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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 11 June 2020, 2pm-4pm

Via video conference

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Jozina	De Ruyter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Catherine	Baudains (Chair)	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Bruce	Webber	BW	Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

- Gail Beck - South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
- Alison Wright - Save Beeliar Wetlands
- Rachel Standish -Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee
- Heidi Mippy-Aboriginal Reference Group (Cockburn)
- Angela Jakob- Coolbellup Residents Association

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of May meeting: Meeting minutes accepted moved by CB and seconded by KD.

4. Conflict of interests declaration

Nil

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 Norfolk Island Pines Signage

LM suggests that in place of standard interpretive sign a large limestone rock is placed on site with the sign panel attached to it. The Committee felt that this would be appropriate and committee members agree that this is good approach. TB queried about size of the rock it ensuring it would withstand vandalism or theft. LM confirmed that rock size would take into consideration these aspects and was likely to be 1-1.5tonne. CB has noted this solution has been used in other area with heritage value. TG noted that if the pines don't last the rock with the signage remains as a memorial point. Unanimous agreement on this approach.

Action: LM to arrange limestone rock and placement.

5.2 Community Science Conference -LM Tompkins on Swan venue will be under-going redevelopment and will include a tavern and so may not be right place for the conference. LM suggested Murdoch University, CB noted that students are back in March and so access to university spaces may be limited but will assist and will need to book early. FB noted that Wetlands Centre will be ready by March 2021. LM will confirm the possibility of the Wetlands Centre. KD agreed Wetlands Centre would be good option. LC commented that she would like to see the Wetlands Centre being used. BW noted that WABSI may be able to assist with a venue. DC asked about numbers. LM feels there should be no issue with numbers given the progress of the phased COVID response. LM noted social distancing measures will need to be in place and this may impact on venue selection. TB asked if running conference in November still isn't an option. LM suggested that given all the lead times that it would be quite difficult. CB

noted that advice provided to many local governments was to avoid running events until 2021.

Action: LM to investigate options for venue for conference at preferred date in early 2021 and confirm Wetlands Centre as an option.

5.3 Community questionnaire- LM queried if everyone saw the results and summary. LM gave some basic feedback on results which indicated a great distinction between the three groups surveyed 1. Intercept interviews 2. Mailing list 3. Online survey (facebook). LM indicated that results demonstrated higher levels of engagement in people who are on the mailing list compared with very low levels of engagement with the broader community. LM did note however that across all groups some recurring themes were present being importance of planting and on-ground activities, education, wildlife walks and talks. Signage and paths are critical as well as a number of verbatim responses focusing on not really knowing enough about what was happening and the future tenure of the site. KD noted that there were several comments supporting the project and that young people were more likely to be involved. KD noted that again signage was key value. CB noted that results reflect what we would expect to see with engaging people who are already involved. However a high proportion of those on the mailing list said they weren't likely to be involved. CB wondered about how that question was interpreted. KD and LC also wondered if this was a interpretation about being on the advisory committee. CB wanted to note that that question perhaps is reviewed. LM indicated that this questionnaire would be run again in March-April 2021. CB queried how do we use this information? Where are the gaps? CB noted lack of engagement with Aboriginal people and need to you of new and creative ways to engage with those groups. TG inevitable that indigenous people are not well represented but we should put emphasis and more diligence in demonstrating how we engage creatively with all groups.

5.4 Annual RMP review- LM needs to include information from fauna monitoring both invertebrate and vertebrate need to be included including important species and monitoring protocols. KD queried if it's too early to include results from monitoring reports. LM noted that results haven't been included in the RMP. LM noted that information on progress of the plans is implemented is included in the annual report. KD clarified that the RMP is adaptive and that updates should be included in the RMP. LM agreed that methodologies may require updating in the RMP

including the cultural and community engagement aspects of the project such as the cultural protocols and inclusion of the community questionnaire.

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

2:40pm BW leaves meeting

- 5.5 Community Planting Events-LM informed committee that 21st June event almost full. KD indicated 128 people showed interest in attending. LM will run another event on 25th July. CB noted that this is why she was perplexed by results on questionnaire. LC concurs. LM noted that signs need to be created for the event. LM asked for support from members to help people feel comfortable on site and with information on the RR8 project. LM indicated that a marquee on site to try and provide more information to participants about the project such as copies of annual report. CB suggested having frequently asked questions on site at event. What's happening since what's happening next? LC posters are a good idea under a gazebo. CB anything we can use at other events too. LC can we put stuff in gazebo on CCWC and Wetlands Centre? LM supports this. TG lets be discerning about what's on offer by way of information. LC felt that a small amount of information on site would be great. TG includes QR code to include into RR8 poster. TB suggested making up a flyer.

Action: LM to begin planning for July community planting event and prepare promotional material for onsite information table (gazebo).

- 5.6 Planting program-LM informed committee that program underway commencing in North Lake Rd East and moving west across the corridor. Then at end of June next group of contractors will commence in Bibra Dr heading west. LM will have signs installed and news item on website informing community.
- 5.7 Signage plan- draft plan has been received. LM will distribute plan for comment. Comments by COB Friday 19th June 2020.
- Action: LM to distribute draft for comment to committee.
- 5.8 Community Open Day –alternative approach to having a face to face event #corridorlife. Pop-up walk trail and website page linked to QR code to the #corridorlife page. Encourage people to hashtag photos and leave comments. LC would like to see comments left on the page but

acknowledges needs a moderator but would be important to see these comments. CB can still share their stories and photos and we can search on the hash tag across all social media. LM agreed that all comments received will be moderated and then visible and that it's important to allow for some level of input from the community.

6. Correspondence

Outward	Letter: Invitation to Beeliar Regional Park Community Advisory Committee (BRPCAC) to join RR8AC
Inward	Nil

CB wanted to acknowledge all the information that was circulated by LC, CP, KD, and LM about the A-class reserve.

Discussion on membership on BRPCAC- FB and KD asked about membership as one sitting member is also current member on the BRPCAC (FB). FB queried that if we have a perhaps a liaison instead. CB noted that it creates issues with voting and replacement of numbers on committee. Perhaps no requirement for a sitting member? LC asked if alternative is FB represents the BRPCAC and someone else represents the Wetlands Centre. CP noted that the BPRCAC have been keen for an update on progress of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 and provide an update every so often. CB as chair wanted to have noted that there are concerns regarding dual/multiple membership but acknowledges need on-going liaison between the two groups. KD commented that if a sitting member can speak to the BRPCAC on behalf of the RR8AC. Perhaps there can be agreement that members can share information.

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

Project Manager report- no concerns

8. Other business

- 8.1 Dog-poo bags within North Lake Rd West. KD was approached by community member requesting bins and dog poo bags. CB had discussions previously with regards to another site and was informed that City can't provide dog poo bins were those bins can't be easily serviced if not alongside a road. In addition providing a bin can increase waste and litter. LC felt that bins can be located easily. CB shared her experiences that this was not an easy matter to resolve at the primary school. LM has concerns about providing this service. There are existing dog poo station at Elinor Park and Rinaldo. LM can provide dog poo leash bags. The site is not a City of Cockburn park and does not think the City will support installation of a bin. There is also no

current provision for this in the current budget. KD suggested that perhaps a sign indicating that poo bags are available from nearby parks. TB enquired about using compostable bags. LM agreed that only compostable bags would be used.

Motion: Request LM to investigate dog poo bags and bins at Malvolio Rd. Carried unanimously

Action: LM to investigate dog poo bags and bins and provide itemized budget.

8.2 Caring for Noongar Boodja State NRM Grant TB-capacity for events (75 people to attend) and plants supply by the project, why City of Melville hasn't been included? LM was not able to give clear indication with regards to which local governments were approached but indicated that Heidi Mippy has been involved in developing the grant application and she has some strong links with Cockburn and Fremantle. LM confirmed that number of participants at 75 is reasonable and RR8 will pay for the plants, site preparation etc for the project as an in-kind contribution. LM asked committee if broad support for this grant. LM requests committee provide letter of support to Perth Region NRM Caring for Noongar Boodja. Unanimously approved by committee.

Action: LM to draft letter of support for Perth Region NRM Caring for Noongar Boodja.

9. Committee member report

JDR- had first meeting again for the Hamilton Hill Community Group. Dixon Precinct heritage study. Dixon Reserve was omitted from the report. JDR assisting with Aboriginal people linking with the study and obtaining additional feedback.

FB- on-going works at Wetlands Centre.

LC- CCWC starting up bushcare activities again in the bushland, grants for workshops-1000 plants going in Blackwood Ave and 1000 in to Clontarf Hill. Most volunteer effort in the area of Stock Rd West. LC reporting very low levels of PVG re-emergence in hand weeding area. LC observed comparison between area cleared and subject to hand weeding and area adjacent that has had no treatment, showing that native germinants are greater in number and diversity in areas where hand weeding has occurred. DC noted weeding activities fortnightly in S7 at 8am. Providing all tools and equipment please bring your own gloves, water and refreshments.

CP- A-class reserve creation announcement. Will continue to inform committee on areas near Bibra Drive that are not currently included due to the road extension and lease with the recreation centre.

TG-involvement with other groups-Aboriginal choral group-TG will share LM email contact with coordinator.

DC and KD- virtual tour of trail –will provide link to Wildflower Society web page-will link to RR8 webpage.

TB-nothing to report

CB- A2E2 conference postponed until next October. In the interim one day online conference with speakers on resilience cycle in environmental education, urban bandicoot team from Victoria in collaboration with WA team-education for conservation, Len Collard and others on indigenous led transformative environmental education for sustainability.

10. Information sharing

LM Worksheet calendar to committee-does it require additional level of detail? Committee indicated no need for more level of detail. LM will provide more detail when applicable.

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

Lou Corteen (LC) will Chair

Meeting close: 3:50PM

12. Next Meeting

Thursday 9 July 2020 2pm-4pm at Wetlands Centre and via video link option

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