

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 7.00 pm 4th August 2015 Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Barrie Taylor, Freya Matthews, Sheilah Gaines, James and Trudy Nelsson, Kate Lee, Michael Moore.

APOLOGIES: Jeroen Van Veen, Joy Hick, Maureen Moore

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING:

Moved by Sheilah Gaines seconded Barry Taylor – all in favour - resolved

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from FTLA notification that annual fees due.

Received from Dja Wurrung notification of site inspection for Soaks Project sites KSP

4. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Michael gave a summary of the latest actions concerning the Soaks and Eucy Harvesting projects. All progressing well. There is a new Project Manager for the Kooyoora Connections project, Britt Gregory. Britt is still coming up to speed with the project.

Treasurer: Maureen Moore

It was moved by Kate Lee and seconded by James Nelsson that the Treasurer's report be accepted – all in favour – resolved.

Vice President: Barrie Taylor

Barrie summarized his ideas concerning involvement of the WCMN in controlling weeds in the Wedderburn area. Barrie discussed the need for certain tools required for such work.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk - apology

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia: Jeroen van Veen

1. The number of pterostylis valida at Nardoo Hills has increased significantly from 40 last year to about 120 this year, so that is very exciting.

2. I still haven't found those pigs, but they haven't threatened any orchid sites the last few weeks, I assume they've moved further into the Skinners Flat block of the NCR.

3. The Green Army has been busy planting 100's of Bulokes on the Cassinia Env. properties along the Boort-Kurting Road NE of Mt Korong. Next week they'll be doing erosion control work at the Sunday Morning Hills block of Cassinia before they will move back to the Nardoo Hills reserve of BHA for weed control.

4. Fox baiting at Nardoo Hills: there have been five takes over the month from 7 stations. That's not that many, but it does contribute a little bit to the WCMN baiting next door.

CMN Observers: Kate Lee

The article concerning the Green Army was published in the Loddon Times.

Malleefowl Report: Peter Watts - Nil

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson - apology

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee

The group will be on the lookout for southern shepherd's purse in the Mt Korong area.

Greenfleet will be using a drone to assess the gaps in the revegetation in the Mt Korong area.

The erosion site close to the soaks area will be mapped and results sent to the Dja Dja Wurrung for comment.

The AGM for the MKEW will be at the next meeting.

The VLG for the nursery at Mt Korong is proceeding, letters of support have been received. Some seed has already been collected and Paul Foreman will be consulted for advice on suitable species for propagation.

There has been a suggestion concerning the making of painted signs for the area, possible student project. Consultation with appropriate authorities required.

5. General Business

- Discussion of the WCMN meeting time – a notice of the time of the meeting will be placed in the Scoop and Scuttlebutt and an email sent to WCMN members. Also put info on the website.
- Community engagement – discussion concerning possible talk to members of various local churches. Kate and Freya to follow up.
- Room at the Wedderburn Community Centre – Michael and Kate to follow up with Robyn Vella and Greg Demios.
- It was decided that a light supper/ snacks will be introduced at the end of WCMN meetings.

6. Run-around

- Sheilah notice babbler activity on her block.
- White plumed honey eater monopolizing Freya garden.
- Barry will be in Wedderburn for a month, he will carry out his bird LPLN transects in this time.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 1st September at the Wedderburn Community House