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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 10 June 2021, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beeliar Wetlands
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Jaye	Snowden	JS	Aboriginal Reference Group
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Jozina	de Ruiter (Chair)	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Rachel	Standish	RS	Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

Other attendees:

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

Apologies:

- Angela Jakob - Coolbellup Community Association
- Heidi Mippy - Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn
- Mitchell Garlett - Traditional Owner
- Rachel Standish - Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee
- Bruce Webber - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

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

Meeting minutes from May 2021 accepted, moved by TB and seconded by DC.

4. **Conflict of interests declaration**

Nil

5. **Business arising from previous meeting**

5.1 **Norfolk Island Pines**

IS advised that the letter regarding the Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) Interpretation Values had been sent to Main Roads WA on behalf of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee.

CB asked whether Expression of Interest for artwork should get discussed. IS advised that the committee needed to wait until a response from Main Roads was received and that the request to change the RMP would most likely get discussed in the next Governance Committee meeting, to be held early in the new financial year.

CB shared that she had been recently approached by two separate members of the community as a RR8 Advisory Committee stakeholder, enquiring regarding the future of the Norfolk Island pines stumps.

IS shared that it was difficult to quantify community interest in seeing the stumps turned into art without formally receiving enquiries or Customer Requests regarding this matter, as informal discussions, including on social media platforms, could not be used to prove strong community interest in seeing the stumps turned into art.

IS asked committee members to advise interested community members to lodge a 'Customer Request' with the City or to email her directly. The committee asked for contact details to be included in the meeting minutes. CB mentioned that the committee needed clarity on what they could and should share with the community in this regard.

Action: Committee members to advise members of the public to send an email directly to IS or to lodge a Customer Request with the City by emailing customer@cockburn.wa.gov.au / calling 9411 3444 if wanting to enquire about the future of the Norfolk Island pines or wanting to formally express an interest in seeing them turned into artwork.

5.2 Path Network Plan

IS advised that the Detailed Report had not been received yet, however the new detailed maps were already available. These maps were then reviewed by the committee and the following main points were raised and discussed:

Descriptors: Descriptors of primary and secondary pathways needed to be removed in the legends, as these do not apply across the site, in particular where established footpaths already existed, making them misleading. The report accompanying the maps will need to include more detailed description (e.g. - some paths will be limestone, others paths already exist and will be left 'as is')

Colour palette: More contrasting colours were requested for the different path types, as current colours looked too similar.

Crossing points: Proposed new crossing points across North Lake Rd, Progress Drive and Hope Road, should be marked with a hashtag and referred to in the legend as '*# potential future crossing, subject to planning, design and funding approvals*' in order for them to be easily distinguished from existing crossing points. They should be marked on the map in a different colour or a dashed line, making it clear that they were beyond the scope of this project, however still capturing that they had been considered

'Preferred road crossing point' and 'road crossing point' should be combined and just be shown as crossing points in the same colour.

Ecologically Sensitive Areas: The committee discussed areas highlighted as 'Ecologically Sensitive Areas' and several members shared the view that the entire corridor should be highlighted as such. IS raised the concern that highlighting certain sections but not others could by default suggest that areas not highlighted were not ecologically sensitive, both within the corridor, as well as in an adjacent City and DBCA reserves.

CB suggested to shade the entire corridor as 'conservation area', however others noted that it was not classed as such at this stage.

DC voiced that it was important to note that the entire corridor is an ecologically sensitive area. FB noted that this could be stated in the report. CB suggested labelling the whole corridor 'Conservation area where restoration is being completed'.

LC suggested shading and thereby highlighting 'adjacent bushland'. KD shared that the PNP entailed building a path through a wildlife corridor, which was meant to be a nature corridor.

IS explained that shading 'ecologically sensitive' areas in the map had resulted from RS's

feedback, which she had provided directly to Tredwell.

CB suggested including interpretation point on the map and to include background information on sensitive areas on signage.

KD suggested 'urban bushland corridor' for entire corridor and to show active revegetation areas as dark green, signaling that it is part of a connected ecosystem.

It was recommended to take the revegetation areas off the final map and the committee's consensus was that the entire Roe 8 corridor and all connected bushland should be shaded green. TB raised the question that if all adjacent bushland was shaded green, people may get confused on whether paths in surrounding bushland were not included, for example south of The Wetlands Centre, which other committee members thought would not be an issue.

Path Width: The width of limestone tracks to be installed was discussed and several committee members were concerned that 2.5m was too wide for secondary paths, suggesting to make them no wider than 2m.

Gates and entry points: KD noted that entrance gate on Western end of North Lake Road West was hard to find in the bush. IS advised gates could be moved to where they would suit the PNP better. All entry points are to be shown on maps.

KD asked for written report to include the discussions that were had. Members noted that the path alignment was somewhat wrong in southeastern corner of North Lake Road West.

Linkages: Linkage via Madeleine Court to be included.

Action: CP to follow up with DBCA staff on whether tracks in DBCA section in North Lake Road should be included as loop or not

Action: IS to follow up with RS regarding ecologically sensitive areas

Action: IS to forward feedback to consultant

5.3 Letter to Labor Party regarding \$3 million commitment towards boardwalk

IS informed that CEO Tony Brun had sent the letter on behalf of the City of Cockburn. The committee suggested to send a 'thank you' letter on behalf of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory committee to Tony Brun, which should also ask for any updates relating to the corridor to please be shared with the committee.

Action: IS to send 'thank you' letter on behalf of committee to CEO Tony Brun

5.4 Community Open Day

Logistics of the Community Open Day to be held at Len Packham Clubrooms, Coolbellup between 9am-1pm on 12 June were discussed - bump in for stall holders from 8am, plenty of tables provided, not many display boards available. IS encouraged members to share flyer.

IS revealed a print of the new A1 Rehabilitating Roe 8 'Highlights and Achievements' timeline poster that was completed in preparation for sharing information at the Open Day and members shared excitement. Several members expressed interest in receiving a copy of the poster.

Action: IS to upload 'Highlights and Achievements' timeline to website

Action: Members to continue to share Open Day flyer

5.5 Community Planting Events

IS shared that corporate planting event went very well and that community planting events were scheduled for 20 June and 3 July. Planting with contractors had commenced.

KD floated the idea of inviting Main Roads WA for a planting event, which may increase their value of the corridor, however CB noted that the staff who may attend would not necessarily be the decision makers.

CB noted that hosting more corporate events should be tabled for future discussion.

6. Correspondence

Outward	8 June 2021	Letter to Main Roads WA regarding RMP Interpretation Values
Inward		

7. Project update from Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager

Project Manager Update was provided. IS shared that Bat Night Stalk was well received, Pardalote nest box building workshop had to be cancelled due to low numbers, but ten nesting boxes were built by a contractor instead and all had been installed across zones Stock Road West, Hope Road North and Bibra Drive. IS briefly touched on the media release on winter planting in the Gazette.

Discussing the advertisement for the Open Day in the Gazette, the committee noted that the uptake on advertisements in the paper was very low. CB shared that they conducted a survey with attendees of the Keith Roby Memorial Lecture (an annual, free public science lecture) over 5 years recording where attendees had heard about the lecture via advertisements in the paper, facebook or email networks and none had heard about it via advertisements in the paper.

PC noted that while ads were not effective, flyers were and that 4,000 flyers in the Herald cost \$292, with geographical target areas being able to be selected. KD noted that printing costs would be additional. PC highlighted that the Herald was only sent every other week to Cockburn households, so one needed to make sure that this window was not missed.

DC enquired which nurseries tubestock were being sourced from and IS informed that orders for this year's 90,000 tubestock were placed with Workpower, Plantrite, Natural Area Management Services, Mundaring Garden Centre and APACE.

IS briefly spoke on the Aboriginal Reference Group meeting, which she attended together with Ingrid Sieler from Perth NRM to discuss the upcoming 'Caring for Noongar Boodja' Turtle Corner planting event and shared that the meeting was somewhat rushed. The intention was to seek the ARG's input into the event and due to the short time available to discuss the event, it may have been perceived as if the schedule and format had already been decided on. Flyer to be finalised and to be circulated with ARG members and committee members

The committee briefly mentioned the second reading of the Beeliar Bill in the Lower House.

Action: IS to check date media release had gone out / will go out.

Action: IS to circulate 'Caring for Noongar Boodja' Turtle Corner planting event flyer

Action: LC to draft 'thank you' letter

8. Other Business

No other business was discussed

9. Committee member report

LC – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor to host Clontarf Hill planting event on Sunday 13 June, starting at 9am with music and BBQ.

Walk & Talk on heritage and Terra Rosa report on 27 June, places limited.

DC – Wildflower Society – Direct seeding areas staked out in S7 to ensure areas would

not be disturbed by planting contractors. Upcoming Plant ID workshop at the Wetlands Centre on 10 July.

AJ – Coolbellup Community Association

PC – Save Beeliar Wetlands – PC and Kate Kelly met with Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA Minister for Environment; Climate Action; and Commerce and discussed rezoning, including the western extent of the corridor, administration of funds and removing the words ‘Roe 8’. PC shared that she felt hopeful and positive. Significance of biodiversity and high level of involvement of CCWC had been discussed.

JDR – Hamilton Hill Community Group held visioning workshop.

CB – Australian Association for Environmental Education WA – 109 days until Mandjoogoordap: Changing Tides conference. Abstracts closed and all slots filled, great range of presenters, online attendance possible, can now book tickets, early bird tickets still available.

‘Best practice’ seed collection workshop with Dr Lucy Commander coming up on 9.30am-12.30pm at Ascot Kayak Club on 17 June. CB to send flyer to committee members.

10. Information sharing

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

FB appointed as Chair for July meeting.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday 8 July 2021, 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn.

Meeting closed at 4.45pm