

# WCMN Meeting

**7.00 pm, Tuesday 7th July, 2015**  
**Wedderburn Community Centre**

**Present:** Michael Moore, Kate Lee, Freya Matthews, Barry Taylor, Sheilah Gaines Nic van den Bronk, James and Trudy Nelsson.

**Apologies:** Alistair White, Gayle Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, Maureen Moore, Joy Hick, Doug Pocock, Jeroen Van Veen, Freya Matthews.

## 1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be taken as a true and accurate account of the meeting with the amendment that Sheilah Gaines had put in an apology for that meeting but this had not been noted.: moved Barry Taylor, Seconded: Peter Watts – all in favour - resolved

## 2. Business Arising - nil

## 3. Correspondence

- Received from Consumer Affairs –the annual financial statement and notification that this must be completed on line.
- Received from Communities for the Environment that left over funding from the budget can be spent on advancing the outcomes of the project.
- Re-submitted to the Dja Dja Wurrung – request for information concerning cultural heritage day (followed up by Freya Matthews).
- Barry indicated that there had been website notices posted on the WCMN website – Barry followed up.

## 4. Reports

**President** – Michael Moore

Michael gave an update on the progress of the WCMN's projects.

- A trial fence had been constructed at Kate's property and a planting day was planned.
- An application had been submitted for FFG status for the soaks EVC.
- Mt Egbert wheel cactus control on private land – Equipment, chemical and advice available from Park Vic. Michael has compiled a list of contractors that will be made available to landholders.

LPLN news – the LPLN is considering the hire of office space in Inglewood, a grant application will be submitted to Bendigo Bank for partial funding for a suitable four wheel drive vehicle, a four year plan for the use of Anthony Gallacher's time will be submitted to DELWP by LPLN.

Graeme Veal – teacher in charge of the WCMN supported aquaponics project at Wedderburn College will apply for a grant for the project to Bendigo Bank.

**Vice President** – Barrie Taylor

Barrie indicated that the small green house project was progressing well.

**Secretary** – Michael Moore – see above

**Treasurer** – Maureen Moore - apology

The Treasurer submitted a written report. It was moved by Nic van den Bronk and seconded by Michael Moore that this report be accepted – all in favour – resolved.

**Parks Victoria** – Nick van den Bronk

- Nic reported that there was a problem with pigs loose in the Wychitella NCR. These animals constituted a danger to orchids and malleefowl. Measures were being taken to remedy the situation. See also Jeroen Van Veen below.
- Nic indicated that John Ward, Parks Vic ranger, had retired. The staff situation at Parks will mean that Nic will not be able to regularly attend WCMN meetings – he will keep in touch by email and phone.

**Australian Bush Heritage** (and Greenhouse Balanced) - Jeroen van Veen

Jeroen submitted a written report that was read out at the meeting, unfortunately this report has been mislaid. Jeroen did mention the problem of pigs loose in the Nardoo Hills reserve and the actions being taken to solve this problem. The omission of this report in these minutes will be mentioned at the next meeting

**WCMN Observers** - Kate Lee – Kate submitted an article on the Green Army to the Loddon Times

**Wychitella District Landcare Group** - Janet Richardson - apology

**Mt Korong Eco – Watch Group** – Kate Lee

- There will be a search for southern shepherd's purse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August.
- Greenfleet are happy to be involved in understory planting in the Mt Korong area and will use a drone to estimate understory density. MKEW will suggest species. The organisation is also interested in fostering research in the area.
- Kate will apply for a VLG for a small nursery to propagate local indigenous species.
- Ian Penny is making repairs on some of the 10 nest boxes donated to MKEW.

**4. General Business**

- The Mt Korong/Mt Kooyoora walk has been re-routed. Kate is following up with John Rollingson.
- The WCMN meeting time was discussed but no decision taken concerning this matter.
- Kate will take 4/5 of the plants for the Soaks project for the enclosure at her property.
- WCMN AGM will be held 1<sup>st</sup> September – Michael to follow up.
- Possible VLG grant for weeds around Wedderburn – discussion of this possibility led to the conclusion that Barry will assess the availability of local volunteers for such a project. A small scale project could be funded through WCMN present funding depending upon local support.

**5. Other business - nil**

**6. Runaround**

- Nic reported that a person had been charged with illegally taking firewood from the Golden Gully block of the Wychitella NCR.
- Barry mentioned that the Biodiversity across Borders conference was very good.
- Sheilah noted a grey shrike thrush near the gallery.
- Peter Watts commented that there was a lot of bird activity around his home in Inglewood.
- James and Trudy counted five cats while approaching the entrance to the Community Centre. They also noted that there was a fox hunter on Paul Dettmann's property at Mt Korong.

- Kate noted that there were beetle larvae on the pycnantha close to the entrance to her property.

The meeting closed 9.02 pm