

MINUTES

Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 9 May 2024, 3-5 pm

Online via Teams

Advisory Committee attendees:

Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA
Catherine	Baudains (Chair)	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Leah	Knapp	LK	Coolbellup Community Association
Jozina	De Ruiter	JD	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beelias Wetlands
Jaki	Richardson	JR	Wetlands Centre

Other attendees:

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

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

Apologies:

Eddie van Etten	Research
Ezgi Perincek	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Heidi Mippy	Traditional owner
Kam Rae	Community

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

CB welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 11 April 2024 were moved and seconded by TB and DC.

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
5.1.1	DBCA North Lake concept plan	EP	Ongoing
5.1.2	Promote citizen science project	All	Reminder

5.1.1 DBCA North Lake concept plan

EP absent so no report given.

5.2 Action items arising from previous meeting

	Action item	Person to action	Status
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.	RR8AC, AP	Carried over
5.2.4	Marquee for Beelias 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

5.2.3 Coordinate stronger social media presence for RR8 Project.

The Facebook page is now live, and the Whatsapp group for sharing photos is active.

5.2.4 Marquee for Beelias Woodland Walks events.

AP sent some designs of the marquee with the logo on the four sides, as well as the panels with community group logos and the Noongar six seasons. Feedback from the RR8AC included making sure that the logos have a transparent background (not white) if they are on coloured sections of the panels. RR8AC members will send their group's logo (with the full name). Everyone had good feedback for the six seasons panel. Once AP has all the logos, he will send it out to the RR8AC for final approval and then get it printed.

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

AP said this has been completed.

6. New action items

7. Correspondence

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

8. Project Manager Update

There have been three events in the past month, all well-attended: Forest Bathing event, RIAWA tour of the corridor, and John Curtin SHS excursion. Fox control is complete, and 14 feral beehives have been removed which is fairly common as an ongoing management task. Unfortunately, there have been some vegetation deaths along the corridor due to the drought. PC said some of the trees in the quenda zone are taped, and AP said it was part of recent dieback mapping and will be removed.

9. Other Business

- Yaakin post pine planning

AP has ordered two mature tuart trees, as he wanted to avoid honkey nuts (from Marri trees) on the pedestrian/bike path. He suggested holding an event to officially unveil the signage and plant the two new trees, possibly in July. Unfortunately, the bench made of the Jarrah from the corridor will not be ready by then, which may have to wait until next financial year if it happens. The RR8AC agreed that an event is a good idea.

- Social media posts, May-June ideas

KR will use AP's PM report to create posts for each month.

- Wayfinding/interpretive signage

AP showed some designs for interpretive signage about flora and fauna along the corridor. He said he wants to remove the RR8 logo and the RR8AC agreed. PC said that long-term groups, such as CCWC and the weeding group in S7 deserve to be mentioned, and AP agreed. It wasn't clear from the design whether there was the same material on both sides of the sign; the RR8AC and AP agreed that it would be unnecessary. The maps are also repeated but in reverse depending on the direction that they are facing; however, the RR8AC pointed out that having the map on both sides isn't necessary for the end points of the corridor. AP said he would look into whether new materials (text and photos) can be added to the signs instead; but noted that there isn't much time to put together new material. CB said it would be helpful to see a map of the signs to understand each one's context within the corridor. The RR8AC will email AP any more feedback about the signs. AP also noted that there will be opportunities to edit them in future as they will need to be re-skinned every five or so years. CB said that signs are best for simple information and can direct people to

the website which could have more detailed information about the community groups, linking to their pages, etc., which would remove the need for the signs to be edited if (as TB noted) community groups change names, disband, or new ones are started. PC and LC said that it is good to promote how the community cares for the corridor on the signage. CB suggested having a general/consistent statement on each sign saying that there is a group caring for the area, and direct readers to more information on the website.

10. Committee member report and information sharing

FB – Bibra Lake has been so dry that foxes have been accessing the lakebed; 96 recent turtle deaths (out of 118 total) were confirmed as fox predation. CB added that although CoC does regular fox control, habitat fragmentation is also a contributor as it prevents the turtles from being able to escape predation. However, it is due to the monitoring of the turtle population by Anthony Santoro that this was brought to the community's attention, which might not have happened in previous years, showing how valuable monitoring is.

LC – CCWC are planting at Blackwood Ave on Saturday. Unfortunately, they do not have all the plants they wanted, but it is a popular part of bushland for locals who drive past. Regular weeding is on the following fortnight (25th May) in S7.

DC – CCWC will be weeding out the veldt grass two week ago. She queried about whether anything needs to be organized for the upcoming Corridor Yarning event (25th May), and AP said it is currently on track and 50 people have registered.

LK – AP has helped CCA get a Cocky-trough for Rinaldo Park on their budget, to be purchased for next year. KCB has been weeding every fortnight and each volunteer ties a scrap of coloured cloth on the fence near the picnic table to show the community's support and engagement.

JR – The Wetlands Centre is hoping to start their nursery, restoration, and education activities again. There is a new general manager who is very enthusiastic and open to new ideas, working with other groups, etc. Currently they have plenty of nursery volunteers, but for volunteering in other activities at the Wetlands Centre people should go to the website and fill out the form. LC suggested that the Wetlands Centre could send their nursery volunteers to train with CCWC about plant identification etc. in the meantime.

PC and JD – \$60 million to expand Wally Hagan Stadium from four courts to 8-12 courts, taking up a large space in the Roe 9 corridor and interrupting the connectivity of the wildlife corridor. The local community (including HHCG) has objected due to disturbances to traffic, parking, and noise.

CB – World Environmental Education Congress is coming to Western Australia for 2024.

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

JD appointed as Chair for 13 June 2024 meeting.

12. Next meeting

Thursday 13 June 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 4:30pm.

Apologies for next meeting: