

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



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

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Kate Lee, Barrie Taylor, James and Trudy Nelsson, Nic van den Bronk, Jeroen van Veen, Freya Matthews, Janet Richardson.

APOLOGIES: Joy Hick, Maureen Moore, Peter Watts.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Moved – Kate Lee, Seconded – Barrie Taylor, all in favour - resolved

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from DELWP notice of various workshops including Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2036
- Received from Landcare Facilitator - resignation

3. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Michael reported that he had had further talks concerning the malleefowl threatened species project with; Nic van den Bronk, Jeroen van Veen, Lindsey Ezard, Karly Learmonth, VMRG and Annette Robertson.

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

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – Barrie commented that he had received posts for the website from various WCMN members. He also noted that the Kara Kara website was up and running.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk – Nic reported that the fox baiting programme in the malleefowl areas of the Wychitella NCR was going well. Note had been taken of the appearance of bridal creeper especially on the roadsides. Anyone noting infestations of the weed on public land should report this to Nic.

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia Environmental: Jeroen van Veen

Jeroen mentioned following

- Yellow box and gum trees even in gullies were suffering stress due to drought.
- A lot more saltbush coming up at the moment. This could be documented on the website – observations to be sent to Barrie.
- The TFN / BHA Priority plan will be finished soon. Jeroen and Kirsten to advocate this to relevant parties.
- Plans are coming to fruition with respect to Indigenous burning. A small scale project will be attempted at Nardoo Hills in September. This will involve the Dja Dja Wurrung (JJW).

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson

Janet brought to the attention of the meeting the fact that scientists in WA had been using insects (*Dactylopius tomentosus*) as a biological control with coral cacti. Janet also mentioned that her group were submitting objections to the building of a chicken broiler plant on the sides of Mt Buckrabanyule. Discussions of how the WCMN could help resulted in the suggestion that if a petition could be gotten up then the WCMN would support this in all ways possible. Michael will bring up the issue at the next LPLN meeting. .

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee / James Nelsson

- Augers have been obtained (with extra bits) for planting. Educational material has been received from DELWP and NCCMA for use on the project. Personnel from these agencies will attend plantings. Karly Learmonth will supply seeds for experimentation. JJW will be involved regarding work with spiny riceflower.
- Quandong seedlings coming up – six inch pots required.
- Kate will pick up the hothouse kit and James/Trudy will help with foundations.

4 General Business

- Jeroen reported on progress with the Kooyoora Connections project - all going well.

Freya reported that the JJW community engagement day on the 29th May is on track. A cap of 30 people will be set for the event. Freya will involve Kate, Kirsten and Britt.

5. Notices - NIL

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 3rd May at the Wedderburn Community Centre