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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 10 March 2022, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Jozina	De Ruiter	JR	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Diana	Corbyn (Chair)	DC	Wildflower Society
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beeliar Wetlands (Zoom)
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA (Zoom)
Gavin	Waugh	GW	The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association (Zoom)

Other attendees:

Chris Beaton (ChB) – Head of Sustainability and Environment (City of Cockburn)
Christine Athanassiou (CA) – Rehabilitating Roe 8, Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Catherine Prideaux	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Bruce Webber	Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute
Mitchell Garlett	Traditional Owner
Jaye Snowden	Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn

1. Welcome and Apologies

Welcomed Gavin representing the Wetlands Centre, Cockburn.

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

DC welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 10 February 2022 were moved and seconded by DC and CB.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

nil

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 Action items arising from previous meetings

Action item	Person to action	Status
DBCA North Lake concept plan	CP	Ongoing
Check with ARG whether track towards Frog Swamp would be supported by ARG	JS	Carried over, provide feedback
Path Network Plan	ChB/New Project Manager	Ongoing
Contact Gardening Australia to enquire regarding follow-up	New Project Manager	Carried over, not yet started
Offer Zoom option for committee meetings again	FB	Ongoing
WABSI to stay informed via agendas and to be contacted on an as-needs basis	Bruce Webber and CB	Complete
Promote citizen science project	All	Ongoing
Powerline pruning	CP	Ongoing
RMP review March 2022	ChB	Carried over
Arrange meeting with Fiona and seek approval from elders to bring Aboriginal archaeological survey information to ARG.	New Project Manager	Carried over
Check to see if another PURSAC member could fill RS position on committee	ChB	See item 5.9
Aerial (drone) vegetation mapping	ChB/New Project Manager	Carried over, waiting on report

5.2 DBCA North Lake Concept plan

Members of the committee recapped on the North Lake Concept Plan and discussed cultural issues of concern, particularly the realignment of the trail towards Frog Swamp.

CP provided an email update regarding the North Lake Concept Plan – Election Commitment

- Feedback from AC during February 2022 meeting have been taken on board.

- The realignment of the trail towards Frog Swamp can be removed. Awaiting feedback from JS regarding the cultural significance to the ARG of Frog Swamp.
- The track upgrade from the loop trail to Hope Road can be removed.
- The North Lake Concept Plan has not yet been discussed with the Beeliar Regional Park Community Advisory Committee due to a shift in meeting date to 24 March.

ACTION: TB requested for a cost breakdown from DBCA (CP)

ACTION: CA to outline AC concerns in writing to send to DBCA

ACTION: ChB email DBCA suggesting they present North Lake concept plan to ARG

5.3 Path Network Plan

ChB noted the water contractors have been driving on the new limestone path causing damage and have been asked not to drive on it anymore. During construction the path got watered and rolled. Given the hot summer, the water has likely evaporated during the process and need winter rain to level it off.

5.4 Powerline pruning

ChB advised that Western Power will be liaising with the Operations Officer for Beeliar Regional Park prior to attending site.

5.5 Updated RMP

ChB suggested that the AC email ChB or CA the suggested changes to the RMP, which will be compiled and discussed at the next meeting.

- CB suggested to review standing orders.
- FB questioned if Polyphagous shot-hole borer quarantine area should be included in section 5.3.4 Hygiene (page 37). ChB and DC noted it primarily effected *Acacia spp* and exotic deciduous species.

CP provided email feedback.

- Are there any updates to target ecosystem species lists under section 7.2.3.1 Associated Native Flora Species (page 56)?
- Figure 3: Existing and Proposed Gates and Paths (page 117) is slightly different to the pathway plan that was prepared.
- Section 4.4. Review and revision of the RMP (page 345) – Aboriginal heritage survey and fauna survey updates are required.
- Are Figure 10: Proposed 2022 Planting Areas (page 367) on track for 2022?

ACTION: AC to provide suggested RMP changes to ChB or CA to compile for next meeting.

5.6 Advisory committee meeting time and day

AC confirmed to keep meeting time and day the same.

5.7 Update on RR8 Project Manager position

ChB stated interviews have been complete and the role has been offered to a candidate, however pending finalization. Expected to begin early April.

Isabella Streckhardt (previous Project Manager) has resigned from the City of Cockburn and has been offered a position at Perth NRM as Northern Coast Care Officer.

ACTION: LC to organize a thank you gift from the AC for Isabella Streckhardt.

5.8 Regulation 7 and 10 consent for planting in Turtle Corner

Draft Letter of Support from ARG for consent to plant in Turtle Corner (Regulation 7 and 10 under Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 1974) passed around committee.

ACTION: ChB to email to JS (Chair of ARG) to provide consent.

5.9 Advisory committee vacant positions – Community member and PURSAC

ChB informed Rachel Standish is unable to continue representing PURSAC and there are currently no other PURSAC members able to represent.

CB noted the importance of having an ecologist or restoration specialist on the committee and suggested bringing someone to the group with the same skill level. CB suggested retired professors related to PURSAC to join committee or be available to review documentation. LC recommended leaving PURSAC position open. CB suggested PURSAC be a liaison. CB noted Kim Dravnieks (previous community member representative) was a member on PURSAC and suggested asking her for advice.

AC agreed to the vote on new community member for selection process to avoid conflicts of interest.

Terms of reference: When seeking nominations for positions to the advisory committee the City will call for expressions of interest by

- Advertising in at least one edition of the relevant local newspaper
- A media statement or advert
- Corresponding directly by letter with relevant organisations and community groups
- Placing a notice on the Rehabilitating Roe 8 website

ACTION: CB to contact Kim for advice on new PURSAC member or someone of similar skill set.

ACTION: CA to advertise for Community Member position.

6. Correspondence

Outward		Nil
Inward		Nil

7. Project Manager Update

ChB presented the Project Manager Update and was briefly discussed by the committee.

ChB noted that despite the plant survival rate being lower than expected; 32% loss is consistent with other revegetation projects around Perth at this time. The AC agreed that the extremely long and hot summers days have contributed to the survival rate.

ChB advised that the budget for next year has been approved, and the new service agreement has been finalized with Main Roads and they will be undertaking an audit of the project.

ACTION: ChB to forward the fortnightly report from NAMS to the AC

8. Other Business

ChB mentioned that a resident has been collected rubbish in the bushland opposite Malvolio rd.

9. Committee member report and information sharing

FB, GW, TB and AJ – nothing to report

JR – meeting last night and discussed 2 new roads being developed

CB – successful first meeting on zoom, moving away from a 3-day program to a single day professional development program promoting all the providers around particular areas.

DC – supporting the CCWC projects, mostly looking at Blackwood ave and Wildflower Society is happy to support CCWC. DC raised concerns as a lot of gumtrees are dropping their flower buds.

LC - CCWC have been doing regular bush care twice a month, particularly Blackwood ave. Hadn't watered prior to Christmas and lost about 60%. Planted very densely, some parts have done well, and other parts haven't. CCWC got a grant for plants and massive grant for woody weed management in collaboration with SERCUL and mulching. Trying to protect land from development and keep as bushland.

PC – SBW has a new convener that is FC

10. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

LC appointed as Chair for April 2022 meeting.

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 14 April 2022 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn.

Meeting closed at 4.13pm