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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 13 May 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
Mitchell	Garlett	MG	Traditional Owner
Jozina	de Ruiter (Chair)	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association
Rachel	Standish	RS	Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

Other attendees:

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

Apologies:

- Catherine Prideaux - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Heidi Mippy - Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn
- Jaye Snowden - Aboriginal Reference Group
- Bruce Webber - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

- Rachel Standish - Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from June 2021 accepted, moved by KD and seconded by DC, subject to CP approving section 6.6.

4. Conflict of interests declaration

Nil

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 **Norfolk Island Pines**

KD and CB created a draft letter to Main Roads WA for the purpose of discussion and clarification. The committee discussed and amended the draft letter and briefly touched on potential alternative funding options such as crowd funding, however noted that the general community already contributed a lot financially to halt construction. KD and CB noted that once detailed Expression of Interest was sent out, an idea of probable cost could be obtained, which would then inform whether potential additional funding sources may need to be considered, such as National Heritage Trust and Historical Society. The committee suggested that this could fall under 'interpretation'.

3.20pm Lou Corteen arrived.

Action: IS to send letter to MRWA.

5.2 **Path Network Plan**

IS advised that the consultant facilitated a meeting with City of Cockburn last week, which included Traffic and Transport, Strategic Planning, as well as Sustainability and Environment staff members.

3.30pm PC arrived.

The committee discussed draft Path Network Plan. KD noted that staged elements in the design needed to be noted, for example proposed future traffic island on North Lake Road and a crossing point south of the roundabout on Progress Drive.

DC raised concerns about dogs in Stock Road West. LC noted that people have been walking in the area for decades and that with new development to the north, the number of

visitors will increase. LC highlighted the importance of helping people to connect to bushland to foster an appreciation for the bush, for example via a loop walk through Stock Road West. PC noted that dogs are required to be on lead. Committee discussed importance of education aspect for the future, as well as forming of social norms. PC shared the idea of having a curfew, which could be achieved through educational signage along the lines of “Quendas are nocturnal, please don’t walk your dog here between the hours of _ and _.” DC suggested potential fencing around revegetation area in S7 to separate dogs from revegetation site.

IS shared that previous camera monitoring at Bibra Lake revealed surprisingly large number of people walking dogs late at night, potentially shift workers, and committee noted that nocturnal dog walkers tend to keep dogs close by and on lead for their own protection, thereby limiting risk to nocturnal wildlife.

LC enquired whether CCWC could have input into which paths in S7 to close off and IS said to send any feedback to her to forward to consultant.

The north-south paths near Stock Road in Stock Road West and Forrest Road South were discussed. CB noted that if the path was made into a walk path with hop-overs and appropriate fencing, it could reduce negative usage (dumping) in the area and these works could be justified by including it as secondary path, including linkage near Phoenix Road.

The Crossing north of Stock Road West across Forrest Road was discussed, where currently the safest point to cross is across the median strip. LC noted that a light on turning lane would be required if crossing near the intersection.

KD noted that consultants needed to drill down further to indicate which surface treatment was suggested for each particular path to distinguish what path type existed and what path type was proposed, which may require more detailed maps.

Inconsistencies in the colouring of path types across the maps were noted and existing access on the western end of North Lake Road West, as well as other existing hop-overs were discussed. The committee discussed that the eastern half of central path in North Lake Road West could be turned into secondary path, while the western half of central path could be closed off / revegetated.

Crossing across North Lake Road was discussed. IS shared that new crossing was unlikely to attract funding in the coming years. LC noted that if a pedestrian overpass was built, the southern crossing would be preferable, if it included a fauna overpass, as it provided better connectivity to the corridor. PC shared that the possibility of the crossing further north being funded and built would be higher, as it would provide a linkage between residential areas. PC highlighted that funding for the ‘Masefield/Cordelia’ crossing would be even more likely, given its established connectivity. TB noted that an overpass in this area would be unlikely due to proximity to overhead powerlines.

IS summarised that primary crossing near Masefield/Cordelia was suggested, however the committee would like to see a crossing across North Lake Road further south in line with the corridor proposed for the future.

Paths in North Lake Road East were discussed, in particular the north-south path in the southwestern section, hitting the fence line of Pioneer Park / Booyi (Gwilliam) Reserve no longer serving a purpose.

Crossings across Progress Drive and Hope Road were discussed. The alignment of the primary path was preferred to go via Turtle Corner rather than along the northern side of Progress Drive, however safe crossing of Hope Road would need addressing.

Linkage and crossing to The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn were discussed. KD raised the question whether the existing kissing gate could potentially be moved east and whether the existing sandy track could be upgraded to limestone for better linkage to The Wetlands Centre. IS noted that the area was outside the management area, however could be included in the Plan as a linkage. 'Winter diversion' of the Bibra Drive section was discussed, diverting people to an existing path, which needed to be outlined clearer on the map. TB suggested a dotted purple line.

JDR left meeting at 4:30pm

Path width was briefly discussed later in the meeting, where PC noted that 3m width was too wide, CB voiced that 2m with beveled edges should be maximum. AJ enquired whether suggested 3m width could be as some were existing firebreak. Suggestion was that new paths should not be wider than 2m.

Action: Members to send additional feedback to IS.

Action: IS to forward feedback to consultant

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

IS advised that the letter on behalf of the committee had not been sent, as CEO Tony Brun wanted the letter to be sent on behalf of the City first. IS had enquired earlier that day and the letter had not been sent as yet. KD voiced disappointment and IS asked committee for patience as some matters were delayed due to current re-structuring of the City. KD stressed that it was imperative that the committee had a place at the table. LC enquired whether members could send a joint letter as representatives of the groups. IS advised that members were free to send a letter as individuals or as representatives of their groups, however signed as members of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee. IS shared that if there was no movement and the letter was not sent within the near future, she would follow up to progress the matter, however due process needed to be followed, allowing the

CEO time to send the letter first.

LC suggested to send a letter signed by individual groups separately.

Action: IS to follow up on status of letter

5.4 Community Expectations and Satisfaction Questionnaire

IS shared that invitations had gone out on newsletter and been put up on website. IS asked members to please share the URL to the survey with their groups. IS advised that there would be a different, dedicated URL link for the general public, which the consultant will circulate, so results could be analysed separately. Closing date for the survey is 23 May 2021.

Action: Committee members to share invitation with their groups

5.5 Community Open Day

Community Open Day planned for 12 June at Len Packham Clubrooms. IS advised that Marissa Verma had been confirmed for catering and Eco Action had been confirmed for activities, including DIY native bee hotels. CB indicated that AAEE may be interested in a stall and AJ indicated that Coolbellup Community Association may also be interested in a stall. Wildflower Society and CCWC confirmed to have a stall. IS shared that the Wetlands Centre were not involved at this stage.

Action: IS to circulate flyer

Action: Other groups to let IS know if they would like to have a stall

5.6 Citizen Science Project

IS advised that she liaised with Dr Tegan Douglas from BirdLife WA regarding a citizen science bird survey in the corridor, where polygons will be set up on the Birddata app, which will then be surveyed with BirdLife's standard methodology, being a 20 minutes survey of 2ha. A kick-off event is to be held with interested twitchers, hoping to find volunteers who will want to become custodians of certain survey sites, with additional ad-hoc surveys being carried out by general community. Monitoring sites in the corridor will show up on Birddata app, inviting a wider audience to the corridor and this data will supplement data from Bamford's fauna survey. IS noted that the project will likely not kick off until the new financial year.

Action: IS to further develop project in liaison with BirdLife

6. Correspondence

Outward	Nil
Inward	Nil

7. Project update from Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager

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

8. Other business

8.1 **Metropolitan Region Scheme (Beeliar Wetlands) Bill 2021**

KD advised that the Bill had been tabled in Parliament; it will stay on the table until June for a second reading and will then go to the Upper House. Committee shared excitement about progress.

LC suggested to draft a letter, ready to be sent from the committee thanking that money and effort is not going to be wasted.

Action: LC to draft congratulation letter

8.2 **Community Planting Events**

IS advised that two community planting events have been planned for 20 June (south of Tait Place in area of initial clearing) and on 3 July (on the western corner of Forrest Road / Coolbellup Ave). IS waiting to hear back from schools that had been approached via Environmental Education team and if not heard back by mid-June, individual schools will be approached. So far one homeschooling group confirmed.

9. Committee member report

LC – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor had fantastic rubbish collection event in Blackwood Ave bushland. ‘No littering’ sign with mural from Southwell Primary School to be installed. Direct seeding had been carried out in three locations with a mix of perennials and annuals as part of Bushcare in S7. Planting event at Blackwood Ave on Sunday 23 May with another planting event on Clontarf Hill on 13 June.

Advised that additional patch in S7 had been adopted for hand weeding.

DC – Wildflower Society hosted Plant ID walk in Coolbellup. Plant ID workshop coming up

on 10 July.

AJ – Coolbellup Community Association going through transition. Focus is on driving vision for Cooby Heart. Planning to hold another festival, similar to last year.

PC on behalf of LC - Hamilton Hill Community Group – Terra Rosa Walk & Talk on Sunday 27 June with local traditional owners who were involved in the report. Time to be advised.

PC – Save Beeliar Wetlands AGM 4.30pm on 6 June.

MG – Aboriginal Reference Group talks with new architects and project managers for Aboriginal Cultural and Visitors Centre, workshops coming up. Manning Park to include more information on Aboriginal culture as part of further development of paths and tracks, including the ridge.

CB – Australian Association for Environmental Education WA - only 137 days until Mandjoogoordap: Changing Tides Conference, to be held end of September. Call to submit abstracts, submissions only open for another 8 days. Biennial conference, postponed from last year. Room for practitioners, research and workshops.

10. Information sharing

Covered as part of 9. Committee member report

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

Catherine Baudains

12. Next Meeting

Thursday 10 June May 2021, 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn