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**MINUTES**

**Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 2pm-4pm**

**Meeting Room, Wetlands Centre Cockburn, Bibra Lake**

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Advisory Committee Attendees:

Kim	Dravnieks (Chair)	KD	Community
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Gail	Beck	GB	South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Jozina	De Ruiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Angela	Jackob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Heidi	Mippy	HM	Aboriginal Reference Group

**Other attendees:**

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

**Apologies**

- Felicity Bairstow (FB)- Wetlands Centre Cockburn
- Guy Boggs (GBG) - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute
- Alison Wright (AW)- Save Beeliar Wetlands
- Rachel Standish (RS)-Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

**1. Appointment of Chair**

Kim Dravnieks appointed as Chair.

**2. Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes of December meeting: moved to accept minutes by DC seconded by CP

**3. Conflict of interest**

Nil

**4. Business arising from previous meeting**

- 4.1 Norfolk Island Pines (refer agenda item 5.1) – LM updated committee on progress with draft text. Copy will be sent out to committee for final round of comments before manufacture.

LM also requested any images of the pines prior to being lopped be sent through. KD will follow up with image. LC commented that she had seen an image at Azelia Ley museum. There is also another image that Danielle Brady from ECU has-LM to follow up.

**Action: Carried over-LM to send draft text and design to committee for final approval and source suitable image.**

- 4.2 Community Science Conference (refer agenda item 5.2). Update on outcome of papers committee meeting. LM informed committee that conference title of *Hands Healing the Land* with a by-line of *Booja-Community-Connection* is being proposed. This generated some discussion. HM suggested that an alternative Noongar language interpretation be given under the title of Boodja-Moort-Kaartdijin. Both the conference title of *Hands Healing the Land* and the Noongar language *Boodja-Moort-Kaartdijin* by-line was supported unanimously. Fee structure for the conference was discussed with agreement that a low fee should be charged to ensure commitment to attendance. Agreed fees are: \$15 full individual, \$10 concession, \$20 family (up to 4 persons). TB suggested early bird registration fee to encourage people to book in early. LM agreed this could be applied. Speaker list has been circulated to committee. DC suggested that she would like to see a speaker discuss implications of fire management under the new State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas. Committee discussed this. LC supported this idea. TG noted that the intent of the conference was about what people had been doing rather than what should be done. LM also expressed desire to keep conference

community science focused. LM noted that she would take DC suggestion to WALGA for a dedicated workshop. HM and GB noted the absence of Aboriginal speakers on the current list. LM explained this was a preliminary list and is very keen to receive speaker suggestions. As the topic of fire management had been raised GB suggested traditional burning practices would be a good topic. HM went on to provide several names of well-known speakers on traditional land practices. LM will obtain contact details from HM and GB to follow up. Good discussion followed with regards to welcome to country. HM suggested a ceremonial opening would be more fitting for this event. Committee agreed. LC noted that the RR8 cultural protocols should be updated to reflect the option of a ceremonial opening for events. Request by TG for more information on Menti-meter and what the purpose of this was. Members provided explanation. Committee agreed that LM would send out URL so others could familiarize themselves with this tool. HM discussed two way science with Aboriginal community would be good topic to explore at conference. CB noted that any suggested speakers that didn't make the conference should not be discarded and consideration should be given as to what can be done with them- perhaps targeted workshops for community.

**Action: LM to follow up with speakers for conference, contacts from GB and HM for traditional owner land management speakers, contact to make arrangements for ceremonial opening for conference. LM to send to all members a URL link to Menti-meter.**

- 4.3 Dieback treatment (refer agenda item 5.3). LM provided draft Dieback Protection signage and Boot cleaning station signs. One minor typo was identified. LM has arranged for CVA to install footbaths in the coming week. Signs will go in as soon as possible at major entry points in the corridor. DBCA has approved two locations on North Lake Reserve for the signs being entry kissing gate on Hope rd and one on Bibra Dr. KD raised again concerns over Banksia deaths in North lake reserve. LM confirmed that Glen Tuffnell had been contacted and that Dieback sampling will occur there in autumn.

**Action: LM to arrange signage, footbaths and limestone to be installed. Confirm Dieback assessment with contractor.**

- 4.4 Fauna monitoring update Greening Australia citizen science project (refer agenda item 5.4)- LM provided some outcomes of first round of fauna camera trapping that had occurred in December.

Pictures revealed fox, cat, *Quenda*, rabbit and bobtail activity plus a range of birds. CB observed that *Quenda* have now been identified as a distinct species from the Southern Brown Bandicoot and so all data relating to the activity of these animals was very important. LC asked if this camera trapping would continue. LM confirmed that a second round had been planned with Greening Australia for March. KD suggested that this is an important news item and that a media release on the program and outcomes should be sent out. AJ noted the work that the South West Group are doing with regards to a collaborative program with local governments and Murdoch University on cat management. CB noted that cat health was the prompter for change behavior with regards to roaming cats. It was suggested that some of those messages could be included in any media- Perth Cat Hospital had statistics on health implications of roaming cats. LM agreed and will also put information up on RR8 website. TG noted severe impact on many native species due to bushfires being further exacerbated by feral animals. CB noted artificial intelligence software that could identify if a cat was feral. **Action: LM to put together media release regarding project and outcomes and how this links to cat management and feral animal control.**

- 4.5 Aboriginal Heritage Survey-update (refer agenda item 5.5). LM updated committee with regards to progress of Section 16 submission. LM presented to the Whudjuk Working Group on 12th February 2020. LM also provided draft copy of Section 16 submission to date. HM noted that previous community consultation workshop and interviews had not properly captured all of the traditional owners who should be consulted with regards to this project. GB commented that the Whudjuk Working Group are the appropriate nominated family representatives but that there are others in the local community who should also be contacted. TG raised point with regards to submission of S16 and that the application should be made while further consultation was occurring and that should consultation result in any adverse reactions these will be addressed and if necessary the S16 application withdrawn. GB and HM supported this approach.

LM also commented that feedback from the Whudjuk Working Group with regards to any finds was that after examination they should be appropriately repatriated to the site. This also refers to other artefacts collected during the earlier archaeological dig that are currently stored at the WA Museum. LC asked about whether these items could be displayed at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre? HM and GB commented that people who attended the previous dig should be

consulted. GB and HM also noted importance of having appropriate Aboriginal monitors on site, being aware of issues such as working in men's places or women's places. This also generated discussion about other activities in the corridor and aligning activities appropriately with cultural beliefs such as in woman's places only women are allowed to be on country. The committee acknowledged and supported this approach and felt leadership can be shown with regards to this. HM also noted that if conflicts with activities and cultural beliefs occur then impacts can be mitigated through appropriate cultural customs such as smoking ceremonies.

**Action: LM to follow up with HM and GB as to other families who need to be consulted with regards to the Section 16 application and for general activities. LM with support from GB to seek out appropriate Aboriginal monitors for works in the corridor.**

- 4.6 Community questionnaire (refer agenda item 5.6). LM informed committee that elected members had reviewed survey purely as *for your information* and so that they are aware this will be released to the general public. Committee requested that survey be sent out prior to release.

**Action: LM to send out copy of RR8 community questionnaire.**

## **5. Correspondence**

Inward- City of Cockburn, Project Manager Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Request to present to RR8AC at March meeting.

Outward – Email to City of Cockburn Project Manager Aboriginal Cultural Centre confirming presentation at March RR8AC meeting.

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

TB- update on campers-LM reported issue resolved

KD-update on commercial beehive operator-LM reported issue resolved

LM-update on fencing around perimeter of Stock Rd south. Presented sign design for notifying users of pending works. LC confirmed location of fence.

## **7. Other business**

- 7.1 Works program (refer agenda item 8.1) - LM updated committee on works activities including completion of limestone firebreaks in Malvolio, pending weed control works and fencing works that will be completed (new gate and hop over in North lake Rd West). DC raised that feral bee hive exists in Stock Rd South. LC asked if bees can be removed rather than exterminated. LM

commented that unless queen can be secured removing hive is very difficult and requires tree to be cut. TG noted that even if removed wax and honeycomb act as attractant to other feral swarms and recolonization is likely. KD noted that tubestock deaths seemed to be quite high and if watering program could be increased. LM commented that program had been increased to weekly watering already. KD also enquired as to the pruning of *Eucalyptus rudis* in North Lake. LM commented that a works order had not been issued. This requires further investigation. **Action: LM to inspect site and contact Western Power.**

- 7.2 Draft weed mapping report (refer agenda item 8.2)- some members were not able to access this report. LM will re-send link. KD noted that in some cases mapping went right up to the road and not in other areas. LM explained this was because of the buffer. Only the cleared area and 20m buffer was being mapped as that was the remit of the RR8 RMP.

**Action: LM to re-send link to report.**

- 7.3 Aboriginal Cultural Centre (refer agenda item 8.3). LM received request from Sarah Robinson project manager for the Aboriginal Cultural Centre to come to next month meeting. Committee supported this invitation. GB commented in regards to artefacts being on display in the Centre that the intent was that the Centre was not a museum. AJ noted that important to have tracks and trails linked between Centre and corridor.
- 7.4 Terms of Reference (ToR) review (refer agenda item 8.4). LM noted that given RMP was up for review may be timely to review ToR as well. CB noted that some changes to ToR had already occurred. KD noted that wording around attendance in the ToR's is very prescriptive. CB commented that perhaps this should be looked at. LM agreed. **Action: LM to send out copy of Terms of Reference for committee to review.**

## 8. Committee member report

- CB-AAEE conference see link. <https://aaeeconference.org.au/>  
-call for abstracts is now open. CB would like to see RR8 make a submission.  
-Conference dates 29<sup>th</sup> September-1<sup>st</sup> October 2020
- KD suggested that at next meeting suggestions for conference submissions could be tabled.
- CP- having long service leave and Cho Lam will act as replacement.
- AJ- workshop on tree canopy in Coolbellup. CB commented on getting Millennium Kids involved.

## 9. Information sharing

Nil

Chair for next meeting: Catherine Baudains

Meeting close 4:15pm

Next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 2pm-4pm. Venue: TBC

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