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## MINUTES

### Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 14 September 2023, 3-5 pm

City of Cockburn Admin Building – 9 Coleville Cres, Spearwood

#### Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Lou	Corteen (Chair)	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Jozina	De Ruiter	JD	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Leah	Knapp	LK	Coolbellup Community Association
Stephanie	Hing	SH	Community
Catherine	Prideaux	CP	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

#### Other attendees:

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

Madeline Copcutt (MC) – Rehabilitating Roe 8, Administrative Assistant

#### Apologies:

Diana Corbyn	Wildflower Society
Heidi Mippi	Traditional Owner
Eddie Van Etten	Research
Phoebe Corke	Save Beelias Wetlands
Tim Barling	Conservation Council WA

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

#### 2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

LC welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 13 July 2023 were moved and seconded by SH and LK.

#### 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	Promote citizen science project	All	Reminder

##### 5.1.1 DBCA North Lake concept plan

CP said that the traditional owners of North Lake do not agree with the bird platform design. Instead, preparations are underway for a co-design for a gathering area, which may include lake viewing opportunities. The consultation process is part of the state government's Nyungar Heritage Agreement. Section 18 (east side of horse paddock swamp) approvals have been submitted, and plans for this year include a dual use path (red asphalt), a carpark on progress drive, and new limestone tracks. Existing limestone tracks were upgraded recently. Weed control and rehabilitation work are continuing as per usual.

AP queried whether the patch of pink fairy orchids on the eastern side of North Lake has been sprayed, as the orchids appear to have died off. CP will pass on that information. AP added that spider orchids near Roe Swamp have also died off, and it looks as if a children's group has done activities there. AP suggested fencing off large patches of orchids. CP will pass on the information to the relevant people.

##### 5.1.2 Promote citizen science project

AP shared sites where people can do bird surveys and mentioned that Wirambi Landcare and DBCA are doing a new research project on a threatened species of trapdoor spiders over the coming summer.

##### 5.2 Action items arising from previous meeting

	Action item	Person to action	Status
5.2.1	Draft overarching intent of the signage strategy with clear purpose and objectives	LC	Completed
5.2.2	Stock Road pedestrian bridge – LC to extract dot points from previous letter to Main Roads. Pass on to committee, PC and LC to add any additional information regarding connection to the wildlife corridor.	LC	Completed
5.2.3	Fauna road crossings	RR8AC	On hold
5.2.4	AP to follow up with HM for Nyungar representative	AP	Carried over

	feedback on signage strategy acknowledgement wording.		
5.2.5	Create research proposal for Woody Meadow on Turtle Corner	AP	Carried over
5.2.6	Initiate a student or citizen science project monitoring seedling and cutting survival along Roe 8 corridor.	AP	Completed
5.2.7	Coordinate stronger social media presence for RR8 Project.	RR8AC	Carried over
5.2.8	Review community survey for 2024 based on feedback	AP	Ongoing
5.2.9	Advertise the RR8 newsletter to the Rethink the Link email list	AP	Carried over

### 5.2.1 Draft overarching intent of the signage strategy with clear purpose and objectives

Completed

### 5.2.2 Stock Road pedestrian bridge

Completed – RR8AC recommended mentioning a fauna bridge in Roe 9 submissions, and it was also suggested by NatureLink Perth.

### 5.2.5 Create research proposal for Woody Meadow on Turtle Corner

AP said he will create a project next year when the plants have grown more, as the root depth is not currently an issue.

### 5.2.6 Initiate a student or citizen science project monitoring seedling and cutting survival along Roe 8 corridor.

Completed – AP has spoken to Rachel Standish from Murdoch University. A team of undergraduate students will do a survey of seedling survival in late September. Will confirm whether a second survey can be done in autumn.

### 5.2.7 Coordinate stronger social media presence for RR8 Project.

SH says she knows a strategy and communications consultant, who said that flyer and direct mail strategies are good for local initiatives. Last meeting, it was suggested that Instagram tiles could be distributed to networks, so that other community groups post about the RR8 Project rather than the RR8AC. AP queried who would distribute the tiles or run an account. LC suggested CCWC could run an RR8AC page, if AP writes a set of guidelines and an agreement for what will be posted. All present RR8AC members agreed.

**ACTION: LC to ask CCWC committee to set up and run a Facebook and Instagram account for the RR8AC.**

### 5.2.9 Advertise the RR8 newsletter to the Rethink the Link email list

AP said the Rethink the Link list has been sent to CCWC; LC says she will send it to AP to advertise the RR8 newsletter.

**ACTION: LC to send AP the Rethink the Link list.**

## 6. New action items

## 7. Correspondence

<u>Outward</u>	24/8/2023	<u>Testimonial letter contributed to City of Cockburn application for PIA award</u>
<u>Inward</u>		<u>Nil</u>

## 8. Project Manager Update

Weed control (spraying) in S7 and Karak zone, but looking better in Tuart zone. Steam weeding and hand weeding in woody meadow as there is still a big weed problem; AP wants to put more mulch on. CP asked about the Cocky-trough, and AP said it is going well; hasn't seen any black cockatoos recently, but expects they will use it over summer, and a family of Red-Tails has been seen using it.

SH asked about the Cocky Cam – who does it belong to, what is the plan for it? AP said it is owned by the RR8 project, and will keep a look out for hollows to put it in. AP asked people to let him know if there's something they want him to check), hollow inspections are regulated by the State Government as of last year so members of the public cannot do it, but AP can do it under BirdLife's scientific license. LC asked whether the new rules apply to artificial hollows and AP confirmed that they do.

## 9. Other Business

- **Budget update**
  
- **Pine stumps, next steps**

AP has asked Main Roads if there is room in the budget for an artistic project. There is not, but AP can look into options.

Had a meeting with Daniel Iley, who inspected the stumps. They are unable to be used for sculptures, as Norfolk Island Pine is a soft wood and has extensive termite damage. Investing time and money into them is not advised, as they will not last long. However, other options are available, such as totems.

FB suggested planting two new trees there. LC suggested painting the old trees, and FB mentioned safety. AP agreed that they may fall down in the future, especially due to the termite damage. LC suggested a totem, and FB suggested some sort of memorial for them. AP: project can't pay for it, but community organisations could apply for a grant. FB said she will bring it up at the next residents' meeting. Also brought up that if it involves putting poles in the ground etc. will need to get permission from the traditional owners. AP added that if the trees are removed, they will be laid somewhere along the corridor as habitat. FB also suggested if they are cut down, the stumps could be utilized for an art piece or something similar.

JD queried how dangerous they currently are and whether it is necessary to remove them. AP said they are unlikely to be a hazard yet but will contact an arborist to assess them. JD suggested that if they are removed, put up a sign in that area as a commemoration. LC and FB suggested a replacement sculpture made of wire or recycled materials. LK suggested crowdfunding may be effective if there is a good design that people want to support.

**ACTION: FB to talk to Bibra Lake Res Association about a 'memorial' for the pine stumps and applying for a grant.**

- **Corridor renaming**

AP said that Main Roads cannot fit the corridor renaming into the project's budget. AP suggested adding it to the Nyungar engagement budget allocation. HM advised that meeting with elders can be costly. FB suggested applying for a lottery grant for the renaming. LK agreed and offered to make some inquiries. AP mentioned that he needs to finish the signage by June and wants the renaming done beforehand to put it on the signs, which may be too small a timeframe. AP queried whether the RR8AC approved of him finishing the signs before the renaming process is finished, and everyone approved.

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

FB – Bibra Lake Residents Association are working with Perth NRM to plant their Walliabup Native Food Forest at Bibra Lake Primary School this Saturday. They are also planting at the community hall and hoping that there will eventually be a public area with seating. Wetlands Centre had a good 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration last weekend. Turtle tracking has started.

LK – CCA is planning for the upcoming Cooby Fest. The new Kaarak Cooby Bushcare group will have a stall there (an official launch for the group is planned in October). CCA is part of the Town Teams Movement aiming to activate community spaces, which has a budget. As the wildlife corridor is seen as part of CCA's plans, there could be future co-funding opportunities from CCA if it aligns with the Town Teams agenda.

JD – There is a Cockburn council meeting tonight at 6pm, HHCG will be there. JD went on the RR8AC corridor tour last month, and thought it was great. She added that tours would be good to advertise on social media as a way to engage the public.

SH – Nothing to report.

CP – There is a new Operations Officer for Beeliar Regional Park, Wayne Charles.

LC – CCWC had an information session and a submission-writing workshop for the Roe 8 West/Roe 9 MRS Amendment. Submissions are still open. Urban Bushland Council have been very supportive as well. The information session had presentations from NatureLink Perth and UWA landscape architecture students about concepts for the corridor. LC says CCWC wants to see all bushland in the Roe8/Roe 9 corridor preserved, and are encouraging people to go to the September council meeting to show support for the wildlife corridor.

### **11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting**

CP appointed as Chair for 12 October 2023 meeting.

### **12. Next meeting**

Thursday 12 October 2023, 3pm-5pm at the City of Cockburn, Administration Building. 9 Coleville Cres, Spearwood. Doowart – Tuart Tree – Public Gallery Area 2.

Meeting closed at 4:25pm

Apologies for next meeting:

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