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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 9th April 2020, 2pm-4pm

Via video conference

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Felicity	Bairstow (Chair)	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Jozina	De Ruiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Angela	Jackob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association
Bruce	Webber	BW	Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

- Heidi Mippy- (HM)-Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn
- Lou Corteen (LC) – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
- Cho Lamb (CL) (proxy) – Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Gail Beck (GB) - South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
- Alison Wright (AW)- Save Beeliar Wetlands
- Rachel Standish (RS)-Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

1. Welcome and Apologies

There was a request from Mary Peck from Coolbellup Community Association to attend as an observer noted in the agenda, but Mary was not able to attend.

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes 12th March accepted moved DC seconded by KD, 13th February minutes accepted move DC and seconded CB.

4. Conflict of interests declaration

Nil

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 Norfolk Island Pines Signage -all committee supportive of final design and text.

Action: LM to create order to manufacture signs and oversee installation as soon as possible.

5.2 Community Science Conference

LM indicated that as discussed in the previous meeting due to the restrictions with regards to public gatherings due to COVID-19 the Hands Healing the Land Conference has been postponed with a new date booked in at the venue for 20th November 2020. BW suggested that based on information he was receiving lock down will be a lot longer than anyone expects. BW and CB suggests based on advice from medical authorities expect that lock down will be on-going. CB noted that City of Mandurah was not accepting bookings for any events until after April 2021. TG asked if we can go with webinar event. CB agreed that there is good potential for online story telling option. TG suggests important to keep some form of engagement. BW supports this approach. The committee felt that many people appreciate the opportunity to engage and webinar forums can work really well. FB also supports idea that engagement is maintained. LM agrees that this would be a good way forward. Potential ideas for online conference-virtual tour, webinar with existing speakers. KD also queried whether May 2021 date would be an option. AJ many people out and about so opt in for you tube channel for RR8?

Action: LM to arrange for investigation on range of alternative online based mediums to host different events.

Note Bruce Webber left meeting 2:30pm.

- 5.3 Community questionnaire- LM informed group closed with over 300 respondents. Results forthcoming.
- 5.4 Rehabilitating Roe 8 Rehabilitation Management Plan annual review-CB has submitted some comments. LM requests any suggestions to forward through as soon as possible. CB noted that the RMP has a lot of sections where actions have been identified that have not as yet been initiated especially with regards to social rehabilitation. CB has some ideas on social rehabilitation that may involve creating a small sub-committee to work on this. Methods to capture this type of information may include interviews with people front line, social recovery following the loss. How is the recovery going? Others are engaging through other means such as Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor. BW queried whether data existed on the level of engagement with the space before it was threatened as compared with now. TG noted that membership levels of groups like Save Beelihar Wetlands could be used to help inform this. FB concurred that there may be some way to use campaign records. CB scale of data may exist in some capacity. Number of people subscribing. CB suggested Danielle Brady from ECU may be a good contact- CB and BW also suggest using student. CB asked what is the timeframe for comments to be submitted? KD suggested deadline close of business two weeks from today. Committee all supported this timeframe.

Action: Committee to review RMP and provide comments to LM by COB Thursday 23rd April.

Action: LM to gather and collate responses from committee on review of RMP

5.5 Fauna monitoring

Greening Australia have completed second round of fauna monitoring and are currently preparing a report. LM noted that results have revealed presence of fox, cats and rabbits along with Quenda. LM informed committee that Mike Bamford had completed data collection for autumn. Mike has requested that is any members to please send through any bird observations through corridor especially Fairy Wrens and Cockatoos.

6. Correspondence

No correspondence.

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

committee.

DC happy with perimeter fencing in Stock Rd West (S7). Committee discussion on delivery of community planting events and how this will happen with regards to current restrictions. LM noted that in current climate with regards to social distancing community planting events may be difficult to undertake-needed to have novel approaches. TB noted that people could be wearing full PPE during planting.

TG asked if there was capacity to engage with business to get people out there. LM confirmed that there was but the greater issue was with regards to managing social distancing and gathering restrictions. DC noted that we have to be seen to be doing the right thing. LM indicated that if an event were able to be conducted it will likely require approval from public health authority. LM suggested that any community planting may be a symbolic act rather than the traditional approach. FB asked that committee give this some thought and feedback any suggestions to LM.

TB asked LM to expand on information in report with regards to rabbit control. LM informed committee that rabbit control would be coordinated with efforts from DBCA and City of Cockburn to ensure a better outcome. The control methods will include RHDV release (virus) and warren mapping and fumigation.

FB queried if weed control was still on-going with issues related to COVID-19? LM informed committee that all contractors were still operating but they have modified their approach to ensure compliance with social distancing restrictions. TG asked if contractors could have GPS to map where they were treating. LM informed committee that she had already initiated this with contractors so that information can be utilized on E-mapper and for future reference.

CB in committee member report that pedestrian traffic counters would be great. LM agrees wand will look into this.

Action: LM to investigate use of pedestrian traffic counters.

Other business

7.1 Signage Plan

Tangelo Creative has been appointed to develop signage plan. LM provided explanation on signage plan process which includes the main objectives to identify after consultation what themes should be reflected across the corridor, including special places or names, the suite of signs required and some design detail elements including colour, font basic layout. Detailed sign content will be addressed as required for each sign. This is an overarching document that will help guide future signage requirements and keep messaging across corridor consistent. Tangelo will be referring to existing signage documents from DBCA and City of Cockburn to ensure basic structural elements are in keeping with these two organisations. Due to current restrictions Tangelo will work on one on one basis with walk through site and then. Committee approves of this process. AJ asked if the signs would be interpretive or wayfinding? LM indicated that both types would be expected to be in the final suite of

signs but as yet we won't drill into how many and where. AJ noted that people are moving away from big signs and are incorporating elements like QR codes. All agreed this would be desirable. LM will provide this feedback to the consultant.

7.2 Wildflower to waves walk trail update

KD provided update on Wetlands to Waves trail wildflower walking trail on the 10km trail. Steering group has been formed through Wildflower Society with objectives and consultants brief developed.

8. Committee member report

CB informed group that A2E2 all events are cancelled. 2020 conference postponed until next year. Might be online conference with Millennium Kids.

TB-CCWA has cancelled all events and moved them to online forums. CCWA AGM on Zoom
<http://www.ccwa.org.au/events>

AJ- Cooby Community Association- newsletter going out soon-AJ noted more people using the Malvolio Rd bushland.

DC-speaking on behalf of Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor bushcare group- volunteering has been suspended but Diana is continuing working on hand weeding in S7. Perennial Veldt Grass hand weeding in Malvolio Rd not happening at this stage due to restrictions.

FB- Wetlands Centre is closed. Taking opportunity to do some strategic planning.

JDR Hamilton Hill Community Group- created facebook site to encourage positive community connection

9. Information sharing

Chair for next meeting: Ted Griffin.

Meeting close: 3:50PM

Next meeting: Thursday 14th May 2020. Video conference.