

MINUTES

Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 12 September 2024, 3-5 pm

Online

Advisory Committee attendees:

Catherine	Baudains	CB	Australian Association for Environmental Education WA
Diana	Corbyn	DC	Wildflower Society
Felicity	Bairstow	FB	Community
Leah	Knapp	LK	Coolbellup Community Association
Kam	Rae (Chair)	KR	Community
Jozina	De Ruiter	JD	Hamilton Hill Community Group
Tim	Barling	TB	Conservation Council WA

Other attendees:

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

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

Apologies:

Phoebe Corke	Save Beelihar Wetlands
Heidi Mippy	Traditional owner
Ezgi Perincek	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)
Eddie Van Etten	Research
Lou Corteen	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

KR welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 8 August 2024 were moved and seconded by CB and LK.

4. Conflict of interest declaration

HM 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
5.1.3	Promote and create new content for the BWW social media pages.	All	Ongoing

5.1.2 Promote citizen science project.

LK inquired how to support citizen science. CB suggested that each month, take turns plugging the link to record what birds can be seen in the corridor. The action item is there as a reminder. (Birdlife's online portal Birddata). 4-5 sites in RR8 corridor that people can survey birds in and upload data. LK suggested using a QR code to promote at upcoming outreach events. CB added that the app is useful and she has been using it for education at school.

5.1.3 Promote and create new content for the BWW social media pages.

KR has been posting weekly, mainly images from AP. KR enquired whether anyone else had suggestions for posts. CB suggested that turtle nesting season is coming up (usually at the end of September), and there could be informational posts about turtles and turtle tracking.

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	AP to add Facebook page link to the RR8/BWW websites and send KR the photos from the PM reports on Whatsapp.	AP	Completed
5.2.4	PC to contact community groups to coordinate arts grants.	PC	Completed
5.2.5	Yaakan event: AP to liaise with PC about the plaque, finalise the date, and send out invitations.	AP, PC	Ongoing

5.2.4 PC to contact community groups to coordinate arts grants.

AP has been told that CoC cannot necessarily fund multiple different art installations for different groups, as the funding was pitched as a single project. AP is hopeful that at least one carved log

artwork could be installed this year. FB enquired whether this also applies to the \$30,000 grants given to community groups. AP said it was only for the arts grants, and the community groups can use part of their \$30,000 grant for the log artwork if they wish, but the logs should ideally be kept in the corridor. AP estimates approximately \$3000-\$7000 in total for the log artwork.

5.2.5 Yaakan event: AP to liaise with PC about the plaque, finalise the date, and send out invitations.

AP has decided to hold the event in October instead, so he has applied to DPLH for an extension to the cultural permission for digging at the site. If the extension is not granted, AP will plant the trees before the end of September and the event will not have the tree-planting element. Potential dates are either the 19th or 26th of October (both Saturdays).

6. New action items

7. Correspondence

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

8. Project Manager Update

Dirt bikers have caused some minor damage to the track and fence in the Karak and Biyara zones.

Trapdoor spider workshop went well with 30 attendees. Hoping to do surveys in October and November, led by Wirambi Landcare and DBCA.

The new BWW gazebo is ready and will make its debut at the Festival of Ngoolarks on September 13th. The BWW website is finished, and the biodiversity section is up.

Woody weeds (Kurrajong trees) in the Tuart zone have been removed. The woody meadow (Turtle Corner) is also very weedy; the crushed brick mulch doesn't appear to keep them out. AP has been hand-weeding and steam-treating weeds. Weed control is still behind schedule due to the rain but AP is hopeful it will be done soon.

9. Other Business

- Planning for Yaakan event

See Section 5.2.5.

- Bench seat plaque wording

AP suggested the following wording for the plaque on the bench seat at the site of the pine

stumps: *“The log used in this seat comes from the ‘King Jarrah’ felled in 2016, prior to clearing for Stage 8 of the Roe Highway. The seat honours the life of this Elder tree. Thanks to Save Beelihar Wetlands member Joyce McKay, whose bequest was used to partly fund the seat. Other funding came from Rehabilitating Roe 8.”*

PC suggested the following amendment: “The log used for this seat comes from the ‘King Jarrah’ felled in 2016, before clearing for Stage 8 of the Roe Highway began. The seat honours the life of this Elder tree. Thanks to Joyce McKay, whose bequest to Save Beelihar Wetlands was used to partly fund the seat. Other funding came from Rehabilitating Roe 8.”

LK suggested consolidating the second half into a shorter sentence due to space limitations, such as: *“We acknowledge the generous support of Joyce McKay and the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project.”*. CB suggested shortening it to: *“Thanks to Joyce McKay, Save Beelihar Wetlands, and Rehabilitating Roe 8.”*

LK queried about the capitalization of *“Elder tree”*, and AP said it was to recognise the tree’s spiritual value and significance.

- Reminder: Friday September 13, BWV stall at Ngoolark event.

CB will run the RR8 stall.

- Jaki has left the Wetlands Centre (and hence the RR8AC).

There is a vacant seat on the committee, as Jaki has left the Wetlands Centre for personal reasons. FB mentioned a potential candidate for the vacant seat and AP said he will email them.

CB clarified that a term on the RR8AC is two years, meaning representatives need to be re-nominated by their respective organisations every two years. It does not mean they are not allowed to be on the RR8AC anymore, as long as their organisation agrees that they continue to be the representative.

10. Committee member report and information sharing

FB – aiming to get improved management strategies for Bibra Lake to minimize future turtle deaths. The Bibra Lake Residents’ Association has been doing a placemaking project with David Enright; focused on the local shopping centre. FB has suggested getting Wetlands Cons Society to get funding to extend the idea of placemaking to slow traffic around Bibra Lake for turtle/wildlife protection. Kit Prendergast (bee expert) is returning to WA, so there will be future opportunities for bee education.

CB – the Catchments, Corridors, and Coasts program was sold out and very successful. It was hosted by Kings Park, and if it is south of river next year CB would like someone from the RR8AC to be one of the speakers. The event aimed to connect different people, projects, and educators

with broad interests in environmental education to share knowledge, connections, audiences, and capacity to do activities, including how to connect with people and expand networks.

DC – S7 has a weed problem. WS will be weeding in S7 on Saturday morning (8-10am, corner of Stock and Forrest Rd) and would appreciate any help. CCWC have been looking after the Blackwood Avenue plantings.

LK – KCB is looking for a grant through CoC's arts funding, for a sculpture in Karaak, incorporating a nearby resident's collection of fence clamps that held up the temporary fence during the clearing. LK enquired whether the RR8AC should be consulted for the project; AP said that as long as the RR8AC is kept informed, there doesn't need to be a formal consultation process. LK added that CCA has also been working with David Enright, and is interested in a King Jarrah log for the Coolbellup shopping centre. AP said that while his preference is that they remain in the bush, it is up to the community groups to decide what they do with their funding. TB and FB suggested contacting councils (including CoC) to get a log that isn't from the corridor, but will otherwise be wood-chipped.

JD – HHCG had their AGM last night and have lots of committee members.

KR, TB – Nothing to report.

11. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

FB appointed as Chair for 10 October 2024 meeting.

12. Next meeting

Thursday 10 October 2024, 3pm-5pm at the City of Cockburn, Administration Building. 9 Coleville Cres, Spearwood. Doowart – Tuart Tree – Public Gallery Area 2.

Meeting closed at 4:00pm.

Apologies for next meeting:

13. Upcoming events

13.1 Events in 2024

	Event	Date	Location	RR8AC involvement
13.1.3	Festival of Ngoolarks	13 September	Murdoch University	CB to run RR8 stall
13.1.4	Yaakan event (bench reveal & tree planting)	19 October	Corner of Hope Rd/Progress Dr	RR8 event
13.1.5	Bush medicine event	2 November	Malvolio Bushland	RR8 event
13.1.6	CCWA Conference	14 November	Wetlands Centre	AP to do Tour of the Dor; PC to run RR8

				stall with CCWC
13.1.7	Cooby Fest	30 November	Coolbellup	Someone to run RR8 stall

13.2 Events in 2025

	Event	Date	Location	RR8 stall
13.2.1	RR8 Conference	TBC (April/May)	TBC	N/A