if removing Section 18 is possible- only proponent can do this. LC queried whether a Section 16 should be applied for now? Fiona Hook indicated that a Section 16 can only be applied for in a registered site (mythological site). Fiona suggested aligning shovel test pits with where works are most likely to occur so to mitigate any impacts. FB Regulation 10 North Lake Reserve. LM indicated observers can be used on site as part of management plan.

While a full excavation report was sent to the Registrar the site currently remains deregistered. All reports are publically available.

Actions:

- 1. LM to contact registrar to determine where submitted information is at in terms of re-registering site.**
- 2. Management plan-given risk of impacts a management plan needs to be developed should material be uncovered during rehabilitation works (LM).**
- 3. Additional site investigations within former site 4107 and nearby areas within corridor (LM to arrange)**

6.2 Refer Agenda Item 7.2 CB provided some background information on Nature Link project on behalf of Jane Chambers. CB proposed that RR8AC support both community science events. Committee agreed that the Nature Link symposium and Nature City Seminar would provide a good opportunity to promote RR8 project and provide community capacity building.

Sponsorship must include community subsidised registration fees. Committee considered requirement to spend full allocation in current financial year. **Motion: propose to sponsor both science events for full allocated amount as per budget item within current financial year.**

Carried 9-1

Action: LM to prepare and submit a business case to Main Roads for the full allocation for sponsorship of the two science events*

- 6.3 Refer Agenda Item 7.2 and 7.3 -see above
- 6.4 Refer Agenda Item 7.4 LM confirmed that Project Manager role to run event but committee members are welcome to participate in whatever capacity they feel appropriate. Event is about promoting works that have been done in the corridor to date, promote groups that have been involved and provide feedback opportunity for community members. Location has been selected based on its location within the corridor itself and also to capture passing pedestrian traffic. Some discussion on how community and Project Manager should work together – provision in the ToR if Project Manager is not performing tasks appropriately.
- 6.5 Refer Agenda Item 7.5 LC requested all information be provided before meeting for consideration. **Supported.**
- 6.6 Refer Agenda Item 7.6. No response received from Lisa O'Malley at time of meeting. **Carry-over LM to follow up.**
- 6.7 Refer Agenda Item 7.7 LC noted that SBW was not identified as stakeholder for RR8AC and has been approached by SBW to be represented on committee. SBW have sent email to LM indicating they would like to be represented.

KD indicated that SBW-Rethink the Link communicated to CCWC were not identified as stakeholder as it was agreed that CCWC would take further action in place of those two organizations and interests. LC stated she thought that was not the case. CB noted ensure that we retain representation. TG asked if that there is any objection to inviting SBW to provide representative on RR8AC? Committee stated that in principle they support this and noted that terms of reference may need to be amended. GB noted that if other groups are keen to be

involved would we be constantly change terms of reference? CB commented that committee members could represent multiple groups. GBG suggested this is stakeholder engagement which is separate to sitting on committee.

Carry-over. FB to contact Save Beelias Wetlands and confirm interest in participating on RR8AC as a committee member.

6.8 Refer Agenda Item 7.7. Committee member feedback indicated that stumps may be impacted by termites. As such stumps may not be suitable for use as art work.

Action: LM to arrange for arborist report on stumps.

7. Committee member report- None submitted

8. Information sharing

LM –Rehabilitating Roe 8 E-newsletter please share link

Community Open Day event 14 April 2019

Gazette: Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee article online

Bushland News (DBCA)- request to submit article.

Gardening Australia segment airing on 15 March at 7.30pm on ABC.

9. Next meeting

Chair nominated for next meeting: Guy Boggs (WABSI), Catherine Baudains (A2E2) for following meeting.

Meeting close 4:10pm

Next meeting: Thursday 11th April 2019 2pm-4pm, venue: Meeting room, Wetlands Centre.

*Note subsequent information in RMP indicated that community science conference is to be run every two years. As such a business case will be presented to reallocate portion of funding to Nature City Seminar, and Nature Link symposium and balance of funds available for dedicated RR8 community science conference.