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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 15 October 2020, 2pm-4pm

Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee Attendees:

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	Prideaux	CP	Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beelias Wetlands
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association

Other attendees:

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

Apologies

- 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
- Catherine Baudains- Australian Association of Environmental Education
- Tim Barling-Conservation Council WA

Welcome and Apologies

Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from September meeting: Minor corrections required. Meeting minutes accepted moved by FB and seconded by KD.

Conflict of interests declaration

Nil

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Business arising from previous meeting

Norfolk Island Pines - Expression of interest artwork.

LM informed committee that she has meet with the City's Cultural Development Coordinator and has acquired some examples of expression of interest that can be used to source appropriate artists for Norfolk Island Pines. LM provided recap of rationale for expression of interest process to LC. LM noted that there are examples, such as totems in Nannup of where multiple elements of the landscape have been captured including heritage, agriculture and natural features. FB noted that there is opportunity to represent the entire scope of stories being European and Aboriginal history, and community coming together to protect the area. PC noted the Norfolk Island pines location is a gateway to the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and wetlands precinct. FB noted the need to do some place making and traffic calming around the entirety of the lake. This artwork could aid in this. PC wanted confirmation if location of Norfolk Island pines is a woman's place (Aboriginal heritage). LM noted that this information will be confirmed in a workshop next week (22nd October 2020) with the Whadjuk Working Party (WWP).

Action: LM to draft expression of interest for artwork for Norfolk Island pines.

Membership Beeliar Regional Park Community Advisory Committee (BRPCAC).

LM indicated that BRPCAC secretary indicated that FB and TB would act as liaison.

Path Network Plan

LM has confirmed two submissions from different consultants. The scheduling and community engagement plan is to come. TG asked if the submissions were of a high caliber-LM indicated that they were both good quality. The appointed consultant will be required to conduct a minimum of 3 consultation events; one with key stakeholders (DBCA, Main Roads, City of Cockburn), one with RR8AC members and one with broader community. Draft plan will then be up for review. LM indicated that committee will be able to provide input into what user groups there are, features to be protected etc. TG asked if a multi-criteria analysis would be applied. LM confirmed yes. LC asked what are the questions being asked-what paths do the community want, what paths are best for the rehabilitation? LM agreed that we have a site with multiple and sometimes competing needs. That information needs to be fed back to the consultant through the consultation process. The City will be keen to see the Wetlands to Waves connection be developed. Need to consider existing cycling infrastructure and how well this link in. LM noted that the committee knows the corridor well and will need to canvas its constituents for feedback to inform the process. PC asked where does the corridor end? LM informed Southwell Cres, Hamilton Hill is the remit of the RR8 project. Recommendations for future or further works will be able to be made in the plan as one of its outcomes. LC asked regarding scientific input. LM indicated that RS will be able to provide some scientific input. LC suggested maybe Renata Zelinova (WALGA). TG queried what was the rationale for the scientific input? LC noted it was with regard to breaking up bushland and the threats this brings. LM indicated that there are good levels of knowledge about this within the committee (referring to AJ and CP). Noting there is some legacy issues particularly Forrest Rd south. LM reassured the committee that there will need to be deliberations and discussions that will be part of the consultation, noting desire for connectivity with Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre and Bibra Lake precinct. TG noted that it would be wise for DFES (Environmental Planning Section) or DBCA fire control staff to be part of the conversation so that paths are constructed and located appropriately. KD noted that the City's fire control officer provided input when the corridor gates and fences were installed.

Action: LM to inform committee when scheduling for community consultation will occur.

Aboriginal Archaeological Survey

LM indicated that unfortunately this work had not been undertaken. The project archaeologist is unwell and as such this is likely to be delayed. LM indicated that disturbance approval from DBCA will expire and shall be renewed.

1.1 Correspondence

Outward		Nil
Inward		Beeliar Regional Park Community Advisory Committee-confirmation of committee members to act as liaison arrangements.

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

Firebreak maintenance underway. Mowing and slashing of verges. Stock Rd west damage to gate at Yorsten Way. KD asked if there was any damage-LM indicated nothing obvious.

Temporary signage placed out for bobtail and bandicoots.

Drainage issue in Sebastian Cres-remediation works schedule for December.

Two minor arson events reported in Malvolio bushland. These have been reported to Rangers and Co-safe. LM has placed under surveillance signs in Malvolio to help deter issues and help in gathering evidence.

General discussion on fire management and events.

CP asked about who was looking after seed and plant propagation for the revegetation program. Greening Australia and Workpower have been issued with contracts for seed collection. LM now making arrangements with nurseries based on what they have in store and what can be supplied from existing seed lots held by the project. LM informed committee that a targeted seed collection list has been issued to avoid collecting from species where there is already an excess. Challenge will be to harvest propagation material. LM looking for bushland salvage sites.

Other business

RR8 advisory committee membership tenure-advertising to commence in December LM noted that as end of year approaches the terms of the committee will expire in February 2021. LM will make arrangements to begin to canvas for new committee members. Letters will be issued to existing organisations confirming if they wish to continue to have representation and involvement on the committee and if they wished to retain the current representative or appoint a new representative. Community members such as TG and KD will have their positions made vacant and expression of interest sought through advertising in local newspaper, RR8 e-newsletter and RR8 website. PC enquired is there a community membership limit. LM indicated that the terms of reference doesn't specify numbers of community representatives but it does state up to maximum 16 committee members across all sectors. TG noted that it would be good to have more Aboriginal representation and that they wouldn't have to be affiliated. LM agreed.

Action: LM to commence promoting expressions of interest for community representatives and organization representatives on the Rehabilitating Roe 8 advisory committee.

Aboriginal Consultation Whadjuk Working Party-signage and path network plan

LM presented to Whadjuk Working Party on 14th October on the path network plan and signage plan. This is a precursor to a workshop that will be held on the 22nd October for the Whadjuk Working Party that will include the three major projects occurring within the Bibra Lake area being the Roe 8 rehabilitation, Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre and the Bibra Lake Interpretation Plan. WWP will be able to visit the sites and address specific objectives, such as key locations, key nodes for gathering, naming and cultural stories that can be shared. LM commented that it was perceived to be a better use of engagement to address this holistically due to geographical location. However each project is at a different stage. PC asked if anyone from the Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG) will be in attendance. LM indicated no as this will be a specific event for the WWP. ARG have been actively involved and provided input into the Aboriginal Cultural and Visitor Centre and Roe 8. This is a heritage matter not a native title matter and so it is important to have all parties involved, noting difference between elders and those with recognized authority to speak for country and knowledge holders.

Annual Report 2019-20

LM provided copy of annual report to all committee members. KD will take some annual reports to the friends of expo.

Hands Healing the Land- community science conference.

LM has contacted several possible speakers and is starting to lock speakers in for this event. If committee have any speakers they would like to see present then please forward.

Action: LM to continue to contact speakers and make arrangements for conference.

Committee member report

AJ-Coolbellup Community Association- Friday night Hawkers Market on 28th November at Len Packham Reserve 5PM onwards. Swap and share produce every Saturday.

DC-Wildflower Society-Guided walk held very successful in North Lake. Saw Sun orchids and lots of wetland plants, Quenda and bobtail sighted. Enquiry who manages North Lake? CP confirmed it's DBCA. CP informed there has only been small grants for management plus limited operational budget. PC also noted that numbers of Arum lilies are increasing. FB raised concerns of Roe Swamp area-it was still under Main Roads management but it has now come over to DBCA and they are now responsible for that area. CP clarified that it came over with the creation of the new crown reserve (May 2020).

DC/LC- Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor. DC reported very good success with Ecojobs hand weeding activities targeting PVG and Galdiolus in the revegetation area and then in the surrounding bushland. Friends of group have completed two sessions of Gladdy Grab. LC reported that density and diversity of species in hand weeded areas are excellent. DC reported Arabian Star flower found in the Stock rd West verge. Seed collection workshop to be held by DC.

Committee: Success of possum bridge discussed.

Committee discussion- Stock Rd Bridge-PC confirmed that this is on the budget. Committee requests that RR8AC requests a fauna bridge.

Action: LM to draft letter requesting fauna bridge for Stock Rd pedestrian bridge.

JDR-Hamilton Hill Community Group. Planning for 2021 events including sustainable topics.

FB-Wetlands Centre works continuing-Bush fire wise demonstration garden will be established. Inspection conducted some outstanding issues that are being resolved. New meeting room expected to be completed soon. Name for the wetlands precinct required. FB requested LM come and speak to the Bibra Lake Community group about RR8.

LM noted that the reserve opposite Bibra Lake has had discussions about new name for reserve.

CP- Nothing to report from DBCA. CP reported that she did try to follow up on DPLH on two lots on Bibra Dr. Lease negotiations still on-going and the other still requires surveys. KD asked if Minister has signed off on reclassification. FB and CP confirmed yes it has.

PC-reported on need for broader community consultation for Hamilton Hill and Spearwood planning outcomes (revitalization plan) including areas such as Roe 9.

Manning Park- working party to review the mountain bike strategy made up of all park users. Not an implementation working group. Lack of cohesion with Dixon Park and heritage values.

Note: TG left meeting 3:52PM

Information sharing

Appointment of Chair for next meeting

Lou Corteen

Meeting close: 3:45 PM

Next Meeting

Thursday 12th November 2020 2pm-4pm at Wetlands Centre and via video link option

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