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Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 11 April 2024, 3-5 pm

City of Cockburn Admin Building – 9 Coleville Cres, Spearwood

Advisory Committee attendees:

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| Felicity | Bairstow | FB | Community |
| Tim | Barling | TB | Conservation Council WA |
| Catherine | Baudains | CB | Australian Association for Environmental Education WA |
| Diana | Corbyn | DC | Wildflower Society |
| Phoebe | Corke (Chair) | PC | Save Beeliar Wetlands |
| Lou | Corteen | LC | Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor |
| Leah | Knapp | LK | Coolbellup Community Association |
| 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

Kam Rae (KR) – RR8AC social media volunteer

Apologies:

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| Eddie van Etten | Research |
| Jozina de Ruiter | Hamilton Hill Community Group |
| Heidi Mippy | Traditional owner |

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

TB welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 14 March 2024 were moved and seconded by FB and CB.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

Heidi Mippy has a standing conflict due to being a supplier to the project. It should be noted that this conflict is seen to be a potential or perceived conflict, rather than actual.

She will not be able to vote on matters in which she has a financial interest.

5. Business arising from previous meeting

5.1 Standing action items

| | Action item | Person to action | Status |
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| 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 the carpark and dual use path tender is complete, just gathering supporting documentation, with the expectation to go to market by the end of April. CoC is evaluating DBCA request to do works within the road verge (pram entries to dual use path and car park cross over at Progress Drive).

Section 18 application - working through some road verge usage as per above and gaining individual signoff from Traditional owners to support the project. Traditional Owner engagement for interpretation codesign sessions, progressing but with delays gaining endorsement of names of Traditional Owners from Whadjuk Aboriginal Corp.

Rehabilitation – woody weed control has now finished for the season, as has seed collection. Rehabilitation is being planned for Horse Paddock Swamp this year, and Frog Swamp next year.

5.2 Action items arising from previous meeting

| | Action item | Person to action | Status |
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| 5.2.1 | Fauna road crossings | RR8AC | On hold |
| 5.2.2 | Create research proposal for Woody Meadow on Turtle Corner | AP | On hold |
| 5.2.3 | Coordinate stronger social media presence for RR8 Project. AP to send KR website and event links, set up Whatsapp group for sharing photos, and provide logo designs for RR8AC to decide on. LC to send CCWC newsletters to KR. | RR8AC, AP, KR | Carried over |
| 5.2.4 | marquee for Beeliar Woodland Walks events | AP | Carried over |
| 5.2.5 | Liaise with Elders/form a cultural authority sub-committee to finalise Noongar text for website and signage | AP, HM | Ongoing |
| 5.2.6 | Norfolk pines removal and replacement | RR8AC | Removal completed; replacement ongoing |
| 5.2.7 | Set up Whatsapp group and draft an 'About' section | AP | Completed |

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| | for the BWW page | | |
| 5.2.8 | Ask graphic designer for different colour options of logo design E. | AP | Completed |

5.2.4 Marquee for Beelir Woodland Walks events.

AP sent out a design guide to the RR8AC. AP suggested either adding logos of partner groups (e.g. CCWC, CoC, etc.) on a side panel or on the inside. There is also an option for an image on one of the outside panels such as a native animal/plant. CB noted that partners and their logos may change in future, and suggested putting those logos on a removable inside canvas panel. CB also suggested that a picture would be more appealing to the community, whereas PC said showing the logos on the outside would demonstrate strong community representation. CB also noted whether it will be the member groups on the RR8AC or others as well. AP said he would ask the designer for a draft to see how many logos will be feasible. PC added that the logos can be covered and re-painted on if they change.

5.2.5 Liaise with Elders/form a cultural authority sub-committee to finalise Noongar text for website and signage.

AP has HM's report. It was suggested to change the names of four of the R8 corridor sections: Moyootj to Bibool, Biara to Biyara, Jarrah to Djara, Booyi to Yaakin. There was also feedback that the process was rushed, and requested a cultural mapping report, which AP said could potentially happen do next financial year. AP added that a cultural mapping report would include a synthesis of all culturally significant sites along the corridor. PC and DC noted that it will be important to get confirmation on the pronunciation of the suggested names, as well as the spelling of Djara. AP will check with HM. TB queried whether the naming and signage has to be confirmed by CoC and AP said it doesn't.

5.2.6 Norfolk pines replacement

Majority of the survey feedback supported planting native trees (e.g. mature Eucalypts), some supported planting Norfolk Island pines. The Noongar language report suggested removing references on the signage to the Norfolk Island pines or clearly stating that they are an introduced species. FB said that when the pines were removed recently, she noticed online community support for pines to be replanted. LC queried whether the Norfolk pines are a food source for black cockatoos, and AP said they aren't a typical food source for them. CB said that she has noticed that people in the community are attached to the Norfolk pines because of an urban myth about their history. TB noted that pine needles can be acidic and allopathic, possibly causing issues for the native plants underneath them. KR and PC suggested putting the history of the Norfolk Island pines on a separate plaque instead of on the main signs, to acknowledge that history. PC moved that AP buy mature Eucalypt trees for that area, remove the reference to the Norfolk pines from the signage, and next financial year create a separate plaque to commemorate the history of the pine, LC seconded. There were no objections. KR suggested testing the soil pH before planting new trees. LK suggested posting on social media about the decision-making and process of replanting, and explaining why pines won't be replanted, to be

transparent with the community and keep them engaged and supportive. The RR8AC agreed, and PC confirmed that the main reasons being that the RR8AC wants to prioritise food sources and habitat for native fauna, the majority in the community survey voted for natives, Norfolk Island pines can be detrimental to native plants and habitats nearby (including wetlands), and the history of those pines will still be commemorated.

6. New action items

7. Correspondence

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

8. Project Manager Update

Corridor Yarning event (hosted by RR8 and CCWC on 25 May), which will involve Friends groups speaking, a summary of the community survey, a raffle prize. Community planting day on 1 June. AP noted that the drought has impacted the corridor but so far he hasn't seen any Eucalypts or Banksias dying off.

Woody meadow surveys: about 50% survival, some such as *Dampiera* and *Eremophila* had very low (<20%) survival, whereas others such as *Acacia* and *Scaevola* were quite successful. AP suggested avoiding riparian species in the future. DC queried whether it is still being watered, and AP confirmed it gets watered fortnightly. LK queried whether soil wetter is used and AP said it was only used when they were first planted.

There have been fox attacks recently at Bibra Lake because it is so dry, so fox control will start in April.

9. Other Business

- RR8AC Community position

A position for community representative on the RR8AC is open. Three people have applied, including KR. DC moved that KR be selected as the new community representative, seconded by LK. The majority voted in favour; KR is now the community representative for the RR8AC.

- About info/acknowledgement for BWW FB/Insta pages

AP sent out a draft 'About' section, which the RR8AC were happy with. The logo has also been decided on.

- FB/Insta posts, when to launch?

KR is now part of the Whatsapp group for photos and post ideas to be shared. KR said it won't take her long to get the pages ready, so the RR8AC agreed that KR can launch the page whenever she is ready. AP added that the first four posts should be decided during the meeting. TB suggested the Norfolk Island pines replacement; LK suggested a calendar of upcoming events, but TB noted that formal corridor events should only be posted when registrations are open. KR can share events that other groups are hosting, and can make a Facebook event for official RR8 events with a link to the registration page. DC suggested a post about the six Noongar seasons such as which plants are flowering, fauna activity etc.

- Booyi, post pine planning

See 5.2.6.

- Gazebo design scope/ideas

See 5.2.4.

10. Committee member report and information sharing

DC – CCWC is weeding event on Saturday at 8am-10am, tackling veldt grass in S7.

LC – CCWC are holding a planting event on 11 May in Blackwood Avenue Bushland, and are co-hosting a corridor tour with AP.

CP – CP is vacating her role for a year from May, and Ezgi Perincek will be the DBCA representative on the RR8AC until May 2025.

LK – KCB is planning to apply for funding to get a Cocki-trough installed at Rinaldo Park. AP recently ran a successful quenda cabin workshop with local Nyungar kids. KR and other KCB volunteers went to a soil workshop and will trial a half-hectare herbicide-free plot in Kaarak, which will be hand-weeded instead.

TB – Conservation Council is holding an event to provide information prescribed burning. It will be held at Piney Lakes on 23 April at 6pm.

CB, PC, FB, KR – Nothing to report.

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

JD appointed as Chair for 9 May 2024 meeting.

12. Next meeting

Thursday 9 May 2024, 3pm-5pm either online or at the City of Cockburn, Administration Building. 9 Coleville Cres, Spearwood. Doowart – Tuart Tree – Public Gallery Area 2.

Meeting closed at 4:40pm.

Apologies for next meeting: