

MINUTES

Rehabilitating Roe 8 Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 13 March 2025, 3-5 pm

City of Cockburn – 9 Coleville Crescent, Bibra Lake

Advisory Committee attendees:

Phoebe	Corke	PC	Save Beelias Wetlands
Diana	Corbyn (Chair)	DC	Wildflower Society
Kam	Rae	KR	Community
Cristina	Ramalho	CR	UWA
Lou	Corteen	LC	Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
Leah	Knapp	LK	Coolbellup Community Association

Other attendees:

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

Grace Gardner (GG) – Rehabilitating Roe 8, Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Ezgi Perincek	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)
Felicity Bairstow	Community
Catherine Baudains	AAEE

Absent:

Tim Barling - Conservation Council WA

Heidi Mippy - Traditional owner

Jozina De Ruiter - Hamilton Hill Community Group

1. Welcome and Apologies

Meeting started: 3:04pm

2. Observance of Acknowledgement of Country

DC welcomed members to the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

Meeting minutes from 13 February 2025 were moved by LK and seconded by DC.

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	Reminder
5.1.4	Discuss installation of educational plant labels on planting zones	All	Arising from previous meeting

5.1.1

AP advised that there are no new updates regarding the North Lake concept plan.

AP advised on behalf of EP that the powerline between Hope Rd and Bibra Drive has been assessed. As a result of assessment, some of the trees will require pruning to ensure adequate clearance of power lines. The date for pruning has not been set, however Western Power has been given strict conditions to comply with in relation to Dieback and PSHB protocols. Works will be supervised by DBCA and will be undertaken during dry soil conditions.

DC commented that DBCA has been digging up lots of concrete paths.

AP advised that DBCA has significant funding to upgrade paths and parking, so there may be some sections that have been ripped up to undergo improvement works.

5.1.2.

Reminder to the RR8AC to promote projects.

AP advised that The Great Cocky Count coming up. Registrations close March 16.

5.1.3

Reminder to all to promote. Please feel free to send photos and videos direct to KR.

5.1.4

AP advised that this agenda item was included to facilitate discussion around the potential installation of plant labels and decide if the group was in favour of pursuing this idea.

DC queried what specific details should be included on plant labels.

KR advised that names of plants would be useful for community members and commented that this project could establish a community connection and opportunity to work with schools.

DC advised that a similar project was completed at Wireless Hill that was well received.

AP advised that corten signs are already installed in the area. There is potential to put a sticker on some of the signs including a QR code with a simple phrase such as ‘What’s planted here?’ prompting residents to visit the website for more information. This could be a simple approach to achieve this goal.

LC was in agreement with AP’s proposal, and raised concerns that if signs are not permanent installs they might contribute to increased rubbish in the bushland.

5.2 Action items arising from previous meetings

	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 follow up with DBCA to discuss the boot cleaning station signage	AP, EP	Ongoing

5.2.2

AP advised that this action item arose from previous Wetlands Centre representative. AP sought comment from the group as to whether there was interest in pursuing this further.

LC commented that there is no published science that support the theory (in response to concerns raised by Wetlands Centre representative around mulch having a negative impact on plant growth). All agreed that this item could be removed from the agenda and not pursued further.

5.2.3

AP advised this project is still ongoing. AP has requested input from DBCA. The idea is for instruction signage to be installed next to boot cleaning stations.

DC enquired as to whether the Dieback Working Group have an existing sign.

AP confirmed that Dieback Working Group does have an existing sign, however it is not approved by DBCA.

New action items

No new action items.

6. Correspondence

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

7. Project Manager Update

AP provided the Project Manager update for March:

- Track installation commenced, and are nearly half way through. The budget will cover over 1.5km of track.

LK inquired as to the cost and measurements of the track.

AP advised that the width of the track is variable, between 1.8 and 2.5m. Depth is normally about 150mm on average. Approximate cost was provided but is not included here.

AP Project Manager update continued:

- Bat Stalk event went well.
- Clean up Australia Day event also went well. Excellent turn out, and Karak is litter free.
- Hands Healing the Land conference tickets are on sale. Over 40 tickets have already been sold. Bushland News was to promote this event, however missed the cut off date, and sending this issue out has been put on hold due to caretaker mode
- Karak Planting Day – date set for May 18.
- Lots of participants engaged for speed talks for the conference so this session is likely to be filled.
- Planting of macadamias – date has been set for April 12. 10 droppers are in the ground in S7 marked with an 'M' which is roughly where AP envisages planting the trees. Next Monday (March 17) the tank will be installed.

DC made comment that the Macadamia planting is a very exciting project and acknowledged the benefit of AP coming on site and discussing the project with volunteers.

AP Project Manager update continued:

- Two fires recently occurred in the corridor. Water Corp site fire was large, and encroached on a small area of corridor but damage is minimal. DFES responded quickly.

8. Other Business

- AP invited the group to discuss advisory committee attendance. One member has only attended one meeting in the last year or so, and AP requested the committees' thoughts regarding attendance.

The consensus of the group was to speak to the member unable to attend regularly about appointing someone to attend in place of them.

- AP requested an update from PC who was going to approach Sabrina Hahn about the Macadamia planting project.

PC has emailed SH but has not received a response as yet.

AP spoke to a community member from Victoria Park who advised that they have funding to plant 60 Macadamias on private verges. She has SH contact and will mention RR8 event to her.

LK enquired as to whether there needs to be a coordinated evidenced based response to the supplementary feeding of Black Cockatoos.

AP heard Kris Warren was going to do some research into this.

LK confirmed that K W was awarded a grant to conduct work in this area.

CR requested background on the issue regarding Black Cockatoos and resource availability.

AP provided background on the issue.

There is considerable amount of anecdotal evidence that Black Cockatoos are starving, contributing to higher hospital admissions. Kingsley Dixon has commented on drought and fire attributing to lower resource availability. Therefore, there is a push to feed Cockatoos with nut trees (Almond, macadamias and pecans which have dense nutritional value and are favoured by Carnaby's). The issue is complex due to legislation surrounding bird feeding. Wally Kerkhof has been feeding Black Cockatoos for a long time in Moora and

has been told by DBCA to stop or this will result in prosecution. Birdlife's official advice is to plant food plants, not feed wild birds due to issues around contaminated food, and spread of viruses.

PC advised that SH has shared concerns that these plants will take time to reach maturity and produce nuts.

AP advised that in Local Government bird feeding presents as a real concern due to problems with rats, and the ongoing feeding of other bird species. Therefore, is not in favour of promoting feeding wild birds, but acknowledges the concerns of others regarding the waiting period for nut trees to provide food. AP is focused on encouraging people to plant nut trees which have potential to provide food in 2-3 years and are a long-term solution.

LC commented that planting nut trees is also a solution that doesn't come with complications.

LK enquired as to whether macadamias suitable for use as street trees.

AP advised that CoC uses them as a street tree, however they are not suitable to be planted close to the verge. The canopy is not very wide (<6m).

LK advised that Coolbellup Community Association is working on project using Cockburn grant funds to put in 5 IBC planters and have been discussing what species to use. The planters will be installed in a shopping centre carpark. Would Macadamias be a good selection?

AP advised against macadamia trees being chosen for this project due to heat stress on the trees generated from the carpark, and the potential for fallen nuts to be a trip hazard.

9. Committee member report and information sharing

LK: Coolbellup Community Association -

- Coolbellup Community Association applied for Grant Funding through Community Development or Sustainable Grants to install IBC tree planters in carpark at old shopping centre in front of Cooby Cowork to the North.
- Clean Up Australia day event went well.

LK inquired if data was obtained on approximate weight of rubbish collected.

AP advised that no data was collected from the event.

LK confirmed that a quick audit was conducted, and many cigarette butts were found.

- Attendees were very interested in the North side of Malvolio Rd, adjacent to the houses. Could this area be included in Karak's footprint as event participants found lots of rubbish in this area?
 - Looking forward to upcoming Woody Meadow Planting event in May.
 - There was a fire due to someone setting off a flare. Thankfully this incident was addressed very quickly.

PC: Save Beelihar Wetlands -

Nothing to report on SBW.

LC: Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor -

- Attended to watering on Blackwood Ave. Plants are in good health.

LC requested PC provide further update for CCWC.

PC: Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor -

- Working with Sam on the Roe 9 submission
- Commenced project with Curtin University students who are doing sustainable living / commerce. 10 students are working on creating an algorithm to find the optimum balance between public open space and housing.

DC: Wildflower Society –

- Weeding continuing in S7 once a fortnight, targeting perennial veldt grass. AP showed the group how the macadamia project will work. 13 people in attendance.
- Wildflower Society meeting in May - Christine Groom is coming to present on how to make suburbs more suitable for Cockatoos

KR: Community member -

KR asked LK if CCA would like some recommendations for species to plant in the containers for IBC project.

LK confirmed that recommendations are very welcome.

KR enquired as to how the Macadamias will be fed.

AP advised that macadamias will be planted with TerraCottem and soil improver, and slow-release fertilizer will be applied annually to promote productivity.

CR: UWA -

CR requested a guided visit of the corridor, to get a good understanding of the project. CR is interested to attend any upcoming events, or take a walk through the corridor with any members who would be available.

AP would be happy to give CR a tour of the corridor at any time.

- CR teaches Master of Environmental Management. If there are interesting questions that need to be addressed particularly around Urban Forest, CR would be very keen to supervise, and help design the study.

10. Appointment of Chair for next meeting

Leah Knapp

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 10 April 2025, 3-5pm, location TBC, likely online.

12. Upcoming events

13.1 Events in 2025

	Event	Date	Location	RR8AC involvement
13.2.2	RR8 Conference	7 May	Wetlands Centre	Host
13.2.3	Wildflower Society Conference	28/29 June	Wetlands Centre	TBC
13.2.4	KCB Clean Up Australia Day (CUAD) Event	2 March	Karak	Support
13.2.5	Bat Night Stalk	22 February	The Corridor, Hope Rd.	Host
13.2.6	Karak Planting Day	18 May	Karak	Host
	Macadamia planting	12 April	Tuart	Support CCWC

13.2 Events in 2026

	Event	Date	Location	RR8 stall
13.2.2	World Environmental Education Congress	TBC	TBC	TBC

Meeting closed: 3:58pm