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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 8th May 2019, 2pm-4pm

Meeting Room, Wetlands Centre Cockburn, Bibra Lake

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Catherine	Baudains (Chair)	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Rachel	Standish	RS	Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee
Jozina	DeRuiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	The Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association
Robert	Dunn	RD	Native Arc
Gail	Beck	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

Tim Barling - Conservation Council WA

Lou Corteen- Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor

Heidi Mippy - Aboriginal Reference Group

Observer: Jenny Weigend (Murdoch University Intern)

1. Appointment of Chair

Catherine Baudains nominated as Chair seconded by KD.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes accepted as true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

3. Business arising from previous meeting

- 3.1 Norfolk Island Pines (refer agenda item 4.1) – Mark Gardener from Beaver Tree Services assessed tree stumps and confirmed termites. Tree surgeon will come out to do a full report. This report will go up on the website as a public notification, confirming that Norfolk Island pines are termite infested and due to the infestation, trees will not be able to support artworks such a sculpture. LM suggested that the community require adequate evidence confirming the termites. KD suggested putting up interpretive signage. LM confirmed signage and highlighted that communication to the public is vital and that there will be future community consultation throughout the corridor in regards to signage. LM suggested a ‘memorial’ to be set up or interpretive signage to acknowledge the history of the trees. LM also suggested that stumps could be cut down and stored at the City of Cockburn depot until a decision is made on how to proceed. KD indicated need to confirm public safety in light of termite infestation.

Action: LM to provide notification on RR8 website to inform public that pine tree stumps are not suitable for artwork. Interpretive signage required to notify community. LM to further investigate impact of termites particularly in regards to public safety.

- 3.2 Community Science Conference (refer agenda item 4.2): LM provided feedback to committee: Lucy Commander from Nature City Seminar has accepted donation. Community volunteer registration needs to be organized. Ticket price for community volunteers will be \$40 per person, additional discount applied for community members associated with the RR8 project- two complimentary tickets available for each session. FB, DC and LM planning a field trip through the corridor. LM advised that there is a cost associated with this field trip which will cover lunch.

LM suggested that the project might be able to cover part of these costs.

Action: LM to send field trip details to committee.

- 3.3 Aboriginal Heritage survey update (refer agenda item 4.3): LM provided update to committee. Archaeological Survey request for quote has been released to three suppliers. Respondants results are expected to be received by 17th May 2019.

Action: LM to provide update on appointment of consultant.

- 3.4 Annual Review Template (refer agenda item 4.4) - LM advised committee that the template has not been put together for the annual review.

Carry over: LM to follow up and address in next meeting

- 3.5 Trail update and formalization North Lake Rd East (refer agenda item 4.5)

LM informed committee that she met with the contractors and is waiting on quote. 800m worth of limestone track will be installed North Lake Rd East. Letter notifications will be going out to local residents advising them about the work to be carried out in the area. KD commented that she would like LM to send committee information on limestone track installation to put out on social media.

LM suggested the removal of veldt grass on northern side during the track installation process. Surface soil needs to be scalped away, left over material from scalping will go to land fill. Costs associated with the scalping will come out of the limestone track budget.

Action: LM to advise committee when works are to commence

- 3.6 Budget FY 19-20 (refer agenda item 4.6) - Update on budget preparation. KD noted that there is only a small portion of specialist advice cost allocated in the budget. LM advised that some costs will be reduced/increased based on current expenditure.

Committee discussed the importance around signage and art strategy. LM agreed to increase the budget to reflect the importance of this topic. AJ, GB and CB commented on importance of involve the community and to give community ownership. TG suggested involving either a landscape or graphic designer to bring vision/ ideas together. GBG was to confirm need for citizen science to be built into any strategy. LM confirmed that citizen science would be part of the signage strategy.

CB suggested adding a comment column to budget item 4.5 noting what this incorporates.

LM noted that a trail development strategy has been added to the budget to get a cohesive look at to what is required around the trail hierarchy which will then tie into signage strategy. LM noted that signage is needed around the areas where plantings are carried out, Norfolk Island pines, Aboriginal values etc. Increase in monitoring budget value, decrease in plant supply based on levels of regeneration.

KD noted no budget for buying seed. LM commented that good budget for collecting seed. DC noted concerns regarding seed diversity and provenance. LM noted that we have overabundance of some seed and poor quantities of others. This requires targeted seed collection. LM commented that provenance requirement in RMP may not allow us to achieve species diversity.

AJ commented on importance of rhizomatous material. FB noted that rhizomatous material should already be there as top soil was intact. RS commented that tissue culture material may have to be used. LM noted current provenance zone is 30km. TD suggested that seed should be drawn from similar geomorphology across the SCP. RS suggested testing multiple provenances and asked about recording information on provenances, location of where species are and number planted. CB agreed and suggested setting up a database to keep track.

Action: GBG supply LM with citizen science signage examples. LM to send out species target list and restoration identification sites to RS and set up database.

4. Correspondence

Inward

Rachel Standish	28.05.19	Channel 9 filmed turtles and plants
Tristan Duke	28.05.19	World Environment Day tree challenge

Outward-Nil

5. Declaration of conflict of interests-Nil

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

7. Other business

7.1 Refer Agenda Item 7.1 update on community exceptions plan, community expectation and satisfaction survey. Committee reviewed and discussed community expectations plan draft. LM to put the document into drop box to committee for feedback.

GB gave an update on Whadjuk Working Group. LM to arrange meeting with Whudjuk Working Group. CB suggested including a footnote on current group representation be noted in Community Expectations Report so that objectives remain current. LM gave a brief overview on survey draft. Final survey will open on 'Comment on Cockburn' and on the RR8 website later this month. LM noted if there was any feedback to contact her with comments now. CB addressed that all community stakeholder groups need to respond to survey.

**Action: LM to contact Whudjuk Working Group and provide presentation on RR8 project.
LM to provide copy of Community Expectations Plan to committee.**

7.2 Refer Agenda Item 7.2 – Community Open Day Debrief

LM informed committee about the outcome. LM in conjunction with committee will seek to have event in a different format next year. AJ suggested a more intimate event or a series of workshops.

8. Committee member report

Cockburn Wetlands Centre: FB advised that in an effort to protect the Oblong Turtle, the City of Cockburn is providing turtle nest cages around Bibra Lake and North Lake this year.

RS shared that Channel 9 is interviewing Anthony Santoro about his research.

KD and FB meeting with the Minister Dawson next week.

9. Information sharing

The Rehabilitating Roe 8 website has been updated - more pages have been added. This will allow events by other groups to be promoted, along with access to resources such as stories and meeting minutes.

Committee to provide any content for website to LM.

10. Next meeting

Chair nominated for next meeting: Felicity Bairstow

Meeting close 4:10pm

Next meeting: Thursday 13th June 2019 2pm-4pm, Venue: Meeting room, Wetlands Centre.