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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 12th December 2019, 2pm-4pm

Meeting Room, Wetlands Centre Cockburn, Bibra Lake

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Rachel	Standish	RS	Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Jozina	De Ruiter (Chair)	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

Catherine Prideaux (CP) - Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Gail Beck (GB)- South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

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

Angela Jakob (AJ)- Coolbellup Community Association

Catherine Baudains (CB)- Australian Association of Environmental Education

Heidi Mippy (HM)- Aboriginal Reference Group

Alison Wright (AW)- Save Beeliar Wetlands

1. Appointment of Chair

Jozina De Ruiter appointed as Chair.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of November meeting: moved to accept minutes by KD seconded by DC

3. Conflict of interest

Nil

4. Business arising from previous meeting

- 4.1 Norfolk Island Pines (refer agenda item 5.1) – LM sent out draft text and sign format for comment by the committee. Excellent feedback from committee members on text-thanks to all. LM to workshop comments and send out to committee again. Committee approved style format of sign. FB and KD followed up with photo of Norfolk Island Pines prior to lopping-please send through to LM. LM also sourced images from another source. KD noted that people are asking about the trees. LC raised Cottesloe who are transplanting a Norfolk Island Pine and are looking for a site. This generated some discussion. LM requested more information with regards to the details.

Action: Carried over-LM to draft text and design for signage. LC to provide LM contact details at Cottesloe.

- 4.2 Community Science Conference (refer agenda item 5.2). Date for conference has been confirmed as 15th May 2020. Tompkins on Swan confirmed as venue. LM suggested theme perhaps along the lines of Boodjar-Community-Connection and is seeking committee feedback. Invitations for papers committee went out and received positive responses from SERCUL (Amy Krupa), Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)(Julia Cullity) and Perth Region NRM(Ingrid Sieler). Two RR8AC members have indicated their Invite will be sent for papers committee in early February 2020. Lucy Commander has also indicated her willingness to MC the day and provide consult support in preparation. KD discussed film night a week prior to the conference to help promote –support from Keith Bradbury. TG suggested good example

of indigenous and white fella managed landcare project. RS noted that she attended conference recently and all speakers were requested to acknowledge the traditional owners of where they collected the data. LM requested that if members have any contacts that they think would be useful for the conference to forward them.

Action: LM facilitate papers committee meeting. Committee members to provide any contacts for conference content to LM.

- 4.3 Dieback treatment (refer agenda item 5.3). LM updated committee on discussion with Glen Tuffnell regarding assessment in autumn to obtain reliable samples. LC queried what was happening with signage as previously discussed. LM has attempted to follow up with Dieback Working Group to get signage artwork.

Limestone at crossover points required. Footbaths with brush and chain attached at entry gates should be possible.

Action: LM to arrange signage, footbaths and limestone crossovers at entry points.

- 4.4 Fauna monitoring update- LM reported that fauna monitoring has been concluded within the corridor for the spring period. Regretfully a frog appeared to be caught in a pitfall trap and desiccated. This caused some distress to the community member who found the frog. There has been much discussion with the consultant zoologist on how to mitigate any impacts on animals that are caught in the pitfall traps. LM reassured committee that works had been completed according to all ethics approvals and best practice methodology. LM reported that there are on-going issues with monitoring within North Lake Rd West in particular with damage to equipment. KD suggested it might be worth having community volunteers chaperone the area during activities to help keep an eye on things. LC commented that this is a shame, not every bucket had shade-can this be addressed and can frogs and lizards be separated-checking traps twice daily? TG suggested using door knocking to engage people with the land and the activities that are occurring within it.

Action: LM to speak with zoologist about addressing these issues. Committee to consider how to use local volunteers to help promote positive interactions with activities being conducted within the corridor.

4.5 Quenda and feral animal Citizen Science Project -Greening Australia (GA) – (refer agenda item 5.5). LM informed committee that citizen science project occurred on the 26th November 2019. Seven volunteers set up fauna camera in the field in Forrest Rd south. An app for easy data collection by volunteers was used to record animal activity in corridor including scats, digging, sightings and their location of activity. LM reported that some early images have revealed occurrence of bandicoots, bob-tails, rabbits and cats. Foxes were not recorded at this stage. LC asked if this will occur in just this area? LM said no there is good opportunity to put the cameras out in any area that presents itself as a good site.

Action: LM to investigate with members on other possible locations for fauna monitoring and citizen science.

4.6 Aboriginal Heritage Survey-update (refer Agenda 5.6). LM has planned for facilitated workshop to occur on the 19th December 2019 with local Noongar elders. Additional consultation will occur in February with local Noongar people with a view to present the draft Section 16 submission to the SWALSC- Whudjuk Working Group in February 2020. FB wanted to confirm that there is requirement to get a Section 18 or 16? LM confirmed it is a Section 16 “Application for research”. FB informed group that the Wetlands Centre has obtained a Regulation 10 for works within Horse Paddock Swamp which occurs within the mythological site. LC sought clarification on rehab work planned in Horse Paddock swamp under the RR8 program. LM informed there is not really any significant works planned for Horse Paddock Swamp area as it has been historically cleared. Wetlands Centre has already done significant work in this space and has more plans.

Action: LM to provide update at next meeting on consultation outcomes and SWALSC meeting.

5. Correspondence

Inward- none

Outward – none

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

Major issues discussed- bee hives installed in Stock Rd South-LM will follow up-thanks to TG for information on contact in DPIRD.

7. Other business

7.1 Annual review (refer agenda item 8.1) - LM reminded committee that this will need to be undertaken before June 2020. LM will forward format and information for this process. Each section will be reviewed and if necessary commented on. LM suggested maybe going back to Emerge to have the feedback incorporated into the RMP.

7.2 Community expectation and satisfaction questionnaire (refer agenda item 8.2)-LM has forwarded draft questionnaire to City of Cockburn executive for comment and approval. Intention for release in December 2019.

Action: LM to finalize approvals and release to market research company.

7.3 Meeting schedule 2020 (refer agenda item 8.3). LM has sent out meeting invites to all members for 2020. TB requested a meeting invite for the conference be sent out.

Action: LM to send out meeting invite for conference.

7.4 Upcoming items to be tabled at Governance Committee meeting-Trails plan to get back into 20/21 budget, signage plan will be delivered in current budget. Perimeter fence around what is known as Stock Rd South in the management plan to help reduce illegal dumping, arson and unauthorized access.

Action: LM to report back to committee on governance committee meeting outcomes.

8. Committee member report

KD and FB spoke with regards to trails- some discussions have occurred there will be more to come.

9. Information sharing

Chair for next meeting: KD

Meeting close 3:45pm

Next meeting: Thursday 13th February 2020 2pm-4pm, venue: Meeting room, Wetlands Centre.