

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 7.00 pm 2nd August 2016 Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Kate Lee, Barrie Taylor, James Nelsson, Trudy Nelsson, Jeroen van Veen. Peter Watts, Ian Frazer.

APOLOGIES: Joy Hick, Maureen Moore, Janet Richardson, Nic van den Bronk, Freya Matthews, Doug Pocock.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING: It was moved by Kate Lee and seconded by James Nelsson that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record of the proceeding at that meeting – all in favour - resolved

BUSINESS ARISING: Michael mentioned that the annual fee to FTLA had been paid as the WCMN had current projects requiring insurance for volunteers. Future amendments to the members list for FTLA will be considered later.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from Ann Hughes – notification of a field day concerning a grey grass tree project
- Received from DELWP Scientific Advisory Committee – notification that the committee would consider the FFG status for the ephemeral soaks at the September meeting

3. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Michael reported that he had had further talks concerning the malleefowl threatened species project with; James Nelsson, Nic van den Bronk, VMRG, Annette Robertson and Lindsay Ezard all progressing well. The Green Army has been involved in line searching and seed collection training.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was circulated to those present. James Nelsson moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded Kate Lee, all in favour – resolved.

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – Nil

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk - apology

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia Environmental: Jeroen van Veen – Jeroen made the following comments:

- The last round of direct seeding will be completed on Nardoo 5 and Doug Pocock's block in August.
- Cultural assessment of Nardoo 5 and the Barnet bock has resulted in nil results for both areas.
- A full day's work on spiny rush weeds has produced good results
- Bush heritage has received requests from Flight Centre and La Trobe University to visit/ volunteer for work on the Nardoo Hills Reserve.
- Rabbit work has been carried out on the Korong ridge to protect robust green hood and yellow lipped spider orchids.
- Trust for Nature is in negotiations with respect to the purchase of two local properties using their revolving fund.
- Cassinia Enviromental – finishing off some revegetation that was a bit thin.
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Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson - apology

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee / James Nelsson

- Kate reported on the plant propagation workshop with Frances Cincotta
- Kate contacted the Shire Council and the Mt Korong LC group concerning gazanias – no reply. Kate and Trudy have carried out the removal of some gazania plants close to Mt Korong.
- David Stewart commented on possible environmental damage caused by the laying of the proposed new pipeline. Jeroen mentioned that the pipeline would be laid on private land. Does the company have appropriate environmental consideration associated with this work? - Kate to follow up.
- Progress on the greenhouse - waiting for benches to be made.
- Possible use of the Green Army to assist with the greenhouse – variety of work for the team.
- Re-wilding project – most grasses eaten off but most plants looking good. Five hundred yam daisy plants still to be planted.
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LPLN facilitator report:

- The Green Army have recovered the area done last year at Mt Buchrabanyule.
- The Kamarooka project is looking good – increasing connectivity in the wetlands – a fair bit of work done previously by landholders involved.

4 General Business

Projects – It was proposed that the WCMN look at the setting up of a nest box project. Michael, James, Trudy and Kate expressed interest.

Community Engagement

- Continued interaction with the Dja Wurrung – the suggestion was made that we consider following up on the Dja Dja Wurrung *camp*s idea. James and Trudy to talk with Trent Nelson and Rebecca Phillips. A suggestion was made that we consider the use of local radio in promoting our events.
- Jeroen suggested that the WCMN sponsor a teacher from the college to attend the Box Ironbark Ecology Course. Following discussion of this idea it was considered that operational funding for the WCMN took precedence.

5. Notices - NIL

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 6th September at the Wedderburn Community Centre