

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 7.00 pm 5th July 2016 Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Kate Lee, Barrie Taylor, James Nelsson, Nic van den Bronk, Freya Matthews, Doug Pocock.

APOLOGIES: Joy Hick, Maureen Moore, Janet Richardson, Trudy Nelsson, Jeroen van Veen, Sheilah Gaines.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING: no meeting in June

BUSINESS ARISING: NA

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from FTLA – renewal of membership forms
- Various communications from VMRG concerning malleefowl threatened species project including coordinates of malleefowl mounds
- Received from DELWP – extension to the malleefowl project

3. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Michael reported that he had had further talks concerning the malleefowl threatened species project with; James Nelsson (Green Army), Nic van den Bronk, Karly Learmonth, VMRG and Annette Robertson and Lindsay Ezard All progressing well with the Green Army due to start work on the 20th July. An extension of time for this project until the 20th Jan 2017 has been obtained.

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

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – Barrie commented that his drone will soon be operational and could possibly be used in projects.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk

- Fox baiting was completed at the end of May and has been successful judging from baits taken. The funding through the Kooyoora Connections project for this program should continue into 2017.
- Orchid plantings from 2015 have re-emerged this year 87% success recorded. 110 orchids planted this year.
- Wheel cactus noted on Mt Korong Nic will conduct an induction for a working bee to clean up this infestation.
- Mention was made of graffiti on rocks in Parks land – police involved.
- Doug was concerned about a controlled burn near his property, Nic will talk with Suzie Deason concerning this matter.

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia Environmental: Jeroen van Veen – apology.

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson - apology

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee / James Nelsson

- MKEW have lodged objections to certain aspects of the mining lease obtained by Ironbark mining. The Mt Korong covenanted properties will be excised from the planned area.
- There have been articles in the Loddon Times concerning the Listening to the Mount event and the Climate Change forum run recently in Bendigo.

- Discussions concerning the proposed erection of a high, kangaroo proof, fence on part of the border of the MT Korong Conservation Estate are progressing. There will be no financial contribution to such a fence but good neighbour actions will be undertaken.
- Progress on the MKEW page on the WCMN website has been made.

4 General Business

Projects – see Michael’s report above on the malleefowl project

- James reported that all was going according to plan with the re - wilding project; 900 plants, mainly yam daisies still to be planted, Kate gave seeds to students and teachers to germinate and care for, the seedlings will then be returned to Mt Korong for planting. The second planting with the students and teachers went really well. Aquinas College will be seeking further local interaction.
- Nursery project - a date will be set for the propagation workshop with Francis Cincotta. The frame of the nursery has been erected and stones laid for a floor.

Community Engagement

Discussion of possibilities for community activities for 2016 -17 produced the following suggestions

- Continued interaction with the Dja Dja Wurrung
- National tree planting day
- Another walk
- Bike ride
- Bus trip Music in the bush – further discussion and suggestions at the next meeting.

Doug Pocock reported that the active malleefowl mound on his property was late in becoming active this year. Doug’s bird sightings have included; various honey eater species, a Gilbert Whistler and hooded robins. The velvet daisy bush plants in Doug’s enclosure are looking good.

5. Notices - NIL

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 2nd August at the Wedderburn Community Centre