

# WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

## Minutes of Meeting



**MEETING DETAILS:** 1 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

Held at Wedderburn Community House

**PRESENT:** Michael Moore, Sheila Gaines Barrie Taylor, Kate Lee, Jeroen van Veen, Anthony Gallacher, Peter Watts, Jamie Bushnell, Laura Van Der Wetering

**APOLOGIES:** Janet Richardson, Jill McFarlane, Joy Hick, Maureen Moore, Annette Robertson, Lynton Schriever, Freya Matthews, Nic van den Bronk.

### 1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING:

Moved Shielah Gaines, Seconded Barrie Taylor

Amendment – the word psylids spelt wrong in the minutes

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice from Wendy Murphy that her 50m measuring tape was missing – let her know if found.
- Notice received that malleefowl habitat project was nearing completion
- Progress report sent to CFOC for the Eucy harvesting site project

### 4. REPORTS:

**President & Secretary:** Michael Moore

- *Eucalyptus harvesting site project* – equipment necessary for the monitoring process has been purchased. TAFE students will be involved in the monitoring process and Duke of Edinburgh students will observe the work.
- *Malleefowl line searches training* – discussions have taken place concerning the timing of the training session. Three GPS units have been purchased.

**Vice President:** Barrie Taylor

Barrie and Joy attended two seminars:

- Kara Kara butterfly seminar given by Julie Whitfield – Julie would like more people to be involved in the work she is doing – Barrie has contact details
- Wetland bus tour

**Treasurer:** Maureen Moore apology for this meeting

There was no financial report this month as the bank statement had not arrived in time to make a report. Michael informed the meeting of the latest purchases made against the WCMN account.

**Parks Victoria:** - Nic van den Bronk - apology

**Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia:** Jeroen van Veen

Jeroen reported that the TAFE students would be coming up to the Wedderburn area for their annual camp. He would give the usual induction, half of the kangaroo monitoring lines would be checked (northern set). Peter Morison would be involved in leading half of the students in the kangaroo monitoring. As mentioned above they would be involved in the eucy harvesting site project. Camping and toilets would be arranged.

**CMN Observers:**

Kate Lee will talk with Karly Learmonth concerning using Karly's DEPI number as a contact number for readers of her Loddon Times articles. This number would appear in the articles and could be used for reporting sightings of endangered species etc.

**Malleefowl Report:** Peter Watts – no report

**Wychitella District Landcare Group:** Janet Richardson – apology for this meeting

**Mt Korong Eco Watch:** Kate Lee

The Mt Korong Eco – Watch group

At the last meeting members discussed observations of fauna and flora made on their blocks of land such as the massing of rainbow bees in the Mt Korong area. They also discussed the possibility of having a workshop on bird calls. Freya Matthews will talk about the effects of the recent heat waves on the revegetation done on her property at the next WCMN meeting.

**5. General Business**

- **Anthony Gallacher** – Anthony talked about progress made in the following areas:  
*Wheel cactus control* – wheel cactus at Mt Buchrabanyule have been infected by the cochineal beetle.  
*Nest boxes* - students from Wedderburn College are engaged in the making of nest boxes. These nest boxes will be put up at sites within the Wedderburn area.  
*Bird monitoring sights* – fifty bird monitoring sights have been set up, under the guidance of Chris Tzaros, throughout the Loddon Plains Landcare area. Ten of these sights have been set up within the Kooyoora Connections area. A bird monitoring workshop will be held towards the end of March.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award** – two students from Wedderburn College involved in this award scheme attended the meeting. Discussions were held as to possible avenues of participation open to the students with respect to involvement in WCMN activities. As a result of these discussions it was agreed that the following mentoring arrangements be put into place:  
Kate should mentor Jamie, Michael mentor Laura, Anthony mentor the three students involved in nest box construction and Marg mentor the students involved in the college revegetation project.
- **The Resource Smart program** – Ellen White gave a summary of the principles of the Resource Smart program which operates in around four hundred schools in Victoria. The main aim of the program is the education of students in four areas; energy, waste management, water and biodiversity. The WCMN will be involved mainly in assisting the school achieve its goals for the program in the area of biodiversity.

**Meeting closed at 3.30pm**

Next meeting: 1.00pm Monday **7<sup>th</sup> April 2014** at the Wedderburn Community Centre