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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 10th October 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
Catherine	Prideaux (Chair)	CP	Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community (arrived 3.00pm)
Jozina	De Ruiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

Rachel Standish- Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

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

Angela Jakob - Coolbellup Community Association

Felicity Bairstow – Wetlands Centre

Gail Beck-South west Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

Tim Barling-Conservation Council WA

Heidi Mippy- Aboriginal Reference Group

Alison Wright- Save Beeliar Wetlands

1. Appointment of Chair

Catherine Prideaux appointed as Chair.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of previous (September) motion tabled, moved to accept minutes by DC seconded by JDR

3. Conflict of interest

Nil

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 progress to inform community that Norfolk Island Pines have been assessed and Pines are here to stay. LM confirms that assessment revealed that one of the pines could have up to 1-2m removed in the future if state of pine changes. However, no current treatment of pines is required.

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

- 4.1 Community Science Conference (refer Agenda 5.2). LM will explore venues and do a call out for speakers in coming months. KD suggests LM can book venue without gaining approval from committee as committee has given previous suggestions for venue. DC seconds that LM should book venue for community science conference. LM will continue search and book appropriate venue when found. Any progress will be discussed further in following meeting.

Action: LM to continue investigating venues and book when found.

- 4.2 Voting protocol at meetings for members (non-quorum) (refer Agenda item 5.3). Procedure translated into Terms of Reference.

Action: LM to send out updated terms of reference

- 4.3 Turtle Tracker program (refer Agenda 5.4). LM informed committee that around forty volunteers are on the books and ready to begin turtle tracking program. Several have received their turtle

tracking packs. DBCA covering insurance and programs is running in conjunction with Murdoch University and City of Cockburn. LM unsure about the number of turtles tracked so far. LM informs committee that residents called to report turtle movement during rain prior to school holidays commencing.

Action: LM to contact Anthony Santoro to find out how many turtles have been tracked.

LM to find out from Anthony if turtles are using cages.

- 4.4 Gate installation in North Lake Reserve (Bibra Dr) (refer agenda 5.5). LM informed that works are almost complete. Limestone track has been installed and vegetation has been transplanted. Gate to be completed this week by fencing contractor. DBCA to then commence fire mitigation works (slashing of weeds). KD suggested social media post to inform public that fire prevention work is happening to relieve any worry from the community. LC agrees with KD saying this is a good idea.

Action: Committee members to update on social media once DBCA slashing program has commenced.

- 4.5 Wetlands to Waves Wildflower trail (Refer agenda 5.6). KD informed group about Trails WA who have compiled a list of trails in WA with information on website and capacity for users to rate tracks. KD suggests Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor and/or RR8 Advisory Committee to find out conditions to list as part of Trails WA. LM noted that there is currently wetlands to waves walk trail (City of Cockburn) which includes part of the corridor but trails need to be formalised. LM points out that framework for trail exists, connecting Coolbelup shops to Malvolio, across Northlake road all the way to Bibra lake/Wetland Centre. LM believes walk is listed in City of Cockburn Trails Masterplan and cooperation with City could lead to enhanced connectivity of trails. Committee moves that KD should investigate further with Trails WA and LM should explore possibilities with City of Cockburn Trail Masterplan.

LM commented that trails and community consultation around trails had previously been raised with Governance Committee however formalizing the process through a path network strategy was not approved due to unresolved tenure (Main Roads & City). KD states trails are a sign of commitment and is important part of rehabilitation plan. LC states that community often asks about trail establishment in corridor, commenting many wish to see them implemented with

limited damage to vegetation. Group agrees that trails should be back on agenda.

Committee discusses potential for types of trails in corridor, including target user group and connectivity. LC states preference for walking trails, DC comments sections could be mixed used while others walking only. KD states preference for certain 'no bike' zones such as wetlands and sensitive woodlands. LM remarks that high-speed bike users are unlikely to go through corridor and that some sections of corridor remain sensitive and would benefit from no trails, while others have potential for mixed use. JDR states she would like to see bike access for trail to enhance connectivity and to encourage bike use. LM says some walking trails can be easily established by installing signage through workshop due to existing track and limestone. LM to workshop with Travel smart Officer from City of Cockburn to discuss potential to enhance bike paths outside of corridor. KD says trails in corridor could be a two year strategy, incorporating requirements from an outside organization such as Trails WA to enhance user experience. LM points out importance of consultation and workshopping as all points are valid. LM states community consultation may result in community asking for mixed use/bike path. LM reiterates need for strategy to discuss sites where bikes/people are and are not to go.

Motion: CP proposes motion for KD to investigate requirements to be listed on Trails WA

Motion: LC proposes motion, seconded by KM for LM to put trail installation and community consultation regarding trails back on Governance Committee Agenda.

Action: LM to send out motions for comment by committee

Action: KD to follow up requirements for Trails WA

Action: LM to confirm with City Travel Smart Officer if wetlands to waves trail forms part of Trails Master Plan (City of Cockburn).

Action: LM to place community consultation for trail installation back on Governance Agenda.

- 4.6 Greening Australia (GA) – Quenda and feral animal Citizen Science Project (refer Agenda 5.7). LM informs group that meetings with GA have gone ahead discussing citizen science projects, seed collection and potential to run seed collecting workshop with CCW volunteers. LM started to establish citizen science fauna tracking project with GA to compliment fauna survey in the

corridor. Project will trial camera tracking project where volunteers will look through images and record any sightings of feral animal and quenda sightings. LM says Greening Australia will likely run a workshop in November to train and seek volunteers for project. LM will be seeking interested parties for volunteering in near future. More updates to be made as citizen science project develops.

LM noted she is seeking an app for easy data collection for interested community members to record animal activity in corridor including scats, digging, sightings and their the location of activity. LM welcomes any recommendations with preference not to build app from scratch due to expense.

Action: LM to distribute project information to committee once finalized.

- 4.7 Aboriginal Heritage Survey-update (refer Agenda 5.8). LM provides update. LM has spoken with South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) to set up a meeting in November to discuss Section 16 permit to allow excavation in mythological site. LM is following up Section 18 which was granted to Main Roads to confirm scope of activities and conditions that the permit was issued (permit is live). LM to confirm with Department Planning, Lands and Heritage to if LM can legally act on behalf of Main Roads and to determine if conditions relating to Section 18 still applies now that Roe 8 is not constructed and if proposed work is able to be done under this permit. JDR requested further information on process. KD explains that to work in an Aboriginal site a Section 18 is required which Main Roads attained to construct Roe 8. LM explains that to do revegetation or any other work Section 18 needs to identify the purpose of RR8 activities and consents. Until this is resolved works in the associated area is on hold. LM explains that the archeological dig in the mythological area is under Section 16 as it falls under 'disturbance for the purpose of research'. LM states it is an ongoing process which may take some time. LM states that arrangements to meet with SWALSC and Whadjuk working group are in place and will aid with the permit application procedure. Discussions have commenced with facilitator for community consultation process. LM reiterates time frame for this project will be longer than anticipated and dig will not be possible by the end of this year.

5. Correspondence

Inward- none

Plantrite	10.10.19	Community Grants available-tubestock

Outward – none

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

KD comments she had noticed bulbs looking yellow, LM confirms yellowing is due to treatment. Weed mapping has been contracted out to collect empirical data for weed coverage in corridor. KD asks if buffer zones are being sprayed. LM confirms 20m buffer being sprayed and comments that this area is more difficult to control

Customer request about low hanging Tuart put in, LM confirmed Tuart requires pruning.

Slashing of fire breaks finished.

Guided indigenous walk through Malvolio rd was fully booked and successful.

Planning for events underway for events between January and June 2020. Proposed events: Guided indigenous walk, bat stalk, Greening Australia Quenda monitoring program. Potential for art workshop to draw nature specimens.

Request for Dogs on Lead signage in progress. Graphic designer request has been put in. Around 12 signs stating snakes and other wildlife have been spotted in corridor and to please keep dogs on lead.

7. Other business

- 7.1 Trail development. Covered in previous section (Refer to 4.6 of Minutes).
- 7.2 Feral animal control - KD asked how many foxes have been caught. LM informed there had been three trapped under the City's trapping program. No trapping has occurred within the Roe 8 corridor at this time.
- 7.3 Dieback mapping (refer to Agenda 8.2). LM reports soil tests and observations for Phytophthora came back negative. DC raises that Armillaria could be an issue in tested site- report also confirms this is the case. LM explains that soils tested for dieback are those closest to tree deaths. KD asks why that particular site was chosen for dieback testing. DC explains that DC

and LC had concerns about several of the trees found in this location, suspecting deaths could be due to dieback. KD asks if there are any other sites worth testing. LM confirms that further sites can be tested if concerns arise.

7.4 LC raises feral animal control (not in Agenda). LC asks is there is any concurrent cat control happening at the same time as fox control, stating that removal of one predator provides room for another (ie. Foxes replaced by Cat followed by rats). LM explains cat control is extremely difficult due to domestic cats as these (if chipped) will be returned to their owners and are generally outside again shortly after. CB states that the Cat Act is out for comment which could be used as positive platform to change dialogue around cat ownership and the associated welfare benefits for the cat when cats are enclosed in a safe area (injury prevention etc). CB suggests that effort to strengthen policy and engage community groups to improve cat control to prevent them moving in after fox control may be most effective strategy. LM states that cat control will be discussed further once legislation has been strengthened as current efforts would not be effective.

7.5 Limestone works: LM proposes that limestone work for Malvolio rd to be commenced earlier than planned (planned for February 2020) to utilize budget more effectively and to be ready for fire season. LM will do a letter drop but asks group to utilize social media to inform networks/community of work.

8. Committee member report

CB – Asks group to circulate Australian Association of Environmental Education Catchment, Corridor and Coast professional development course to be held in January. As part of course Roe 8 rehabilitation efforts will be discussed including community involvement.

LM reads report from RS: 1. Week of student monitoring went well (Murdoch Ecology unit). RS is currently compiling data collected by students. 2. Billie and Joe have been out in corridor collecting data from benchmark reference plots. 3. RS has arranged to visit plots with Astron scientist to collect data for matching on-ground data with aerial data via e-mapper. Examples of data to be collected: tallest tree in each plot, differential estimate for coordinates, %cover for plots. Meeting will allow for Astron to see the project from the ground and will allow RS to discuss monitoring options for leaf litter cover.

LM explains further that data collected matches several of the goals: 9.1-9.4, 10,12. Data set was missing Leaf litter and not all data had been collected for all vegetation complexes which will be rectified. For quality control, Billie has been employed to do expert ID in corridor to ensure certainty of data while still having student involvement. Overall, many sites are showing recovery that is on track, showing natural revegetation. Tuart sites are doing less well and some other sites require more data to comment.

- LC reported Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor (CCWC) was nominated for a Landcare Award and they were finalists. Dan from SERCUL won.
Lulfitz have opened a \$60,000 grant.
CCW are running a weeding event at 8am at Malvolio rd.

9. Information sharing

KD noted upcoming Conservation Council AGM calling for stalls on the 23rd of November. CB suggests if anyone was going to have annual report for RR8 as part of their stall. LM possible to come along. KD suggests sharing a table amongst committee members and associated groups to ensure presence.

Chair for next meeting: Jozina De Ruiter

Meeting close 3:45pm

Next meeting: Thursday 14th November 2019 2pm-4pm, venue: Meeting room, Wetlands Centre.