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## MINUTES

### Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 14 October 2021, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

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#### Advisory Committee attendees:

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| Tim       | Barling          | TB  | Conservation Council WA                                      |
| Catherine | Baudains         | CB  | Australian Association for Environmental Education WA (AAEE) |
| Diana     | Corbyn           | DC  | Wildflower Society   |
| Phoebe    | Corke<br>(Chair) | PC  | Save Beeliar Wetlands  |
| Lou       | Corteen          | LC  | Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor (CCWC)                  |
| Jozina    | de Ruiter        | JDR | Hamilton Hill Community Group                                |
| Kim       | Dravnieks        | KD  | Community  |
| Mitchell  | Garlett          | MG  | Traditional Owner  |
| Catherine | Prideaux         | CP  | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions     |
| Jaye      | Snowden          | JS  | Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn                          |
| Bruce     | Webber           | BW  | Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute        |

#### Other attendees:

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

#### Apologies:

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| Felicity | Bairstow | Community  |
| Angela   | Jakob    | Coolbellup Community Association                   |
| Rachel   | Standish | Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee |

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

JS advised that Heidi Mippy has been removed from the ARG as she has not been able to attend consecutive meetings. Heidi Mippy is therefore no longer ARG representative on the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee. JS will continue to represent the ARG on the committee.

### 2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

JS welcomed people to the meeting.

### **3. Minutes from previous meeting**

Minor adjustments to meeting minutes from 9 September 2021. LC moved, DC seconded.

### **4. Conflict of interest declaration**

nil

### **5. Business arising from previous meeting**

#### **5.1 Action items arising from previous meetings**

##### **5.1.1 CB to discuss with The Wetlands Centre's board whether they would like to regain membership**

CB shared that the Wetlands Centre had not made a decision regarding their position on the Advisory Committee. CB raised the question whether it would be more beneficial if she continued to represent AAEE or instead represented the Wetlands Centre, given neither had capacity to fill the position with someone other than her.

CB noted that the Wetlands Centre was geographically in the same location, while AAEE represented the broader Perth region, and reached a broader audience. CB wondered whether she could be the official representative of one of the two groups, while acting as a liaison for non-confidential matters for the other.

PC noted that the discussion focused too much on the individual. The committee agreed that the Wetlands Centre should indeed be represented on the committee. LC suggested to leave the invitation for the Wetlands Centre open.

The committee wondered whether they should vote on the matter, however TB pointed out that it was up to the individual organisations to decide whether they would like to be a member, not the committee.

JDR highlighted that the open invitation for the Wetlands Centre would reflect the committee's desire for their representation on the committee.

**ACTION: IS to send open invitation to the Wetlands Centre**

**ACTION: Terms of Reference to be updated to show Wetlands Centre as 'not filled'.**

This sparked a conversation with BW on how WABSI could best contribute, as the role of committee had changed.

KD noted that WABSI’s scientific input on the Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP), as well as their knowledge of what was happening across the industry, are highly valued. KD suggested focussing on providing feedback for the RMP review.

BW noted that going forward, his focus would be on urban biodiversity. BW also highlighted that WABSI can link in with expertise across universities and other stakeholders, which could be brought in as needed.

It was suggested that BW will continue to represent WABSI on the committee and remain a touch-point for specific issues, rather than aiming to attend regular committee meetings, and that BW would continue to keep an eye on the agendas, whilst IS would touch base with BW on an as-needs basis, likely quarterly and around the RMP review.

LC voiced that she would like to see more scientific research happening in the corridor.

**ACTION: BW / WABSI to stay informed via agendas and to be contacted on an as-needs basis, rather than attending regular meetings.**

#### 5.1.2 Other items arising from previous meeting:

| Action item from September meeting   | Person to action                                     | Comments from 14 Oct 2021 meeting:   |
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| Minor adjustments to July 2021 minutes   | Isabella Streckhardt (IS) and Felicity Bairstow (FB) | Completed  |
| 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 around \$3m Beelihar Wetlands election commitment | Cho Lamb (DBCA)                                      | Completed  |
| DBCA to present North Lake concept plan to committee   | Catherine Prideaux (DBCA)                            | CP noted that Tim Fisher will liaise with IS regarding opportunity for RR8 Advisory Committee to provide input.  |
| Provide hard copy of ‘highlights and achievements’ timeline to CB to display at upcoming conference.   | IS   | Completed  |
| Contact Gardening Australia to enquire regarding follow-up   | Linda Metz   | Carried over, not yet started  |
| Send ‘thank you’ letter to CEO Tony Brun   | IS   | Not yet sent   |
| Forward folder with Norfolk Pine island stumps information so members can pursue this outside of the committee   | IS   | Not yet sent. Committee members to confirm who is point of contact.<br><br><b>ACTION: IS to send materials to PC.</b><br><br><b>ACTION: Committee members to encourage community members to express interest in getting involved in Norfolk Pines art project. City of Cockburn to compile list of</b> |

|   |             | members who are expressing an interest to them via Customer Request system. |
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| Meet with residents to assess vandalism in Malvolio, including on newly rehabilitated tracks                  | IS          | Completed. IS provided short update.  |
| Put up RR8 spring events poster at the Hub  | Lou Corteen | Completed.  |
| Promote nature journaling workshop and citizen science project  | all         | Both events going ahead, members to promote.                                |
| Circulate Draft Annual Report for feedback  | IS          | Completed. To be discussed when tabled later in the meeting.                |
| Touch base with members who have not attended several meetings in a row and re-iterate expectation to attend. | IS          | Completed.  |
| Offer Zoom option for committee meetings again  | FB          | Completed.  |

## 5.2 Path Network Plan – update on Malvolio bushland

IS provided update on re-opened track and transplanting. Meeting with contractor regarding narrow limestone track in Malvolio bushland scheduled.

## 5.3 Tree guard trial – first monitoring completed

IS provided brief update on behalf of RS and highlighted that additional monitoring locations in Hope Road as well as Stock Road West were established.

## 5.4 Annual Report – feedback from committee

Committee discussed minor changes to Annual Report.

**ACTION: IS to finalise Annual Report.**

## 5.5 Upcoming Community Events - discuss promotion of Citizen Science project

PC enquired around representation at Spring Fair. IS advised that RR8 will have a stall at the upcoming Bird Fest instead of Spring Fair.

PC asked whether additional promotion for citizen science project was required. IS noted that registrations for the kick-off event are looking good, however ongoing promotion after the launch would be great. KD noted that promotion was not only important to encourage people to participate, but also to raise awareness of the ecological importance of the

corridor.

## 6. Correspondence

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| <u>Outward</u> |  | <u>Nil</u> |
| <u>Inward</u>  |  | <u>Nil</u> |

## 7. Project Manager Update

Project Manager Update was provided with no questions from the committee.

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1 **Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) – discuss need for review**

IS advised that the Governance Committee had not provided any feedback and that the RMP would therefore be finalised soon.

IS raised the question whether the committee sees value in annual review. KD noted that it is great to have the option of an annual review, even if no changes are made. KD noted that the community survey may need to be revisited, as the community now had the confidence that the rehabilitation was being handled well, which raises the question whether it is fair and reasonable to have the implementation of the RMP at the top of their mind. CB also agreed that while there is no requirement for changes to the RMP, its great to bring the RMP back to the top of committee member's mind.

LC wondered what hurdles there would be to include more science in the RMP. The committee decided to discuss this in the next review of the RMP.

**Action: IS to distribute the updated RMP to all members before the summer break**

**Action: RMP review to be tabled at March 2022 meeting, reminding people at the February 2022 meeting.**

### 8.2 **Aboriginal archaeological survey – information sharing session in November**

IS noted that Main Roads WA gave consent to share findings of the survey, however recommended that approval from all participants who were involved should be obtained. IS shared that she had contacted SWALSC (South West Aboriginal Land and Sea

Council), however it was hard to get a reply. It was discussed that if nothing was received back from SWALSC, they would simply get sent an invitation to the session to be held with involved participants. IS noted that she was hoping to hold this in November, given it has almost been a year since the survey, inviting all Elders and monitors who were involved, as well as archaeologists from Archae-aus to share the findings.

MG and JS were asked for advice on whether the ARG should get invited, given they were not directly involved in the survey.

JS asked whether they should consult with the ARG on the process. PC noted that the next ARG meeting would not be until December. PC enquired with MG whether it would be appropriate to go ahead and arrange the information sharing session and invite the ARG, given it had support in the first place, or whether it would need to be more prescribed and had to be tabled. MG shared that this could be organised by talking to the right people in the office. IS to send invitation to Barbara. JS noted that ARG also held special sessions.

**ACTION: IS to forward ARG's letter of support to JS and MG.**

**ACTION: IS to send invitation to the information sharing session Barbara Freeman (Family & Community Development Manager at City of Cockburn), for her to forward to the ARG.**

### 8.3 **Signage to be installed – brief discussion of areas to focus on**

IS suggested starting with installation of signage in the Malvolio section, given the pathway network in this section was getting close to finalised. Nodes likely to be prioritised before wayfinding signage. IS will send content to committee for review.

### 8.4 **Committee Photo – photo of committee to be taken for Annual Report; website**

Committee photo was taken.

## **9. Committee member report and information sharing**

TB / Conservation Council WA – Recent Conference was a success. AGM to be held on 20 November. Conservation Awards are open for nomination, closing on 14 November and the award ceremony will be held on 10 December 2021 at Kidogo Arthouse at Bather's Beach.

PC / Save Beelihar Wetlands – Promotion of Beelihar Bill Bash event, featuring bands.

KD / nil

JDR / Hamilton Hill Community Group - AGM held and positions filled. Movie night upcoming on 4 December. Weeding morning coming up.

JS / ARG – nominated herself to be on Manning Park Working Group Committee. Moving forward with Aboriginal Cultural and Visitor Centre, new design will see more trees retained.

MG – Has been attending meetings regarding Woodman Point.

DC / Wildflower Society volunteers ran a guided walk in Malvolio bushland followed by a Gladi Grab; event was a great success.

DC / on behalf of CCWC – held Gladi Grab in S7 with 13 participants. DC provided update on direct seeding plots, with sticky long head daisies germinating in all patches. DC to write up results for CCWC.

DC is hoping to represent CCWC on the Manning Park Working Group, while the Wildflower Society did not get invited.

DC noted that there was less contracted hand-weeding help in S7 than less year.

LC noted that it would be great if volunteers could get offered paid work during the week, however this was likely not feasible due to insurance and other bureaucratic hurdles.

CP / DBCA – noted that Robert Campbell, who has been in a senior operations role with the Regional Parks department for 6 or 7 years, will be leaving, which will be a great loss to the department. Position to be advertised. Tanya Davies has filled L-A's Shibish's Community Liaison Officer role.

Committee congratulated CP on Bushland News article.

LC / CCWC – felt confident that they would have two strong applicants for the Manning Ridge Working Group. Excited about upcoming Beeliar Bash and celebrating achievements. Weeding day in collaboration with HHCG scheduled. Blackwood Ave weeding morning for 24 October.

PC / Save Beeliar Wetlands - noted that Friends of Manning Ridge will have information talk with Kingsley Dixon and Cate Tauss at 3pm on 24 November, talking on ecological values of the ridge, which may be useful information to anyone going to be on the working party.

PC shared that Professor Hans Lambers will be facilitating an excursion in Alison Baird Reserve on Sunday 17 October, starting with a Gadi Grab at 1pm, followed by a walk at 3pm.

LC reminded people of council elections.

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

JDR appointed as Chair.

**11. Next Meeting**

Thursday 11 November 2021 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn.

Meeting closed at 4:30pm