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MINUTES

Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 14 April 2022, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Catherine	Baudains (Chair)	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beeliar Wetlands (Zoom)
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor (Zoom)
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Zoom)
Angela	Jakob	AJ	Coolbellup Community Association

Other attendees:

Chris Beaton (ChB) – Head of Sustainability and Environment (City of Cockburn)

Adam Peck (AP) – Rehabilitating Roe 8, Project Manager

Christine Athanassiou (CA) – Rehabilitating Roe 8, Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Gavin Waugh	The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn
Jozina De Ruiter	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Bruce Webber	Western Australian Biodiversity and Science Institute
Mitchell Garlett	Traditional Owner
Jaye Snowden	Aboriginal Reference Group Cockburn

1. Welcome and Apologies

Welcomed Adam to new role as Rehabilitating Roe 8 Project Manager.

Acknowledgement: The committee formally acknowledge the new Project Manager, Adam Peck that is passionate about conservation particularly in this corridor and known by most of the committee.

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

CB welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 14 April 2022 were moved and seconded by DC and TB.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

nil

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 Standing action items

Action item	Person to action	Status
DBCA North Lake concept plan	CP	Ongoing
Path Network Plan	AP	Ongoing
Contact Gardening Australia to enquire regarding follow-up	AP	Carried over
Offer Zoom option for committee meetings again	FB	Ongoing
Promote citizen science project	All	Ongoing
Forward monthly inspection report from NAMS to the committee	CA	Ongoing

5.2 Action items arising from previous meeting

Action item	Person to action	Status
Check with ARG whether track towards Frog Swamp would be supported by ARG	JS	Carried over
Cost breakdown of North Lake Concept Plan from DBCA	CP	Carried over, see 5.3
Powerline pruning	CP	Ongoing
RMP review April 2022	AC	See 5.8
Organize a thank you gift from the committee for Isabella Streckhardt	LC	Carried over
Arrange meeting with Fiona and seek approval from elders to bring Aboriginal archaeological survey information to ARG.	AP	Carried over
Contact Kim for advice on new PURSAC member or someone of similar skill set.	CB	Provide update
Aerial (drone) vegetation mapping	AP	Carried over, waiting on report

5.3 DBCA North Lake Concept plan

CP noted she is aware of the feedback from the last meeting that represented discussion from February meeting. Waiting on ARG view on track towards Frog Swamp, however it will be removed from the plan. CP stated the plan hasn't been amended yet, as awaiting feedback from the Beeliar Regional Park wider community. No cost-breakdown can be provided at this stage, only estimated spend per calendar year.

Estimated spend per calendar year for DBCA North Lake Concept Plan	
2021/22	~50 000
2022/23	~600 000
2023/24	~1 560 000
2024/25	~760 000

CP noted that Stuart Harrison (Acting Manager Regional Parks Unit) is happy to present to the ARG. The April meeting has been rescheduled to May.

5.4 Path Network Plan

ChB recapped the works complete in Malvolio bushland and noted there is a pedestrian access way to be installed in the near future and further works to be carried out in the next financial year. ChB announced that the Path Network Plan has been nominated for Community Based Initiative of the Year category at the Parks & Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence program by Tredwell.

5.5 Contact Gardening Australia

Committee would like to do a follow-up episode on Gardening Australia to show the progress of the project.

ACTION: AP to find contact details for Gardening Australia

5.6 Promote Citizen Science project

Committee have been advertising during community events.

ACTION: Move item to standing agenda item to be reported on each meeting by all

members

5.7 Powerline pruning

ChB advised that a meeting was held on site with Ezgi (DBCA – Senior Operations Officer), Western Power contractor, ChB and CA. ChB had faith in Ezgi that everything will be done according to DBCA guidelines, and it was agreed by all that care needs to be taken in this area. CP noted Ezgi is aware of the committees concerns and walked through the area with the contractor pointed out all everything they needed to know. CP noted that Ezgi received word from Western Power that they did not classify the area as an ESA (environmental sensitive area) as the corridor has previously been disturbed seventy years ago and Western Power have Aboriginal Heritage processes in place and decided there was no reason to give it extra ESA classification.

5.8 RMP review

Committee briefly discussed the RMP review.

Carried forward feedback from CP.

- 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. – CB noted the revised document needs to reflect the discussion from the committee meetings.
- Section 4.4. Review and revision of the RMP (page 345) – Aboriginal heritage survey and fauna survey updates are required. – CB considered delaying release of the revised plan as currently do not have access to data from the Aboriginal heritage survey as it is pending release approval from elders. CB noted the importance of the information being included with significant ramifications for future decisions.

BW email suggestion stating it is appropriate to the replace the current seedlings of *Allocasuarina humilis*, with ones that can be sourced within a 50km radius due to provenance distance. BW also suggested the Kangaroo Paws it was not suitable to replace these species with others in the 50km radius as the provenance species changes.

ACTION: Final date for revision to be submitted for RMP-v2 is 12 May 2022. Voting on changes to occur at next meeting.

5.9 CB to contact Kim for advice on new PURSAC member or someone of

similar skill set

CB contacted Kim who suggested contacting Bruce Webber for advice.

5.10 Advertise vacant Community member representative position

CA advised that applications for the Community member representative position closed 13 April 2022 and a suitable candidate was selected.

MOTION: CB moved a motion to accept Dr Stephanie Hing for the Community member representative position.

5.11 Angela Jakob formally resigned the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee as Coolbellup Community Association representative.

AJ noted that during Monday Committee Meeting, Leah Knapp offered to fill the position on the Advisory Committee as Coolbellup Community Association representative.

MOTION: CB moved a motion to formally thank Angela Jakob for her service

6. Correspondence

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

7. Project Manager Update

ChB and the committee briefly discussed the project manager update.

DC was pleased to hear contractors undertook hand weeding and not solely relying on chemical control.

ChB mentioned that Emapper will be meeting AP and ChB to discuss how the drone mapping works before presenting the report. The committee agreed it would be beneficial for Emapper to present the findings at the Advisory Committee meeting. TB raised concerns about Emapper becoming a subscription and unable to access data in the future.

ACTION: Contact Emapper to see if they can present at the advisory committee meeting and question whether it will be on a subscription basis.

CB congratulated the committee for the community efforts contributed towards the Path Network Plan and highlighted the nomination received by Tredwell.

AP suggested running the Community Open Day at the Wetlands Centre in June. The committee preferred Len Packham Park as the venue location, due to the open space to attract more community members passing by, as well as access to parking spaces and undercover or outdoor space. PC noted the importance of variety in groups and success during last year's Community Open Day. PC and CB encouraged the engagement of local community groups for this year's event to help promote themselves and build collaboration and partnership. CB suggested the groups to have an activity to increase community engagement, such as the Wildflower Society Quizzes. CB offered educational material as prizes. CB identified the Community Open Day as a showcase of the rehabilitation of the corridor and building a sense of community around that.

ACTION: AP to arrange date for Len Packham and advise committee.

8. Other Business

LC questioned whether the stakes can be reused for this planting season. ChB noted that the stakes perish, and it is more effective to get new stakes. The committee also raised concerns about contamination and the spread of dieback. ChB noted the stakes are donated for the construction of bee hotels. CB suggested donating some to John Curtin students, as they applied for a grant to create native bee hotels for school grounds. ChB mentioned there will be more available once old stakes have been removed.

The committee discussed whether Roe 8 is still a road reserve.

ACTION: CB and CP to seek clarification which specifies the status of the land attained to the Beelias Bill

9. Committee member report and information sharing

LC – CCWC received a response with action details in response to a letter sent regarding Roe 9 land. LC stated they are in the process of looking at the future for that land, which takes up a large part of land that CCWC advocates for. CCWC are worried about some of the bushland being cleared for roads and housing. CCWC continue the mapping project in that area, trying to map every individual banksia and tuart to see if the bushland meets the criteria for protection as a Threatened Ecological Community. CCWC put in a City of Cockburn grant application for a watering unit that can be used in the CCWC area.

AJ – Planning on doing Cooby Fest again in November, working with youth and getting programs running after school hours. Leah Knapp will represent the Coolbellup Community Association going forward.

DC – Urban Bushland Council which is an umbrella group for several environmental groups are running a series of walks looking at corridors – have done Mosman Park and Point Peron, now would like to do Roe 8. DC is running a walk for them in Malvolio Bushland on 15 May 2022.

FB, PC, TB, CP and CB – nothing to report

10. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

LC appointed as Chair for May 2022 meeting.

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 12 May 2022 3-5pm at The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn.

Meeting closed at 4.36pm