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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 8 July 2021, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow (Chair)	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
Kim	Dravnieks	KD	Community
Jozina	de Ruiter	JDR	Hamilton Hill Community Group

Other attendees:

Linda Metz (LM) – Acting Environment Manager (City of Cockburn)

Apologies:

- Isabella Streckhardt – Acting Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager
- 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
- Rachel Standish - Perth Urban Restoration Science Advisory Committee
- Bruce Webber - Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Observance of Acknowledgement of Country**
3. **Minutes from previous meeting**

Meeting minutes from 10 June 2021 meeting were accepted pending minor adjustments, TB moved, CB seconded.

4. **Conflict of interests declaration**

nil

5. **Business arising from previous meeting**

- 5.1 **Norfolk Island pines**

Topic to be tabled at Rehabilitating Roe 8 Governance Committee meeting later this month. LM encouraged members to put requests forward in writing. LM informed that artwork ranked more highly in feedback from Community Open Day than Community Questionnaire. Committee voiced that there is strong, ongoing interest from the community to see the stumps turned into art.

LM reiterated that best way for community members to forward request is to do so formally via a Customer Request (CR) via the City, as CRs are a great way to build evidence of interest in the community and get tabled at the Governance Committee meetings.

TB enquired whether 'Comment on Cockburn' carried same level of strength, LM clarified that Comment on Cockburn does not get used for Rehabilitating Roe 8 matters.

PC recommended to table discussion on how community can best voice their interest in a future meeting.

LM clarified that there is no budget for Norfolk pines art or other artwork identified in the RMP. Committee briefly discussed adaptive management. CB highlighted that there is budget for interpretation and that there may be items that interpret the historical context of the space, giving them strong educational value.

- 5.2 **Path Network Plan**

Carried forward

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

LM presented written response from Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA Minister for Environment; Climate Action; Commerce, which was sent to CEO Tony Brun and which mentioned that DBCA will liaise closely with the RR8 Advisory Committee and the City in the planning and delivery of works to ensure they complement the planning and works already underway.

Action: LM to forward response letter to committee

5.4 Community Open Day - debrief

LM noted that the Open Day was very successful with roughly 100 attendees over the morning and thanked all who were involved. Committee provided feedback that the A1 poster timeline was very well received.

5.5 Community questionnaire results

LM advised that overall, the community questionnaire indicated that things are tracking well. Satisfaction levels are good (above 60%), meeting KPI. Awareness was slightly less than in the previous year, warranting a discussion on how to communicate certain aspects of the project and how to remain relevant. LM noted that on-site signage should be utilized more to communicate objectives and achievements.

CB noted that previous to the 2020 survey people were maybe more actively seeking information due to a higher level of uncertainty around the project and that there may be particular strategies on how to communicate with stakeholder groups, for example specific events for individual stakeholder groups or by attending their events. CB suggested QR codes for next survey.

Action: LM to contact Gardening Australia to enquire whether they would like to do a follow-up

5.6 Community Planting Events

LM informed that things were progressing well; 20 June planting event was very wet, however dedicated volunteers persevered and all plants were installed on the morning. Community planting event that was scheduled for 3 July was postponed to 24 July due to uncertainties around lockdown, all links and websites have been updated.

Perth NRM Caring for Noonga Boodja Planting event scheduled for 15 July 2021.

6. Correspondence

Outward	TBC	Confirm letter to CoC CEO regarding Labor commitment
	8 June	Interpretation values letter to Main Roads – no response received yet
Inward	29 June	Letter from Minister to CEO Tony Brun regarding \$3m Beeliar Wetlands Election Commitment.

7. Project Manager Update

Feral bee hives were briefly discussed after TM asked whether 21 hives were a lot and LM noted that the number is not uncommonly high for an area of the size they were located in, in particular in areas with a lot of hollows. TM enquired whether apiarists are approached regarding relocation of European honey bees and LM advised of insurance issues, in particular working at heights in a risky environment. LM also noted that she had received professional advice that feral bees are hard to domesticate.

8. Other Business

Archaeological Survey. LM advised that comprehensive draft report was received and will remain in draft format until overseas lab results have been received.

KD suggested a carefully managed media event.

Action: LM to forward draft Aboriginal archaeological survey report to Committee Members (not for general distribution)

Budget: Committee briefly discussed budget. PC raised the question whether monies from budget items that were not being spent fully could be diverted towards other areas, for example habitat creation by providing bird waterers. LM advised that while there is a small amount of room for movement between different budget items, larger amounts can not be re-allocated to other areas of the budget.

Bird waterers: Committee briefly discussed bird waterers, and LM touched on operational challenges as well as potential for people to tamper with off-grid set-up.

Punctuality: PC asked whether people can please arrive on time for future meetings, so meetings can start on-time.

Name change and other topics outside of RMP: KD raised the question how to start the

process around a name change / re-brand of 'Rehabilitating Roe 8'. PC advised that she and Kate Kelly took this to the Minister, received positive feedback and that there will be a follow-up meeting to be held. Community consultation would need to be involved.

LM noted that Main Roads will likely not become involved in this and that this likely lies beyond the remit of the committee, which is the delivery of the RMP. The RMP does not mention a name change. JZR enquired whether there had been name suggestions and KD advised that the ARG had suggested a name several years ago. PC noted that there were different names for various sections.

LM pointed out that the Ministerial Condition is and will continue to be in place for Main Roads to implement the RMP. FB wondered whether Main Roads would still have responsibility if the area was no longer classed as Road Reserve and LM confirmed that they would, due to the Ministerial Condition compelling Main Roads to complete rehabilitation works.

LM noted that community members and the community groups they represent can lobby government and ministers far more effectively than the RR8 Advisory Committee can. LM advised that discussions amongst stakeholder groups around topics not in the RMP should happen outside of meetings.

Watering – feasibility of watering was discussed, concluding that there are lots of variables such as vigor and health of seedlings, as well as plant installation methodology, contributing greatly to plant survival rates and that in large scale projects absorbing lower seedling survival rates may be more feasible than watering.

Tree guard study – LM informed committee that RS undertook study on tree guards in the corridor, which will be repeated this year.

Action: LM to forward study

9. Committee member report

DC / Wildflower Society – weed ID quiz held at Open Day, which was well received and attracted prizes such as native plants and calendars. Sadly, ID workshop had to be cancelled due to Covid19 distancing and mask-wearing requirements.

DC advised on behalf of LC / CCWC that volunteers are hand weeding in S7 twice a month again.

JDR and PC / Hamilton Hill Community Group – Terra Rosa report launched, focusing on Aboriginal History, including a visit to the massacre site. Two-day healing the land session may result from this with first day for traditional owners, and second day for the community. PC advised that Hon. Simone McGurk MLA mentioned that PC had asked her

for funding for Aboriginal heritage study of Manning Ridge.

Planting event in Wheeler Park sump upcoming, members to ask PC for details.

CB / AAEE – Conference 28-30 September, program finalised.

CB raised the question whether underspent conference budget could be put towards sending a representative to the conference as an exhibitor. CB enquired regarding implications around no longer being AAEE secretary, LM advised that members have to be appointed by their organisation but do not need to have executive positions.

PC / Save Beeliiar Wetlands – no updates

TB / Conservation Council WA – no updates

FB / Community – no updates

10. Information sharing

Metropolitan Region Scheme (Beeliiar Wetlands) Bill 2021 to pass Upper House

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

FB appointed as Chair

Next Meeting Thursday 12 August 2021 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn.

Meeting closed 4:50pm