

# WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

## Minutes of Meeting



**MEETING DETAILS:** 1 pm 7th July 2014

Wedderburn Community House

**PRESENT:** Michael Moore, Sheila Gaines, Barrie Taylor, Joy Hick, Jeroen van Veen, Kate Lee, Freya Matthews, members of the Wedderburn Photographic Group (WPG) as guests.

**APOLOGIES:** Maureen Moore, Nic van den Bronk, Marilyn Smit, Peter Watts, Jill McFarlane, Janet Richardson, Annette Robertson, Lynton Schriever.

### 1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING:

Moved Sheila Gaines, Seconded Barrie Taylor – all in favour provided the amendment that Nick Layne's name was spelt incorrectly be noted.

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from Consumer Affairs – financial statement pertaining to the last financial year.
- Received from FTLA – notice that the WCMN annual fees were due.
- Received from – Alison Pouliot – a quote for a two day workshop.

### 4. REPORTS:

**President & Secretary:** Michael Moore

**Eucy harvesting site project** – the quote for work on the Eucy Harvesting site project submitted by Conservation Volunteers Australia has been accepted.

**Malleefowl habitat project** – this project has now been completed and the final report sent to DEPI.

**WCMN Interaction with Wedderburn College** – Duke of Edinburgh students Jamie and Laura have finished with their WCMN reporting project. Two new students will be beginning their interaction with the WCMN.

**Loddon Plains Landcare Network** – I have received a letter from Loddon Shire Council on behalf of the LPLN which indicates that the Council is willing to participate in a committee which will be set up to ensure a concerted effort on behalf of several organisations to control weeds.

**Kooyoora Connections project** – the WCMN community engagement activities and budget for these is being finalized with Nick Layne.

**FRRR equipment Grant to the WCMN** – Funds from this grant have now been used up with the purchase of a set of two way radios and a first aid kit for the WCMN.

**Vice President:** Barrie Taylor – the website is now receiving around 500 visits per month. Michael will forward to Barrie relevant information received from other organisations.

**Treasurer:** It was moved by Kate Lee and seconded by Jeroen Van Veen that the financial report to members for the June meeting be accepted – all in favour – resolved.

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

**Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia:** Jeroen van Veen – Jeroen made several comments

- Bush Heritage is very pleased with the response of local people concerning volunteering to help out at the Nardoo Hills reserve

- Jeroen has constructed a firebreak along the western boundary of the Nardoo Hills reserve that will help to prevent wildfire from spreading into the reserve and parts of the Wychitella NCR.
- A joint priorities operations plan between Bush Heritage and Trust for Nature is presently being formulated.
- Jeroen sighted a southern scrub robin on his block.
- Jeroen commented that it appeared, from information gained from his trip to Germany, that the carbon market is flat at the moment but brokers expect a rise in the future.

**CMN Observers:** Kate Lee – see comments below

**Malleefowl Report:** Peter Watts – apology

**Wychitella District Landcare Group:** Janet Richardson – apology

**Mt Korong Eco Watch:** Kate Lee - - Kate commented that the MKEW group were arranging a talk on gnannes (rock pools) which would be given by Prof. Brian Timms. Freya mentioned that she was having trouble with cats on her property. She sought advice from both Jeroen and Annette on trapping methods. Freya also commented on the need for control of African Love grass in the Mt Korong area.

**5. General Business** – general business was taken up with discussions between members of the WCMN and members of the Wedderburn photographic group concerning possible areas of mutual interest.

Following on from discussion it was decided that:

- Michael should investigate the possibility of having a two day photographic workshop with Alison Pouliot.
- A workshop would be held at Rob Scholes on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July with WCMN and WPG members attending.

**6. Notices**

- The Paul Dettmann event will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- The Loddon Plains Landcare Network social event will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- The Friends of Kooyoora photographic day will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**Meeting closed at 3. 15 pm**

Next meeting: 1.00pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at the Wedderburn Community Centre