

WCMN Meeting

1.00 pm, Monday 5th May, 2015
Wedderburn Community Centre

Present: Michael Moore, Doug Pocock, Kate Lee, Freya Matthews, Barry Taylor
Jeroen Van Veen, Sheilah Gaines

Apologies: Alistair White, Gayle Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, Maureen Moore,
Nik Van den Bronk, Joy Hick

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: Kate Lee, Seconded: Michael Moore – all in favour - resolved

2. Business Arising

Michael had followed up concerning the public liability for the Soaks erosion workshop and the donation to the Wedderburn Community Centre for tea/coffee. Freya had followed up concerning the situation with cat cages – see below.

3. Correspondence

Michael had received information concerning the combined Friends of Kooyoora / WCMN Eucy Day event which will be held on the 17th of May.

4. Reports

President – Michael Moore

Michael gave an update on the progress of the Soaks project.

Vice President – Barrie Taylor

Barrie indicated that he was acquiring shade cloth and a watering system for the WCMN seed raising project located at the community garden. Barrie is currently looking for seed trays.

There is not much activity with the website at the moment.

Secretary – Michael Moore – see above

Treasurer – Maureen Moore - apology

The Treasurer submitted a written report. It was moved by Kate Lee and seconded by Jeroen Van Veen that this report be accepted – all in favour – resolved.

Parks Victoria – Nick van den Bronk - apology

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

- The last block of the Ploughshare Block has been sold
- Tree burn project on the go at the moment
- Negotiations still in progress for acquiring some blocks in the area for conservation
- Indigenous burning project is progressing well

WCMN Observers - Kate Lee - nil

Wychitella District Landcare Group - Janet Richardson - apology

Mt Korong Eco – Watch Group – Kate Lee

Kate gave a brief report on the Soaks erosion control working bee which went well with nine people attending the event.

4. General Business

- Michael reported that the CoM of the Wedderburn Community Centre will consider the proposal concerning personalisation of a room by the WCMN at its meeting on the 17th June.
- Cat traps – Freya reported that she had spoken with a council representative who assured her that the traps were not being used to trap possums. The council will be looking to increase their number of traps. Freya will gather relevant information in order to compose a letter to the Federal Government which will reflect the views of the WCMN concerning the control of cats. A draft of this letter will be circulated to members prior to submission to authorities.
- Community engagement activities –
 - Freya will follow up with a one day cultural heritage event with the Dja Dja Wurrung.
 - Jeroen will proceed with a firewood collection information evening for the 5th June.
 - The combined WCMN /Friends of Kooyoora Eucy Day will go ahead on the 17th May.
 - The WCMN / LPLN bus trip in conjunction with the Naturally Loddon Festival will be on the 13th September.
 - Kate will organise a working group (including John Rollington) to consider possibilities for a Mt Korong/ Mt Kooyoora / Mt Egbert event.

5. Other business

- Jeroen reported on the successful launch of the LPLN wheel cactus project which was launched by the Mayor – Gavin Holt. Many participants for diverse areas attended.
- Michael will email Alison Jeavons to arrange a meeting with the WCMN concerning the FOP.

6. Runaround

- Doug Pocock reported that the endangered species within his exclusion plot were doing well. He will try cross fertilisation between different velvet daisy bushes. Sugar gliders are showing some interest in his nest boxes. Doug has purchased another 100ac of land bringing his block to around 1000ac. Doug has observed a spotted nightjar, a white fronted honeyeater and some bronze-winged pigeons.
- Kate showed a series of logos that she has been working on with respect to possible rebranding of the WCMN. Kate will go on to produce some colour variations within these logos.
- A plant on the nature strip at Barrie's place needs identification.
- Korong ridge quandong/mistletoe – leaves of the mistletoe very similar to the quandong, Kate suggested that this might be harlequin mistletoe.
- Kate has some ruby saltbush which is attracting singing honeyeaters/spiny cheeked honeyeaters and chuffs.
- Freya reported that the eagles were doing well on her property and she had spotted a tawny frogmouth.

The meeting closed 9.25 pm

