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**MINUTES**

**Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Thursday 12 November 2020, 2pm-4pm**

**Wetlands Centre Meeting Room**

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Advisory Committee Attendees:

Lou	Corteen (Chair)	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beelias Wetlands
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Wetlands Centre Cockburn
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Ted	Griffin	TG	Community
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Residents Association

**Other attendees:**

Linda Metz (LM) – Acting Environment Manager (City of Cockburn)

Isabella Streckhardt (IS) – Acting Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager (City of Cockburn)

**Apologies**

- Catherine Prideaux - Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Jozina De Ruiter - Hamilton Hill Community Group
- Heidi Mippy-Aboriginal Reference Group (Cockburn)
- 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 September meeting: Minor correction required. Meeting minutes accepted moved by KD and seconded by PC.

- 4. Conflict of interests declaration**

Nil

- 5. Business arising from previous meeting**

- 5.1 Norfolk Island Pines - Expression of Interest artwork.

LM informed that a short EOI will be circulated if possible before December meeting for final review by the committee. LM mentions that due diligence is required for this critical piece of art, including being clear on symbolism and and requires feedback from committee members. LC enquired whether EOI could be circulated via individual groups' mailing lists. LM supportive, if response can be managed by group. LM expecting common themes and overlap to emerge.

PC queried whether payments will be attached to shortlisting. LM explained that payment will be offered to shortlisted artists to provide a more detailed EOI and that the City already has established relationship with artist and in particular Aboriginal artists. LM was supportive for EOI to be advertised publicly e.g. local paper and via groups.

PC highlighted the need for advertisement to wider community, for example 200 word descriptions from artist to then shortlist from for more detailed, paid submission.

DC enquired whether EOI will be limited to local artists, WA artist or interstate / international. PC highlighted need for artist to work on site. LM discussed the City's focus on securing local talent and that artist from further afield would need to submit very strong submission to outcompete local artist. CB mentioned that nurturing local artist preferable in interest of long-term good relations. DC suggested advertising EOI in local newspaper. LM agrees to advertise broadly for 200 word expression of experience and ideas, shortlist from there.

CB enquired about timeframe. LM mentioned that short EOI probably does not need to be seen by committee, however feedback on detailed EOI will be needed from the committee. LM noted that budget preparation will need to start early 2021, artwork needs to be included in March budget. LM explains detailed EOI is unlikely to be finalised by December meeting and due to no committee meeting in January LM suggests a focused meeting may be necessary. PC suggests 200 word submission on intent including photograph of previous work and short bio from each artist. PC suggests possibility of sub-committee? LM supports this. CB suggests small sub-committee and out of session voting. LM was supportive of scoring sheet and it was agreed that Committee members could simply abstain if not interested in being on sub-committee.

PC indicated that the Herald may want to write an article on this and highlighted that identifying the process

by budget time was more important than selecting the artist. LM informed that artists needed to understand process and history, wood carving is likely preferred form of artwork.

TG wondered about option of including habitat and PC enquired whether it has been confirmed as women's site. LM confirmed that it is a women's site but cautious about providing too much information in initial EOI. LM mentioned that at early stage less detail might be favorable. Artists need to understand space, Norfolk Island pines that have been analysed and can be carved, Aboriginal site including cultural components and then asked for capability statement. LC enquired about possibility to work around budget by allocating money towards it. LM suggested that a provisional budget amount could be suggested to the artist. KD highlighted importance of the site.

PC mentioned potential for vandalism and wondered if budget for floodlights and CCTV should be included. LM highlights that no such infrastructure (lights, CCTV) will be installed, due to light pollution and listed as Aboriginal registered site.

TG raised question of risk management in election lead-up and wonders about reaction to artwork from Roe 8 supporters. CB mentions that project will create jobs and support the arts and KD concurs that Committee should be loud and proud about this. AJ highlights election will be over before works commence.

#### **Actions:**

- **LM to seek advice from Cassandra Cooper (Art and Cultural Coordinator at City of Cockburn)**
- **LM / IS to compile short EOI to be emailed to Committee**
- **LM / IS to advertise short EOI in local newspaper**

#### 5.2 Path Network Plan

LM informed that consultant has been appointed. The consultants have extensive experience with trails in Perth hills and Armadale, experience with friends of groups, worked with Nyungar, and has a lot of experience in getting good outcomes for sites with conservation aspects and community consultation.

LM informed that there will be a type of community consultations before Christmas. LC flagged that facilitated workshop is scheduled with CCWC to ensure views of entire group are well represented, with invitations to be sent to all members of CCWC to discuss paths, picnic tables, nodes. LM highlighted that picnic tables will be up for debate and that focus will be more on bench seats with potential educational aspects, signs, QR codes.

FB mentioned that idea of trackless tram / light rail on South Street has gone live again and wondered if transit cycling can be included in those plans. LM concurs that it was highlighted in project brief that cycling would be at local, lower level, not rapid transit cycling and that this gives greater freedom with variety of sealed and unsealed surfaces. Job of consultant will be to establish where people would like to use corridor as move-through at local level of use.

CB mentions that role of Committee is to be advocates of sustainability but protective of corridor space, while it can provide connection points. FB highlighted importance of providing alternatives. PC and LM clarified that bike network within City's Integrated Transport Strategy does not include the corridor or Roe 8 linkages but that there is some reflection in the "Wetlands to Waves" plan and north-south connections have been flagged which are more recreational.

LM mentioned that Integrated Transport Plan was going to go to Council with some mention of cycling and

highlights background work on cycling that has been done.

The City's Travel Smart Officer will provide input and commented on her focus on cycling. The Committee discussed issues of people in general wanting to promote sustainability and cycling but cyclists not being welcome on roads or shared paths. PC noted that shared use paths are increasingly being scrutinised.

LC seeking to confirm if consultation will occur before Christmas as Cockburn Community Wildoife Corridor intends to conduct facilitated consultation with its members. LM informed that consultation will happen before Christmas, however will take people's scheduling into consideration. This does not preclude others having consultation sessions.

### 5.3 The Aboriginal Archeological Survey

Carried forward

### 5.4 Advisory Committee Membership

LM mentions need for advertisement of an Expression of Interest (EOI) for representation on the RR8 advisory committee. Letters to individual organisations to confirm whether there is a continued desire to be member and if representative will change. LM mentions that terms of reference do not say that current incumbents cannot re-apply, including community members TB and KD.

**Action: IS to send letters to individual organisations represented on the committee and to send link to expression of interest advertisement to committee.**

### 5.5 Hands Healing the Land-Community Science Conference

LM informs that speakers are currently being contacted and hoping that by the end of the year there will be a fair idea of program, which can then be advertised.

**Action: IS to contact speakers**

### 5.6 Aboriginal Consultation from Whadjuk Working Party

LM noted that consultation session with Whadjuk Working Party was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 and some feedback on signage plan was received, although limited feedback on Path Network Plan. LM mentioned discussions about colour scheme, in particular Moodjar area, which DBCA would prefer to be blue/green colour in line with Regional Parks signs, however WWP preferred yellow/orange colour due to presence of Christmas tree and zone name (Moodjar).

LM mentioned that naming of Turtle corner was discussed and the names Biara (spelling?) and Yukarn (spelling?) were suggested by workshop attendees. Spelling needs to be confirmed. PC mentions that area adjacent to Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre site has three proposed names, which are all variations of turtles (life stages). Committee discussed dual naming possibility, LM mentions limitations of characters to be laser-edged for naming, additional information to be provided CB and LC highlighted that names such as "Turtle corner" can still be included on interpretative signage. LM highlights that naming of zone should be one name only.

**Actions:**

- **LM/IS to contact DBCA regarding colour change**
- **IS to confirm spelling**
- **IS to check naming duplication to avoid double up with ACVC site**

5.7 Letter requesting fauna bridge

Committee reviewed draft letter and KD advised that she met with Development WA and Josh Byrne Associates who was supportive of the fauna/pedestrian bridge and that they would be happy to facilitate a meeting with Main Roads with discussion on what goes where. . PC mentions lack of certainty around location of the bridge PC advised that Hamilton Hill Community Group have written letter to Main Roads regarding keeping it in same spot. Coolbellup community groups are also supportive of keeping bridge in same spot. Committee discussed existing examples of combined fauna / pedestrian bridge and ducts. CB highlights width of bridge might need to be increased to include sufficient habitat and allows for pedestrians. LC enquired if other groups had already contacted Main Roads. PC advised that she contacted Main Roads on behalf of her group two days after last meeting. LM clarified that there was value in individual groups contacting Main Roads. PC mentioned her letter had not been acknowledged yet. LC asked if letters of support would be attached to letter from committee. LM notes that this is an option, however prefers other organisations to send letters. LC mentioned Roberta Bencini from UWA would be happy to provide a letter of support.

TB wonders if RR8 funding could go towards bridge if fauna bridge was refused. LM stated that RR8 funding could definitely not be allocated to this, as bridge not mentioned in RR8 Management Plan. LM advised that groups outside of the committee are encouraged to write their own letters.

LC enquired if anyone had contacted Urban Bushland Council. FB said no but she will pass on and CB suggested that Jane Chambers from Perth Naturelink should also be contacted.

**Actions:**

- **IS to send letter out on behalf of committee outlining optimum locations is where previous bridge was. Members encouraged to also send letter on behalf of their organisations.**
- **FB to contact Urban Bushland Council and Jane Chambers (Naturelink)**

5.8 Correspondence

Outward		Nil
Inward		Nil

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

TB enquired regarding Radio Freo. LM noted that Linda talked on radio once a month “all things environment and sustainability”. DC mentioned that LM spoke at Wildflower Society.

**7. Other business**

LM introduced IS as having started in the role, LM explained backfilling of roles.

LM informed that vegetation monitoring is underway, including a lot of other activity in the corridor. LC enquired whether watering contracting can be diverted if it has rained. LM noted that if possible, watering can be delayed, however this is not usually feasible. LM highlights that watering contractors cannot be asked to undertake other works.

**Action: IS to forward her new mobile number to committee members. All matters to be sent to IS for foreseeable future**

## **8. Committee member report**

CB reports from Australian Association for Environmental Education WA that the online conference went well. Catchment Corridors and Coast Conference (CCC conference) 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of January, is open for registrations and counts as professional development.

TB mentions Conservation Council of WA AGM coming up on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

LM mentioned Insect Adventures workshop also on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

**Action: CB to forward CCC conference flyer as an attachment IS to forward to committee.**

**Action: LM/IS to forward information regarding CCWA's AGM on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

## **9. Appointment of Chair for next meeting**

Kim Dravnieks

Meeting close: 3:45 PM

## **10. Next Meeting**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 2pm-4pm at Wetlands Centre and via video link option