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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 12 August 2021, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow (Chair)	FB	Community
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beelihar Wetlands
Jozina	de Ruiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Cho	Lamb	CL	Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions

Other attendees:

Isabella Streckhardt (IS) – Acting Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager
 Christine Duckham – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor proxy
 Rob Jack – Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor (observer)

Apologies:

Tim Barling	Conservation Council WA
Lou Corteen	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Mitchell Garlett	Traditional Owner
Angela Jakob	Coolbellup Community Association
Heidi Mippy	Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn
Catherine Prideaux	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Jaye Snowden	Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn
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**

Minor adjustments to meeting minutes from 12 July 2021. PC moved, DC seconded.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

nil

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 Action items arising from previous meeting

Progress of items arising from previous meeting were briefly discussed with no further questions from the committee.

5.2 Norfolk Island pines

IS advised that in the recent Rehabilitating Roe 8 (RR8) Governance Committee meeting, Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) stated that they were opposed to changing the RR8 Rehabilitating Management Plan (RMP) to include artwork and will therefore not consider including creative works involving the Norfolk Island pine stumps in the RMP implementation. IS highlighted that MRWA were however not opposed to the tree stumps being turned into artwork, if this was funded externally and pursued outside of the RMP, assuming that due diligence was to be followed. IS noted that a subgroup outside the advisory committee would need to be formed. PC shared that she had discussed the potential for federal funding with MP Josh Wilson during a recent planting event. IS suggested contacting Art and Culture Coordinator Cassandra Cooper at the City of Cockburn. PC noted that while the overall amount of the City's grants and donations budget had been set, monies were not allocated to specific projects yet. It was agreed that interested members would meet out of session to discuss and IS noted that this sub-group would not be limited to members of the RR8 Advisory Committee groups.

Action: Members to pursue Norfolk Island pine stump artwork outside of the Advisory Committee

Action: IS to forward contacts of the City's Art and Culture Coordinator and other relevant information

5.3 Path Network Plan

IS shared that the consultants are currently finalising an opinion of probable cost, and that the first stage of works is likely going to focus on formalising the eastern half of the central path of Malvolio bushland. The committee discussed issues around dogs on- and off-lead. DC suggested fencing off the hand-weeding section in S7 to protect both bushland and hand-weeders. Education with focus on highlighting the value of nature was discussed, including appropriate signage.

Colour shading of revegetation areas on the map was briefly discussed.

IS advised that at the recent OneOneFive Hamilton Hill development launch it was mentioned that the new pedestrian bridge over Stock Road would be moved further south than the original location, however IS had so far been unable to confirm the new location and whether it will impact the corridor. PC noted that she had received information on the location being further south.

IS briefly discussed erosion issues off Stock Rd, which may fall into the same location as the moved bridge. PC suggested connected swales to mitigate drainage issues. IS to conduct site meeting with MRWA.

KD raised the question whether the signage plan should be included in Path Network Plan appendices and noted that 'improved parking' along Malvolio Rd would be beyond the project's scope.

5.4 **\$3m Beelias Wetlands election commitment**

CL advised that the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Regional Parks Unit have sent a proposal for works in North Lake reserve to their landscape architect and are expecting to receive plans back in six weeks, at which stage CP and Tim Fisher (DBCA's Manager Regional Parks Unit) would present them to the committee for feedback. CL shared that the proposal included a carpark upgrade, boardwalk, pathways, weed management and a revegetation component.

FB noted that the committee had been under the impression that they were going to be informed and involved at a much earlier stage of the process and that the project had already taken a very big leap, given it had already gone to the landscape architect.

KD asked for clarification on the area of proposed works. CL shared that Tim Fisher would present the ideas to the committee and KD noted that the committee would strongly like to come to the table with their own ideas. CB highlighted the collective expertise of the committee, as each member represented an entire group and that members therefore had a good feel for where the community would like to see certain things.

CL to pass on feedback to Tim Fisher that the committee is somewhat disappointed that they have not yet been engaged, as they have had extensive discussions around this and would value the opportunity to provide initial feedback and input. Committee emphasised that they would like this to be an iterative process with ongoing dialogue before any plan is formulated.

IS noted that community consultation around the Path Network Plan has just been carried out, gaining good insight into what types of paths the community would like to see.

IS enquired whether there were plans to build a boardwalk between the Hope Road North and Bibra Drive sections. IS advised CL that she could contact members of the advisory committee directly with further information via 'reply all'.

Action: CL to provide committee's feedback to Tim Fisher regarding the committee's strong desire for providing early input and being involved in an iterative planning process

Action: CL to report response/updates back to the committee at the next meeting

5.5 Community Planting Events

IS reported that community planting events were successful with a very busy July after a relatively quiet June and thanked all who contributed. IS advised that Murdoch Roots and Shoots student club also had a planting event in the corridor and were going to get involved on a more regular basis, including weeding and camera monitoring.

6. Correspondence

Outward		
Inward		

7. Project Manager Update

IS provided Project Manager Update. No questions.

8. Other Business

8.1 Metropolitan Region Scheme (Beeliar Wetlands) Bill 2021 passed Upper House

Recent rezoning was briefly discussed and IS noted that under EPA conditions MRWA will need to complete overseeing the implementation of the RMP. IS advised that extent was from Bibra Drive to North Lake Road.

FB shared that CCWC, SBW and Rethink the Link are planning a celebration.

8.2 Rehabilitating Roe 8 Governance Committee Meeting

IS advised that RR8 Governance Committee meeting went well, as the project is on track

and meeting the vast majority of the KPI's.

8.3 **Budget – short update**

IS advised that the budget had not been finalised when Linda Metz last provided an update and that RR8 was indeed significantly less underspent, as larger invoices from planting contractors had not been finalised yet.

8.4 **Upcoming Events**

IS briefly talked on upcoming events, including a Nyungar language class and nature journaling afternoon.

8.5 **Aboriginal archaeological report**

IS briefly shared key findings of the archaeological report, including the age of artefacts. KD suggested a timeline on what happened in other parts of the world during those times.

FB asked whether re-instating of the sites would be undertaken as part of this committee and KD noted that it was the first point in CHMP. IS advised that an information sharing sessions will be held with Elders and monitors, PC suggested talking to MG on how to best organise.

9. Committee member report and information sharing

DC / Wildflower Society – Wildflower walk in Malvolio bushland scheduled for 2 Oct, combined with a Gladi Grab.

DC / on behalf of Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor – 14 people attended recent weeding event, approaching pre-Covid levels of engagement. Stinking Rodger suffering from rust disease.

RJ mentioned that their wheelbarrow needed a new wheel. RJ to advise IS of wheel size and IS to supply new wheel for RJ to fit.

CD / Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor – Shared that approximately 70 people attended Dixon Park event and that the group is keen to hold another event to continue healing associated with the site. Planting event at Wheeler Park was successful. CCWC have received NRM grant for Clontarf Hill Brazilian pepper removal. CCWC have talked to Perth NRM about transferring the Nyungar Boodjar project. IS to assist CCWC with bridal creeper biocontrol event.

PC / Save Beelihar Wetlands – Celebration of passed Beelihar Bill in planning.

CB / AAEE – Program finalised for conference (28-30 September), program available online with community and volunteer scholarships available. CB to borrow Rehabilitating

Roe 8 timeline poster, as display space has been secured.

CB provided updates on the Wetlands Centre and shared that there will be a formal, invite-only launch on 28 August.

IS raised that the Wetlands Centre was no longer a member of the advisory committee and that CB may like to discuss this with the Wetlands Centre's board. DC wondered whether there may be a younger AAEE member who would like the experience of being a committee to replace CB, if required. CB to explore this after the conference.

DBCA – no further updates

PC on behalf of HHCG – Provided brief update on the OneOneFive Hamilton Hill development site, including water sensitive design, target of 30% canopy cover and roadside biofiltration swales.

Action: CB to discuss with The Wetlands Centre's board whether they would like to re-gain membership.

Action: IS to provide hard copy of 'highlights and achievements' timeline to CB to display at upcoming conference.

10. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

JDR appointed as Chair

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 9 September 2021 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn.

Meeting closed 4:53pm