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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 14th May 2020, 2pm-4pm

Via video conference

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Ted	Griffin (Chair)	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Jozina	De Rooter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Catherine	Prideux	CP	Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Angela	Jackob	AJ	Coolbellup Residents Association

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

- Tim Barling (TB) – Conservation Council WA
- Lou Corteen (LC) – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
- Gail Beck (GB) - South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
- Bruce Webber (BW) - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute
- Alison Wright (AW)- Save Beeliar Wetlands
- Rachel Standish (RS)-Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee
- Heidi Mippy-Aboriginal Reference Group (Cockburn)

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Observance of Acknowledgement of Country**
3. **Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes of April meeting: Meeting minutes accepted moved by DC and seconded by KD.

4. **Conflict of interests declaration**

Nil

5. **Business arising from previous meeting**

5.1 Norfolk Island Pines Signage

Norfolk Island Pines signage-LM informed committee that a Regulation 10 is required as the location of the sign is within an registered aboriginal site and the footing detail for the sign indicated a level of disturbance.

Action: LM to arrange for Regulation 10 from Department Planning, Lands and Heritage.

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5.2 Community Science Conference

Community Science Conference- LM suggested using webinar series to help to build the *Hands Healing the Land* brand. CB noted that webinar has potential for greater inclusivity more engagement, AJ also commented that webinars are a good format and approach given the current climate. KD agreed this was a good way to build brand, promotes project. FB noted that timing of conference needs to be considered as Wetlands conference will be celebrating 50th anniversary of RAMSAR and so quite a large event is anticipated. TG asked about opportunity with WABSI to host? KD enquired if there are any ideas on speakers? LM suggested that speakers who were already identified for the conference be approached. Committee agreed that conference should be postponed until early 2021. Venue shall need to be considered if Tompkins on Swan is not available at the desired time. Need to confirm what platforms are able to be used either via City of Cockburn or other.

Action: LM to continue to investigate webinar options for engagement and rebook venue for conference at preferred date in early 2021.

5.3 Community questionnaire-LM carry-over

5.4 Annual RMP review- LM has commenced review of RMP and will send sheet to committee for comment. LM commented that didn't want to have all reports added to the RMP as it would make for a very large document. CB noted several reports are publically accessible. CB suggested one paragraph of the reports and key summaries and where they can be found. KD agreed table of reports with key summary points. LM agreed this is a good approach and will action.

Action: LM to send out annual review comments for review.

5.5 Community Planting Events

Community planting events- LM planting is likely to be on the horizon probably for July if not June. DC noted that July planting is quite late. LM indicated that a site close to the wetlands would be used that would likely support July planting. LM noted that any event would need to comply with public health recommendations and social distancing regulations. However LM has prepared a COVID-19 risk assessment for volunteers. At the moment the City of Cockburn advising that volunteers are not to be engaged until staff are back. Given the current situation, it is likely the City will have staff returning to the office over the next two weeks. LM noted that numbers would have to be strictly controlled and that invites are likely to be to committee member organisations rather than promoted more widely, however that depends on state government restrictions. KD suggested using an event booking system with tickets. LM agreed. LM suggested plan for July event. TG if we don't have many community planting events what is the impact on planting program?

LM commented contractors are able to fulfil planting program if required.

Action: LM to begin planning for July community planting event if possible.

5.6 Signage Plan

LM questionnaire sent to all members and to be distributed to committee members survey link open until Tuesday next week.

Action: Committee- promote to all members.

6. Correspondence

No correspondence.

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

KD asked about pedestrian traffic counters –LM informed committee that company who supply these counters has been contacted at that a number of options are available but some suited sealed paths as opposed to unsealed paths. LM indicated that systems are pressure sensitive and that based on discussion with supplier that pedestrian counter was not available for unsealed paths only for bicycles. LM also noted that systems that count vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians are available for \$10-12,000. FB noted that it would be good to gain insight into people visiting as they are out and about currently.

CB and AJ – suggested alternative option using community volunteers to do head counts as people come in. KD simple system to log in date time number of walkers, number of walkers with dogs etc. TG suggested asking people “when do you see the most people in the corridor?”

Action: LM to continue to investigate cost effective options for pedestrian traffic counts including using community volunteers.

AJ and TG requested information on when and where are we planting? LM indicated that 70,000 tubestock are available to install into the corridor this year. This is less than the original number planned for. KD queried why the number had declined. LM indicated that a number of factors contribute to this including quality and quantity of seed, germination rates in the nursery etc. AJ noted that there have been good levels of natural germination and was such a large number of tubestock required? LM indicated that there were some areas that had performed well and other areas that would need attention. Given the tubestock numbers are less than planned for some areas may be consolidated to ensure desired density levels are achieved. LM indicated that a plant density of 2plants/m² was desirable. Noting also that seed collecting is improving from previous year, expectation is that tubestock numbers for next year will be on target. However as natural regeneration occurs the scale of planting has been reduced (2 plants/m² from 3 plants/m² as described in the RMP). The overall tubestock numbers may be further reduced pending outcomes of Murdoch University vegetation monitoring report.

Action: LM to send committee updated plan of areas to be planted and numbers of plants per area.

8. Other business

8.1 Community Open Day- LM informed committee that original plan for face to face event is not going to be

an option and so looking for an alternative way to engage with corridor users. LM suggested using pop-up signage and trail within certain sections of the corridor such as North Lake Rd West and North Lake Rd east and through North Lake reserve. TG suggested *Where's Wally?* approach as an engagement tool -inviting people to find something in the corridor. Committee agreed this approach had merit. LM would like to explore using #corridorlife to gauge users' interactions with the space.

Action: LM to follow up with developing this approach.

8.2 Planting contracts

LM informed committee that contractors have been engaged for planting this season. Contractors will be commencing work in early June into July planting tubestock. Tubestock will be planted without a tree guard, some with a traditional tree guard and others with a new product a cardboard guard. LM has contacted Joe Fontaine and Rachel Standish from Murdoch University about the opportunity for this to be a student research project.

9. Committee member report

CB-A2E2- one day online event more in October- information to follow

KD- Wetlands to waves continuing discussion with wide range of stakeholders-web page up on Wildflower Society page.

DC-CCWC- weeding in S7-six participants following social distancing rules.

FB- wetlands centre- redevelopment continuing looking at having meetings again-waiting on guidelines from the City.

JDR- heritage plan for Dixon Park completed. JDR send link to report.

General discussion on committee meetings: Possibly have some meetings via Zoom –can use video conferencing. TG next meeting should be via video conferencing. LM needs to look into video conferencing. FB wetlands centre internet connection able to support video conferencing. CB noted that for convenience that some video conferencing would be good. CP indicated that travel time can impact on ability to join meeting. CB also noted that attendance over last two committee meetings has been good given the video conferencing approach. Committee agreed to raise this again at June meeting and take a vote on approach.

Action: LM to investigate option for video conferencing to update committee at next meeting.

10. Information sharing

KD brought up need for calendar of activities- what's coming up for the RR8AC to assist with information dissemination for each committee member.

TG- team up- web based calendar- events, notes can be posted. TG will send LM some information on team up.

JDR- agreed this would be useful

FB- offered the Wetlands Centre –general community calendar

CB- useful for what's coming up

AJ- agreed this would be useful.

CP-preferred face to face but thought phone in option would be useful.

Action: LM to prepare and distribute a forward planning document to the committee.

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

Catherine Baudains

Meeting close: 3:50PM

12. Next Meeting

Thursday 11 June 2020 2pm-4pm, via video conferencing

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