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**MINUTES**

**Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Thursday 10 September 2020, 2pm-4pm**

**Wetlands Centre Meeting Room**

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Advisory Committee Attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Jozina	De Ruiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Catherine	Prideaux (Chair)	CP	Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association of Environmental Education
Christine	Duckham	CD	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beelihar Wetlands
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

Heidi Mippy-Aboriginal Reference Group (Cockburn)

Angela Jakob-Coolbellup Residents Association

Rachel Standish- Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

Bruce Webber- Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

## 2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

## 3. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from August meeting: Meeting minutes accepted moved by KD and seconded by PC. Wording in Clause 6.1 of the Terms of Reference has been included in the minutes for clarity.

## 4. Conflict of interests declaration

Nil

## 5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1-Restoration objectives-LM noted that they are still being determined. LM noted that all of the reference sites in pre-clearing environmental reports had identified reference sites within the corridor. LM reported that Murdoch University will not be able to undertake vegetation monitoring in spring 2020 and this will be undertaken by a consultant. LM commented that the survey effort of MU was significant as they had drawn on student resources and unfortunately could not be replicated due to time and budget constraints. As such the number of quadrats to be assessed would be fewer however these quadrats would be assessed by trained botanists and so data quality should be higher. PC enquired if the unspent funds from 2019-20 was fully allocated? LM indicated that the funds had all been reallocated into the 2020-21 budget. There are no carry overs. PC noted this that this was different to how council managed it's budget. LM agreed but pointed out that carry overs in the City's budget were typically related to unfinished projects whereas the unspent funds in the Rehabilitating Roe 8 budget were aligned with works that were not required or were completed for less than budgeted for. TB noted it is more like a grant and LM agreed. PC enquired if it were possible to put the additional funding into more monitoring. LM suggest not at this point as the budget had already been accepted. LM commented that not all the plots that were established are in ideal spaces and contain disturbance features such as paths. KD noted that when they were set up everything was up in the air and there was intent that it was better to have more than not enough. KD enquired if there is sufficient budget allocated to cover consultant's fees. LM indicated that some additional funding would be required but that it was within acceptable limits.

TG stated that the objectives of the monitoring need to be very clear and can adjust the monitoring plan to ensure the objectives are met. LM indicated that the two to five random plots per vegetation community have been identified as the requirement. LM indicated that as time was moving on issuing monitoring scope of works was imperative. LM suggested that data collected would be as per other standardized monitoring regimes. TG requested that we talk about this soon. TG the reference sites outside the disturbed area (10m x 10m) they must be monitored in subsequent years. Potential to use pre-clearing quadrats which would inform what has returned in that same position. TG clarified unbiased rather than random. LM informed committee that none of the pre-clearing data had been used by Murdoch University in its assessment. LM agrees using existing reference data would be useful.

Norfolk Island Pines Signage –Department Planning Lands and Heritage have indicated that they are willing to provide a Regulation 10 but will issue one closer to the rehabilitation works being undertaken. LM wanted to discuss with the Committee what's to be done with the pines. LM suggested a survey to the community

for what they would like to see. LM enquired of committee what they wanted art work, new pines being planted, should there be Nyungar influence given they are on a registered site. FB noted that European heritage also needed to be acknowledged. PC enquired as to the wood having the capacity to support artwork (condition). CB noted there was an opportunity to bring in some amazing artwork that would tell the stories. KD links to Aboriginal Cultural Centre. LM noted that there is currently no budget for this work. KD asked if there was budget to do the survey. LM noted that the survey would not require much funding. TG made a recommendation to invite expressions of interest (EOI) as the committee has already identified the themes and presents the ideas to the community and then survey on the EOI's. PC noted that the funding had to be secured. TG agreed that this was important to give the community confidence. TB noted the City of Melville's stolen generation's bench. FB agreed that asking for EOI was a process that she had been involved with before and that it was very successful. CB noted this could also create partnership opportunities with organisations and possibly even crowd funded. PC and LM felt that this should be a project cost and not funded through alternative means. LM suggested that a public celebration like a launch. LM noted that Main Roads have probably not considered artwork as yet. In this regards it would be very beneficial to have some idea of the costs. LM requested members provide input on symbolism. PC noted that area may be designated as a woman's place (Aboriginal) and as such an EOI must reflect that.

**Action: LM to discuss process with City of Cockburn cultural development officer with regards to drafting and expression of interest for artwork for Norfolk Island pines.**

**Committee members to provide brief ideas on types of symbolism they feel should be captured in the artwork which would help refine EOI.**

**5.2** Annual RMP review- LM shall not progress this until the restoration objectives have been resolved. LM noted it is not likely to be able to be completed by Emerge until after spring.

**Action: Carry forward**

**5.3** Membership Beeliam Regional Park Community Advisory Committee (BRPCAC). LM will follow up with BRPCAC secretary. TB asked for some clarification on roles. TB indicated that FB was nominated however LM noted that a member cannot represent two organisations. LM indicated that a sitting member was not required and a liaison may be adequate. LM noted that BRPCAC request the RR8 Project Manager provides an update to the committee. TB and FB inferred that FB would act as liaison. LM will confirm this arrangement with DBCA.

**Action: LM to follow up with DBCA with regards to confirming arrangements for information exchange between BRPCAC and RR8AC.**

**5.4** Path network Plan-LM will confirm brief and send to committee for comment prior to release. LM has requested information from Main Roads with regards to constraints as a management authority. LM noted that we have to address cycling and how this will be done with minimum impact.

**Action: LM to prepare draft consultant brief to be reviewed by committee prior to release.**

**5.6** Aboriginal Archaeological Survey-LM indicated that unfortunately this work had not been undertaken. The project archaeologist has indicated that there is some issue with getting appropriate personnel. LM will be following up with both SWALSC and the project archaeologist.

**Action: LM to follow up with SWALSC and project archaeologist.**

## Correspondence

Outward	Nil
Inward	Nil

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

New hop over installed into Stock Rd West. DC asked if some limestone can be installed at the hop over as a dieback precaution. Limestone works on firebreaks. Firebreaks maintenance completed. Drainage issue creating erosion in Forrest Rd North-LM has contacted Main Roads about undertaking remediation works. TB asked about school student involvement in activities and what they would be doing. LM indicated that the students will be hand weeding and receiving some environmental education-Emmanuel College and hopefully Leeming SHS. Events coming up in September -guided aboriginal walk, Bush Pharmacy in October, Bat night stalk in October and Insect Adventures in November.

Murdoch University intern commenced placement working on tree guard types cost benefit analysis.

TG indicated that Main Roads should list the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project as one of theirs and have it on their website. LM will follow up with Main Roads. LM indicated that the land management and rehabilitation report will be on Main Roads website as it is a compliance requirement under the Ministerial Statement. Draft annual report has been distributed and feedback welcome.

## 6. Other business

New date for October meeting- proposed 15th October.

Committee supported new date.

## 7. Committee member report

FB-Wetlands Centre works continuing-should have new meeting room by October.

CB-Education for sustainability one day conference- registrations open-Australian Association for Environmental Education

JDR-Hamilton Hill Community Group-AGM held. Planting planned on corner of Forrest and Stock Rd.

DC- Update from Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor bushcare group successful hand weeding activities. Gladdy Grab on 26th September 2020 from 8am-10am. CD added that planning is in progress for 2021 planting season working with SERCUL and litter grant from KAB.

DC-Wildflower Society-Guided walk held very successful in Stock Rd West.

PC-Save Beeliar Wetlands-Nil

TG-Free public lecture 24th September at UWA-Deep History of Place.

## 8. Information sharing

## 9. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

TBC-October meeting.

Meeting close: 3:45 PM

## 10. Next Meeting

Thursday 15th October 2020 2pm-4pm at Wetlands Centre and via video link option

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