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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 11 March 2021, 3.30-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Catherine	Baudains (Chair)	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beelias Wetlands
Jozina	De Ruiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association
Sally	Marsh	SM	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Tom	Perrigo	TP	The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Other attendees:

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

Apologies:

- Rachel Standish - Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee
- Tim Barling – Conservation Council WA
- Lou Corteen - Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
- Bruce Webber - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

- Heidi Mippy - Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from February 2021 meeting: Minor corrections 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 **Advisory Committee memberships**

IS shared that she was advised by Gail Beck that the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council have retired from the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee. Mitchell Garlett to join as Traditional Owner. Heidi Mippy and Jaye Snowden to join as Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG) representatives with Jaye likely taking on the position of proxy.

IS asked whether Terms of Reference should be revisited, which currently state that only one person per group can attend. The Committee discussed potential change to allow multiple representatives of stakeholder groups to attend, however CB voiced that this could open the doors to certain groups being overly represented. PC highlighted that it was unlikely that both ARG representatives would attend together and if so, one could attend as a guest. The committee agreed that the Terms of Reference would not be updated other than updating the represented stakeholders.

5.2 **Norfolk Island Pines - Expression of Interest artwork.**

IS shared that draft letter to Main Roads WA had not been workshopped yet.

PC noted that it was strange to ask Main Roads WA (MRWA) for permission to alter something that they mostly destroyed. CB highlighted the history of location and significance of events during clearing.

TP advised that the Council has plans for an overall interpretation plan of the Wetlands Precinct and that in his view the Norfolk Island pine stumps formed part of this plan. TP shared that the Norfolk Island pines should not be treated as a separate item but rather a component of the brief and that permission from MRWA would therefore not need to be sought.

PC highlighted that pine stumps are a landmark carrying incredible significance to the thousands of people who witnessed the clearing. PC noted that she sees the pine stumps falling slightly outside the interpretation plan.

Action: KD to revisit steering committee notes and Rehabilitation Management Plan regarding the mention of artwork and Norfolk Island pines

Action: KD and CB to create draft letter to Main Roads for the purpose of discussion and clarification

5.3 Signage Plan

IS sought feedback from Gail Beck regarding whether to follow Neville Collard's or Sharon Gregory's spelling of Nyungar words. Gail acknowledged that there will always be challenges when using language due to different dialects. Gail advised that Sharon is connected to Whadjuk and has been doing language for a long time and to adopt Sharon's spelling in line with the City of Cockburn, however to include an appendix or footnote acknowledging that there are different language groups different ways of spelling.

TP shared that committee members could only make a recommendation.

PC wondered whether it would be worth asking Len Collard and Sharon Gregory to work together and whether consensus would be possible. The committee briefly discussed different ways of spelling and concluded that a decision had to be made to finalise the Signage Plan. CB noted that a QR codes linking to the Kaartdijin Noongar website could be included on signs.

Motion: The committee acknowledges the differences in Nyungar language on the signage with a link to the range of words but adopt, as advised by the Aboriginal Reference Group and the City of Cockburn, the spelling used in this region.

The Motion was passed unanimously.

Action: IS to finalise Signage Plan with consultant

5.4 Path Network Plan

The Path Network Plan workshop with the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee members was held immediately prior to the Advisory Committee meeting. IS reminded members to send any additional feedback to her so she could forward it to the consultant.

FB, KD and CB highlighted importance of adequate link from The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn to the corridor. KD noted that limestone on the tracks has worked quite well. KD advised that there had been a commitment by Main Roads to test whether limestone paths would affect acidity

Action: IS to seek clarification whether follow-up testing of effects of limestone paths on nearby soil acidity had occurred

5.5 Provision of water source for wildlife within rehabilitation area

IS shared that she had liaised with Stephen Szydowski, Natural Areas Team Leader for the Town of Victoria Park, who had been involved in the design of ‘bird waterers’ and who had since agreed to present at the upcoming Hands Healing the Land conference.

TP asked whether there was a scientific report stating that water was needed. CB informed TP that a local resident had been providing a constant water source for 2 decades in the corridor, but had started to become unable to maintain it.

AJ mentioned scheme water-availability in Rinaldo Park, which is only one street away from the site in discussion and raised the question of the possibility of a grant to provide water for birds there.

PC noted that water source provided by resident was at ground level and possible that quenda have been using them as well. TP highlighted that this would need to be managed. PC noted that there had not been road casualties.

Action: IS and AJ to liaise regarding grant idea for Rinaldo Park

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

FB advised that she had spoken to Peter Tinley and that there was still very little detail regarding Labor Party’s election promise of \$3m towards a boardwalk.

The committee discussed the importance of finding out what exactly the \$3m were allocated for, how much of this amount would be required for a boardwalk and what else could be achieved with the remainder.

PC highlighted that stakeholder groups both in their roles as part of the committee as well as as individual groups needed to hold Labour accountable for election promises.

6. Correspondence

Outward	Nil
Inward	Nil

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

Project Manager Update was provided and briefly discussed with no further questions.

8. Other business

8.1 Hands Healing the Land Conference - Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee spokesperson to be determined

IS advised that: 97 tickets sold, speakers close to finalised, website being updated with e-program. Conference has been moved into the atrium to allow for higher participant numbers. IS advised that Perth NRM had created a facebook event for the conference and encouraged members to share across their networks. IS provided update on panel members and invited a spokesperson from the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee to speak at the conference. CB volunteered to do so and asked for committee members to send points to her and asked to let her know if anyone else would like to take on this role.

CP left meeting at 4.45pm

Action: CB to represent the committee at Hands Healing the Land and to prepare short speech. Other members to send input to CB

8.2 2021/22 budget

IS presented forward budget. Highlighted that budget has decreased due to advancement of revegetation.

TP noted that there should be a greater focus on pro-actively reaching the wider public through community education and information sharing to highlight the conservation and other values of the corridor and to submit this case very strongly over the next four-year period.

Action: IS to send forward budget to committee members

9. Committee member report

AJ – discussed Path Network Plan during their last meeting, as well as activities for the coming year.

DC – held great event with Jane Chambers, over 60 attended. Linda Metz to take the Wildflower Society on a guided walk through Manning Ridge on 28 March.

TP left the meeting (4:58pm)

PC – Save Beeliiar Wetlands discussed post-election actions in meeting. PC asked if poster from aboriginal archaeological survey can be edited and volunteered to do so.

CB – AAEE attended Coogee Live, shared Hands Healing the Land flyers

SM – hand weeding continuing and currently working on three grants, next weeding event on Saturday 13 March

Action: IS to send an editable document of the Aboriginal archaeological survey community poster to PC

10. Appointment of Chair

JDR to be chairing next meeting.

Meeting closed 4:01PM

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 8 April 2021 **3pm**, at Wetlands Centre and via video link option