

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 7.00 pm 4th October 2016 Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Barrie Taylor, Joy Hick, James Nelsson, Jeroen van Veen, Matthew Applebay (Bush Heritage).

APOLOGIES: Maureen Moore, Janet Richardson, Sheilah Gaines, Kate Lee, Nic van den Bronk, Freya Matthews, Doug Pocock. Trudy Nelsson.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING: It was moved by James Nelsson and seconded by Jeroen Van Veen that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record of that meeting. Amendment noted – concerning the monitoring of the effects of fire on the sites previously set up the minutes should read “effects of fire not observed”.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from website – invitation to the CVBA AGM on the 19th Oct at Castlemaine
- Received from Lindsay Ezard – invoice for seeds for the malleefowl threatened species project.
- Received from DELWP, SAC – the nomination for the soaks areas is proceeding. A change of name for the nomination suggested – Intermittent soaks of the north western goldfields. This was approved by the President.

3. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Michael reported that all progressing well with the Green Army on the malleefowl threatened species project. Twenty line searches had been carried out in one section of the Wedderburn block with infestations of bridal creeper reported to Parks Vic. One mound, not noted on the national data base, has been discovered and GPS position noted. Seed collection course has begun with species ID carried out.

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

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – the website is receiving some junk mail, Barrie to complain to the provider. There are not many postings on the site, members encouraged to post more items. Barrie mentioned that the FTLA has space on its new site for groups, Barrie to follow up.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk - apology

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia Environmental: Jeroen van Veen

- Control of weeds going well with progress on horehound, wheel cactus and bridal creeper.
- The direct seeding lines on Nardoo 5 are at present under water
- An extra guided tour was given at Nardoo Hills Reserve as there was a great attendance for the original tour.
- The body of a sugar glider was found on the block of land previously owned by Jude and Ric Raftis.

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson – apology

Trudy Nelsson – GM pipeline project – progress unknown at present

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee / James Nelsson

- Greenhouse project going well, hope to get cover on the structure with the help of the Green Army.
- Feral animal control grant documentation sent to DELWP. It has been decided that half of the administration funds for this grant will be donated to the WCMN.
- Cameras on traps discussed – cat traps must be monitored.
- James Booth has bought a block on the Mt Korong Conservation Estate
- Planting of yam daisies on hold, too wet.
- Ian Frazer plantings doing well
- 95% survival of rewilding plants

LPLN Facilitator – James Nelsson

- Planting days postponed at the Calivil Creek project, fences to go up and direct seeding to be done
- Inglewood planting on hold
- Naturally Loddon Festival event at Kamarooka postponed
- LPLN AGM on the 16th Oct at Powlett plains hall

4 General Business

Projects – see report above

- Barrie's small Nursery project – it was suggested that Barrie involve himself in the propagation of yam daisy plants which in turn could be sold/given to members of the community to increase the population of these plants in our area of concern. Moved by Jeroen Van Veen that WCMN buys some yam daisy seed for the project, seconded by Joy Hicks – all in favour- resolved. Barrie to follow up
- **Community Engagement**
James mentioned that he had talked to Trent Nelsson concerning the Dja Wurrung camp activity discussed at a previous WCMN meeting as a community event. Trent seemed keen on the idea and some suggestions were made for expanding on the previous men and women camps held. Michael has mentioned this event to members of the Friends of Kooyoora and they are keen to be involved also. Rob Scholes has volunteered to be a member of the steering group organising this event.
- Jeroen mentioned his idea for firestick burning would be better separate from the event above – Jeroen following up on this.
- Doug Pocock reported that the malleefowl mound on his property was active.
- **The WCMN AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st November, 7.00 pm at the Wedderburn Community Centre.**
- Terri Williams and her TAFE students are camping at Doug Pocock's block presently and will move to the Korong Ridge later to do some more work.

5. Notices – Note the AGM mentioned above

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 1st November at the Wedderburn Community Centre