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## MINUTES

### Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 8 April 2021, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

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#### Advisory Committee Attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beeliar Wetlands
Kim	Dravnieks (Chair)	KD	Community
Mitchell	Garlett	MG	Traditional Owner
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Jaye	Snowden	JS	Aboriginal Reference 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
- Catherine Baudains - Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
- Lou Corteen - Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
- Heidi Mippy - Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn
- Jozina de Ruiter – Hamilton Hill Community Group
- Bruce Webber - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

## 1. Appointment of Chair

KD appointed as Chair.

## 2. Welcome and Apologies

## 3. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

## 4. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from March 2021 meeting: Minor corrections required.

Meeting minutes accepted, moved by PC and seconded by CP.

## 5. Conflict of interests declaration

Nil

## 6. Business arising from previous meeting

### 6.1 **Advisory Committee memberships**

IS welcomed Jaye Snowden (Aboriginal Reference Group) and Mitchell Garlett (Traditional Owner) to the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee. IS advised that Tom Perrigo (The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn) resigned from Advisory Committee and that The Wetlands Centre currently had no representative on the committee. The committee asked for IS to formally contact Tom to enquire whether they would like to nominate a different representative.

**Action: IS to formally contact Tom Perrigo regarding The Wetland Centre, Cockburn's Advisory Committee membership**

### 6.2 **Hands Healing the Land Conference**

IS informed that the Hands Healing the Land community science conference went very well, over 100 people attended and that there was a great variety of presenters. IS advised that video files of all presentations will be on the website soon.

PC formally congratulated on successful event through the Chair. RS commended on structure with interactive panel discussion at the end to give the audience an opportunity to engage. KD shared that the venue was well-suited to the event. CP received positive feedback from DBCA colleagues who attended. IS highlighted that the successful event was a team effort.

KD enquired regarding frequency going forward and IS advised that at this stage the community science conference will be held every second year with the next one to be held in 2023.

IS shared that valuable feedback for a future conference was received via the post-conference survey.

TB enquired regarding empty seats. IS advised that there were approximately 15 people who registered and who did not attend and that more chairs than tickets were put out to allow for drop-ins, as well as to provide attendees the opportunity to leave an empty chair for additional physical distancing, if preferred.

### 6.3 Norfolk Island Pines

KD working on draft letter, item to be carried forward. JS and MG were informed of history around Norfolk Island pines. JS noted that the pine stumps looked like a gateway. PC highlighted significance to community.

**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**

### 6.4 Path Network Plan

IS asked committee members to share the Path Network Plan online community survey far and wide with their networks. IS encouraged members to provide feedback in addition to the workshop that was held in March via the online survey.

IS advised that she had installed posters at over 20 entry points across the corridor, inviting the general public to complete the survey.

KD noted that the image which included the zones and zone names was not included on several pages of the survey, resulting in difficulty when being asked to refer to particular zones.

**Action: IS to circulate final minutes of Path Network Plan workshop**

**Action: IS to ask consultant to include the maps with zone names on all relevant pages of the online survey**

**Action: IS to forward signage strategy and proposed Nyungar names to JS and MG**

## Action: JS to discuss signage strategy at upcoming ARG meeting

### 6.5 Provision of water source for wildlife within corridor

IS advised that she liaised with Stephen Szydowski, Natural Areas Team Leader, Town of Victoria Park regarding the bird waterers they designed, exploring the option of using an IBC tank (1 cubic metre plastic storage container) to create an off-grid water source for the bird water station. IS shared that given that the off-grid set-up of these water sources is a prototype, this will be explored further in the 2021/22 financial year and that the remaining 2020/21 budget for habitat creation will be put towards creation and installation of nesting boxes.

TB enquired whether there was a risk of creating dependence by providing a water source, IS advised that she had a discussion with ecologist Michael Bamford, who advised that birds are adaptable to finding alternative water sources, if needed.

Committee discussed the idea of the overflowing water being captured in a bowl at ground-level for Quendas and other ground-dwelling fauna, which would however pose a risk of also attracting dogs. This led to a brief discussion around the lack of enforcement of off-lead dogs in on-lead areas across the City, including the corridor. IS noted that rangers are stretched and doing their best with limited number of staff servicing a very large management area.

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

The committee briefly discussed the letter KD drafted and was overall happy with the draft. PC highlighted that the Rehabilitating Roe 8 and Beeliar Wetlands election commitments needed to be kept separate and addressed separately. The reference was therefore changed to 'Beeliar Wetlands \$3 million election commitment'.

CP provided an update from DBCA. CP had been informed that this commitment is to complement the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project and mentions the Beeliar Wetlands A-class reserve, which is DBCA-managed. CP shared that the money was intended for North Lake, and that there is some future planning in the management plan for provisional visitor facilities, upgraded car park facilities, picnic facilities, and the possibility to tie into the pathway network in the Roe 8 corridor.

PC noted that she viewed holding the press conference on Roe 8 cleared land as grandstanding.

CP noted that the need for and benefit of additional infrastructure in the A-class reserve is questionable. KD wondered whether the money could be put towards weed management.

CP shared that once the budget submission had gone to the economic review committee, it would good to meet with the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee to discuss delivery and that her manager Tim Fisher may be able to meet with the committee, as he will be committing to the delivery of the project.

3.45pm - FB entered the meeting.

PC voiced her disappointment that the commitment was not actually going to strengthen the protection of the corridor and that the impression had been that a piece of infrastructure would be built, which would prevent a road from going ahead. PC noted that spending the money on North Lake seemed to be spending money simply for the sake of spending money.

KD asked whether tabling of the Beelias Bill should get mentioned in the letter. PC noted that the Beelias Bill would not prevent a road from going ahead and while it was important, it would not be a strong barrier. PC shared that the greatest barrier is money being lost, for example infrastructure such as a board walk.

CB re-iterated that the spend is attached to A-class reserve and DBCA-managed land rather than Bibra Lake. Committee noted that election commitment however pointed to areas that were 'damaged' and FB highlighted that there was a separate press release from Stephen Dawson.

PC asked whether the letter should instead say that we were looking forward to hearing more about how the money is going to be invested in the area, however KD voiced the need to be at the table.

KD asked whether the Beelias Bill should get mentioned and PC noted that Save Beelias Wetlands should send a letter in regards to this instead and that it should be kept separate.

**Action: IS to check with City of Cockburn's corporate affairs before sending the letter on behalf of the committee**

## 7. Correspondence

Outward	Nil
Inward	Nil

## 8. Project update from Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager

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

## 9. Other business

### 9.1 **Community Questionnaire**

IS advised that annual community satisfaction and engagement questionnaire likely to commence around the end of April with the same questions as last year.

### 9.2 **Community Open Day**

IS shared that Jenny Weigend will be assisting with organising the open day, to be held at Len Packham community hall as a half-day event on Saturday 12 June 2021. Workshops are going to be held to draw people in and the decision was made to hold event inside due to unpredictable weather in winter. DC to have a stall on weeds and native plants, Kit Prendergast to deliver a presentation on native bees and possibly DIY bee hotels.

IS encouraged committee members to send ideas for the Open Day to her.

PC wondered if something could be done on understory plants. CP enquired whether Anthony Santoro was still conducting citizen science work with turtles. IS shared that last time she spoke with him he was very busy and at the tail end of his PhD.

IS to contact BirdLife. JS shared that Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre at Murdoch University could possibly get involved with a stall. The committee discussed the possibility of Josh Byrne getting involved and to possibly touch on what is happening in their development near Zone 8.

KD and FB briefly discussed including information on bandicoots.

PC mentioned Jacinta Taylor who may be able to present on creating bushtucker gardens.

**Action: members to forward ideas for Open Day to IS**

### 9.3 **Perth Region NRM's "Caring for Noongar Boodja" grant, Turtle Corner Planting**

IS provided overview, shared that Perth NRM received a State NRM grant for 'Caring for Noongar Boodja', part of which will go towards Turtle Corner. Kick-off meeting held with Ingrid Sieler from Perth NRM, dates and level of involvement still to be finalised.

### 9.4 **Citizen Science Project**

The committee discussed ideas for citizen science project, such as 'Black Cocky Count', BioBlitz, monitoring Rainbow bee-eaters between December and January and

ClimateWatch. It was discussed that certain citizen science projects could be carried out over several years, which would also increase participants' ownership.

**Action: IS to look further into the ideas shared by committee**

**10. Committee member report**

PC – Save Beeliam Wetlands AGM to be held on 6 June 2021 at The Wetlands Centre.

RS – PURSAC has been quiet but hoping to gain momentum again, in particular with new direction of Harry Butler Institute

JS – a lot of meetings had been postponed due to lockdown, meetings resuming now

DC – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor to hold a plant identification walk in the corridor on Saturday 10 April

CP – new Minister

PC - informed on behalf of Jozina de Ruyter that the Hamilton Hill Community Group submitted a formal application with MP Simone McGurk for funding for a Terra Rosa report for Manning Ridge.

**11. Information sharing**

PC - possums on Clontarf Hill

IS – was approached by Jen de Vries who asked to share their upcoming Building Resilience and Hope workshop funded through a City of Cockburn post COVID recovery grant. Flyers distributed.

DC - shared that monitoring quadrants in Samson Park are showing positive results for hand weeding post fire.

**12. Appointment of Chair for next meeting**

Jozina de Ruyter

**13. Next Meeting**

Thursday 13 May 2021, 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn