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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 14th November 2019, 2pm-4pm

Meeting Room, Wetlands Centre Cockburn, Bibra Lake

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn (Chair)	DC	Wildflower Society
Angela	Jackob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

Rachel Standish- Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

Catherine Prideaux - Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Guy Boggs (GBG) - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

Jozina De Ruiter- Hamilton Hill Community Group

Gail Beck-South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

Heidi Mippy- Aboriginal Reference Group

Alison Wright- Save Beeliar Wetlands

1. Appointment of Chair

Diana Corbyn appointed as Chair.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of October meeting: moved to accept minutes by KD seconded by CB

3. Conflict of interest

Nil

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4. Business arising from previous meeting

Norfolk Island Pines (refer agenda item 5.1) – LM informed committee that draft text and images for communicating are in. FB noted that photo of Norfolk Island Pines prior to lopping is in Beeliar Recollections.

Action: Carried over-LM to draft text and design for signage.

- 4.1 Community Science Conference (refer Agenda 5.2). LM has inspected different venues to host the science conference. The best option for timing (Friday in May 2020) and in during work week leaves one best placed venue being Tompkins on Swan. Committee supports this venue as preferred option. LM also requested direction from committee on steering group for conference and if the committee would like to invite other agencies and organizations to be part of a collaborative committee. Committee gave strong support for this approach. TB noted that this would facilitate good buy in from others. TG commented that people from the science teaching and communications stream should be involved in the conference steering group. LM will identify suitable organisations and agencies and invite them to be a part of this conference. TG commented that a talk and chalk conference style would be less desirable-really want to see opportunities for community to be able to confer. KD wanted to clarify what was the objective of the conference? This developed into a general discussion across the committee identifying some basic themes.

Audience: Community and practitioners, science professionals, students

To find out:

- 1) What and where is being done in the restoration of urban wild-spaces on the SCP?
- 2) How is effective restoration and management on urban wild-spaces happening? With case studies
- 3) Identifying and learning from significant community contributions

LC wanted further clarification of the difference between the different community engagement events that are proposed being the community open day, science conference and science fair. LM confirmed there are three major community engagement deliverables:

- 1) Community expectations and satisfaction survey (November –December 2019): this survey deals specifically with the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project and what level of support there is from the community both in Cockburn and more broadly. This involves random phone interviews, online survey and static survey techniques.
- 2) Community Open Day (early 2020): this is specifically aimed at gathering information directly from the community on the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project- what do they think about it, what's special about

it etc. Addresses awareness and engagement with community.

- 3) Community Science Conference (May 2020): showcase for any community groups who are involved in ecological restoration and natural resource management. This event is not wholly focused on Rehabilitating Roe 8 but provides a broader platform.
- 4) Community Science Fair September 2020 (incorporates the Community Open Day)

LM wanted to clarify that science fair discussed at previous meeting is the Community Open Day but linked with a more festival type range of events which may draw in a broader audience to provide feedback on the RR8 project and is likely to occur in September 2020. The location for the Community Open Day in this financial year (before June 30th) will likely be at Perth Waldorf.

LC queried that this might be not well attended. TG noted that low numbers doesn't mean failure; our role is to provide an opportunity for feedback and hearing views from the community.

The Community expectations and satisfaction survey is being developed and will be rolled out in November or early December 2019.

LC and AJ strongly recommended adding an indigenous guided walk and weed identification event at the community open day to increase attendance. CB also noted that someone should be stationed at Bibra Lake Adventure playground to garner feedback.

Action: LM to provide clarification for committee members on different community engagement strategies. LM to move on progressing conference papers committee from external agencies and organizations.

- 4.2 Turtle Tracker program (refer Agenda 5.3). LM provided update from Anthony Santoro: 25 GPS trackers received from funding from RR8, City of Cockburn, and The Ecological Society of Australia. These have been deployed. Re-capturing the turtles to retrieve the tags and download the data in Feb/March once nesting season is complete.

In regards to the number of nests recorded and protected Anthony believes it to be around 25-30. The uses of the cages has seen a couple in them, but have also seen a lot of turtles just on the bank not in the cages. As far as Anthony is aware, we have only had a couple of turtles killed on roads this season – and that was in mid-winter so I think they may have just been migrating turtles rather than nesting turtles. He is hoping this is due to increased awareness since last year, and also due the turtle tracker program increasing the number of turtles that are escorted safely across the roads. FB confirmed that a couple of turtles had used the cage and 30 protection cages deployed. AJ and CB noted that mowing was taking place on the days when rain occurred and this may have a negative impact on the turtles. LC commented that

City of Cockburn had an agenda item going before council with regards to protection measures for the turtles. This includes lightening the colour of the road and altering mowing regimes. FB proposes motion for LC to approach City of Cockburn Council to support protection measures for the turtles including road colour lightening, altering mowing regimes, lowering speed limit on Hope Rd. KD seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4.3 Wetlands to Waves Wildflower trail (Refer agenda 5.4). KD updated committee on information supplied by Trails WA. KD has been in touch with Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor. Trails WA have several stages and frameworks for trail development. KD has commenced drafting of information. KD informed committee that a trail of this type would require a dedicated steering committee as there are multiple stakeholders beyond the remit of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory committee. KD queried what the RR8AC would be prepared to commit. LC suggested the committee should provide in principal support. CB noted that Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor should be a major driver of this.

LM commented that path network development does need to be an integral part of the RR8 project and should be raised with the Governance Committee (Main Roads & City). This will require detailed community consultation.

KD noted that the path network undertaken within the corridor should feed into the larger trails concept. KD clarified that the RR8AC should focus on work in the corridor but should complement the Trails WA work.

FB noted that path network should be identified as part of the forward works and noted by the Governance Committee. TG agreed that the Trails WA framework was good and wanted to confirm that this was part of the vision of the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor as a concept. KD also noted identified need for cultural trail.

CB commented that Trails WA need to be aware that the RR8AC has remit for only a portion of the trail. KD sought clarification if community consultation for path network should be informed by Trails WA community consultation framework. All members supported this approach.

Motion: To put path network trail installation and community consultation regarding trails back on Governance Committee Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To support in principal development of Wetlands to Waves trail that will be able to be

included in Trails WA framework but acknowledging that this is beyond the remit of this committee alone. Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Greening Australia (GA) – Quenda and feral animal Citizen Science Project (refer Agenda 5.7).

LM informed committee that citizen science project is planned for the 26th November 2019. Project will use camera traps in the field, then volunteers will look through images and record any sightings of feral animal and quenda sightings. An app for easy data collection by volunteers has been developed to record animal activity in corridor including scats, digging, sightings and their location of activity. Project has been noted on E-newsletter and RR8 website. AJ noted that she had issues with privacy when she last ran a similar project.

4.5 Aboriginal Heritage Survey-update (refer Agenda 5.6). LM provides update. LM has met with South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) to discuss Section 16 permit to allow excavation in mythological site. SWALSC have advised that project will have to be presented to Whudjuk Working Group in February 2020. Broader community consultation scheduled for early December 2019.

5. Correspondence

Inward- none

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Outward – none

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6. Project Update from Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager –update to be provided to committee.

7. Other business

- 7.1 Dieback in horse paddock swamp (KD). Concerned that Dieback could be an issue in the wetland section and has requested assessment. Discussion was held if Banksia deaths were due to Dieback or altered water hydrology. FB noted that at this time of year many trees are subject to insect predation and other deaths not necessarily linked to Dieback. LM agreed that we can do more mapping install signage and foot bath. AJ felt that footbaths with brushes would be good and KD supported education. DC also commented that limestone crossovers at pedestrian gates could also be useful. Green card training for on-going volunteers such as Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor.

Action: LM to arrange Dieback mapping, Dieback signage, footbaths and limestone crossovers at pedestrian gates.

- 7.2 Fauna monitoring – LM updated committee. Works have commenced using pitfall traps, works were suspended on hot days. Reports indicated some good catches particularly of reptiles and frogs including Perth Lined Lerista a priority listed species.

- 7.3 Governance Committee meeting scheduled for the 19th December 2019.

Action: LM to send report to committee

- 7.4 Tree guard removal (LC)-wanted to know when the tree guards are going to be removed? LC wanted to have them removed before the hot weather? LM commented that issue is that watering maybe be sacrificed as watering contractors are more reliable as they have a visual cue. There are many factors that impact on plant survival beyond the application of a tree guard. LM feels concerned that watering contractors will miss many plants if they are not guarded. FB commented that rabbit predation was so high that removal of tree guard is likely to have an adverse impact. AJ noted that she has used a couple of different types of guards (black mesh with two stakes). LM agreed that alternative tree guards can be looked at. KD felt that trampling was also an issue and that guards help to protect plants. LC raised possibility of partnering with Kings Park to explore the science.

Action: LM to investigate what science we can deliver around this idea. Bamboo stakes are to be left in place to mark where plants are.

7.5 Trees under powerlines in North Lake- KD asked if this was on LM agenda to be pruned.

8. Committee member report

Wetlands Centre update (FB): noted that she is often getting comments on the work that is happening in the corridor. She noted that this is a really special project.

9. Information sharing

KD noted upcoming Conservation Council AGM on the 23rd of November. FB and KD will collect copies of annual report for the AGM.

Chair for next meeting: Jozina De Ruiters

Meeting close 3:45pm

Next meeting: Thursday 12 December 2019 2pm-4pm, venue: Meeting room, Wetlands Centre.

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