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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 9 June 2022, 3-5pm

The Wetlands Centre Meeting Room

Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society (Online)
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beeliar Wetlands
Leah	Knapp	LK	Coolbellup Community Association (Online)
Gavin	Waugh	GW	The Wetlands Centre, Cockburn
Stephanie	Hing	SH	Community (Online)

Other attendees:

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

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

Stuart Harrison (SHa) – Acting Manager Regional Parks Unit (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions proxy)

Apologies:

Catherine Prideaux	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
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
Lou Corteen	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Tim Barling	Conservation Council WA

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

PC welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 12 May 2022 were moved and seconded by SH and GW.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

nil

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 Standing action items

	Action item	Person to action	Status
5.1.1	DBCA North Lake concept plan	CP	Ongoing
5.1.2	Path Network Plan	AP	Ongoing
5.1.3	Contact Gardening Australia to enquire regarding follow-up	AP	Ongoing
5.1.4	Promote citizen science project	All	Ongoing

5.1.1 DBCA North Lake Concept Plan

SHa recapped the progress from last meeting and noted they had a finalised concept plan. PC questioned whether there was a timeline for progress and SHa responded not at this stage.

5.1.2 Path Network Plan

AP noted the first year of works are complete, next section will begin in the next financial year.

PC raised issue of large underspend in current and previous year's budget. AP explained that it's partly due to project manager position being vacant for 5 months. AP also said that he is doing his best to spend funds but running out of time in current financial year.

5.1.4 Promote citizen science project

Committee promoted upcoming planting days. AP mentioned the Guided Bird Walk held in the corridor by Dr Tegan Douglas covered Birddata. PC stated the item be left on the agenda as a reminder to promote.

5.2 Action items arising from previous meeting

	Action item	Person to action	Status
5.2.1	DBCA to present North Lake Concept Plan at ARG	CP/AP	Complete
5.2.2	Organize a thank you gift from the committee for Isabella Streckhardt	LC	Carried over
5.2.3	Arrange meeting with Fiona Hook and seek approval from elders to bring Aboriginal archaeological survey information to ARG.	AP	Carried over
5.2.4	CA to forward email from Bruce Webber to committee regarding new PURSAC member or someone of similar skillset and committee to discuss at June meeting	CA	Complete, carried over as new member item
5.2.5	CA to redistribute the Terms of Reference	CA	Complete
5.2.6	Review of Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference June 2022	AC	Complete
5.2.7	CA to go over previous minutes to include any additional suggestions to RMP	CA	Complete
5.2.8	Advisory Committee group photo	AC	Complete

5.2.1 DBCA to present North Lake Concept Plan at ARG

SHa notified that he was unwell and unable to make it to the ARG meeting, however the information was presented with no major concerns raised.

5.2.3 Arrange meeting with Fiona Hook and seek approval from elders to bring Aboriginal archaeological survey information to ARG

AP spoke to Fiona, and she has sent him a list of people who were originally consulted. AP is planning to contact individuals to arrange a date and hopefully schedule a meeting in for spring.

5.2.4 CA to forward email from Bruce Webber to committee regarding new PURSAC member or someone of similar skillset and committee to discuss at June meeting

CB recapped email discussion and noted that a decision hasn't been reached. CB raised concerns about the lack of dialogue from not having an ecologist present during meetings rather than having a member available to access when needed.

AP noted that it is within the budget to hire a consultant and will require help to compile a species order list for next year that needs to be complete by September. DC said she was able to help, however suggested having a local consultant that knows the area such as Kate Tauss. CB suggested Mark Brundrett who did a lot of the botany work for PURSAC and he provided the original species list. The committee unanimously agreed for Mark to be the first point of contact.

ACTION: AP to approach Mark Brundrett to assist with species order list for 2023 planting

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5.2.7 CA to go over previous minutes to include any additional suggestions to RMP

CA confirmed previous minutes identified all alterations made to RMP-v1 were emailed to project manager and the changes were true to the current RMP. CB confirmed those were the changes made to RMP. CB questioned whether the changes made to the quorum were before or after the last RMP review. CA responded that the last changes made were in September 2019.

6. New action items

6.1 Review of Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

CA questioned the relevance of the Community Development and Service Reference Group Protocols. The committee agreed it was obsolete as it was used as a template for the current Terms of Reference.

ACTION: AP to check with Chris Beaton regarding Community Development and Service Reference Group Protocols

CA identified the Manager of Parks and Environment needed to be updated to reflect City of Cockburn restructure. Committee agreed this to be Chris Beaton, Head of Sustainability and Environment.

PC pointed out “the City will be responsible for appointing community members to the advisory committee”. There was discussion regarding the wording, with the committee agreeing to update wording to include “with final selection decision to be endorsed by the advisory committee.”

SH questioned the issue of a pro Roe 8 community member joining the committee. CB stated that they could, however it would go against their purpose and the responsibility of the committee is to assist in the implementation of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Management Plan.

CA questioned when seeking nominations for community member, whether “media statement or advert” could be merged or removed as it was similar to “advertising in at least one edition of the relevant local newspaper”. The committee agreed to combine.

PC noted there was no longer an action sheet as it actions are reflected in the minutes. The committee agreed for this wording to be deleted.

The committee discussed the appendix as there had been changes in representative groups and decided to leave it until the next term in 2023 before updating. CA noted the addition of two community groups to the appendix, as it previously was not included.

7. Correspondence

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

8. Project Manager Update

AP and the committee briefly discussed the project manager update.

FB questioned whether the mulch from the flame tree is being removed or staying within the habitat. AP responded saying it would likely be left onsite.

FB questioned how poor water performance by watering contractor was tested. AP noted that Isabella Streckhardt (previous project manager) would take a water metre to site and test soil around plants, and they would be dry or wetter around the edges than in the middle and some plants watered at high pressure disturbing root system. CB noted the importance of watering for the success of seedlings and DC mentioned volunteers get upset when they see their planting efforts not succeed, making it difficult to encourage volunteers to come again the following year.

AP stated that Turtle Corner will be a focus this year to plant high density with a different tree guard and NAMS engaged to complete works. DC suggested planting earlier in May rather than June. AP noted he had discussed with contractor, and it was suggested that spraying needs to occur before planting and if the weeds haven't come up, spraying will conflict with planting.

AP mentioned he has asked CA to stay on for another quarter, one day a week, until the end of September. AP is unsure whether the budget will allow to keep her for the whole year. The committee are happy about the decision to keep her on board. AP noted Main Roads WA stated the funding would have to be allocated from the Community Engagement section. PC questioned whether changing CA job title would affect the decision and mentioned they were under budget. PC also asked if it was a possibility to revisit the RMP review for the Project Manager 1.0FTE to 1.4FE, therefore not coming out of the Community Engagement budget allocation.

ACTION: AP to see if there is the possibility of gaining funds from a different part of the budget by redefining CA role to Rehabilitating Roe 8, Project Officer

9. Other Business

No other business.

FB noted there was photo monitoring happening for a few years that isn't occurring anymore and questioned whether there was other photo monitoring being done. AP stated that NAMS do photo monitoring of the points that were done by a volunteer when they undertake seedling survival survey.

10. Committee member report and information sharing

SHa, GW, FB and SH - nothing to share.

PC: SBW had their AGM and CB joined them

CB: AAEE ran an event Reclaim the Void: weaving country whole from Ngalia elders and having annual fundraiser at Cannington Bunnings, 18 June 2022.

DC: CCWC and Wildflower Society: haven't done much weeding in s7 as encouraged volunteers to go along to birding and planting events in the Roe 8 corridor. Wildflower Society are looking forward to the Community Open Day on 2 July.

LK: CCA is planning on having a stall at the Community Open Day. CCA hosting a Cockburn Volunteers afternoon tea and sound healing session on Sunday 12 June, 4pm.

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

CB appointed as Chair for July 2022 meeting.

12. Next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 4:26pm