

WCMN Meeting

7.00 pm, Tuesday 7th April, 2015
Wedderburn Community Centre

Agenda

Present: Michael Moore, Nik van den Bronk, Freya Matthews, Kate Lee, Sheilah Gaines, Donald Sutherland, Gayle Sutherland, Alistair White, Joe? Jeroen van Veen (Chair of meeting) Janet Richardson.

Apologies: Barry Taylor, Joy Hick, Maureen Moore

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Kate Lee seconded Nick van den Bronk – all in favour - resolved

2. Business Arising

Michael is no longer able to follow up on the cat trap situation due to a conflict of interest, Freya will now follow up on this issue.

3. Correspondence

- New templates received from the Department of the Environment for the final report on the Eucy harvesting project.

- Jeroen has had correspondence concerning the Fire Operation Plan. The planners are considering modifications for the FOP in the Wedderburn area – this will be followed up later.

4. Reports

President – Michael Moore

- Green Army, Michael indicated that the Green Army team will be involved in environmental projects in the WCMN area of interest.
- Eucy harvesting project, Michael has requested that \$5000 of excess funding be retained by the WCMN for contract labour and the purchase of more native grass seed.
- Michael has been having difficulty finding time to do the newsletters – will try to get one out soon.
- Soaks project, Paul Foreman has been working on this and an invoice has been received. Fencing and planting still to be done.
- Bank accounts, Michael still to get around to setting up the new accounts.

Vice President – Barrie Taylor - apology

Secretary – Michael Moore – see above

Treasurer – Maureen Moore – apology

A written report submitted. Michael brought it to the committee's notice that the \$2200 budgeted to him for coordination of the Eucy harvesting project had been paid into his account then transferred back to the WCMN account. Maureen has noted that for the second year running cheques presented to children at the FoK Wildflower Show have not been presented. Future prizes will be given in the form of cash. It was moved by Kate Lee that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Janet Richardson – all in favour – resolved.

Parks Victoria – Nick van den Bronk

Nic is now the Team leader at the Parks Vic Inglewood depot. Fox baiting programmes including the malleefowl areas going till May. Nic has been involved with a problem concerning goats at Mt Buckrabanyule.

Australian Bush Heritage (and Greenhouse Balanced) - Jeroen van Veen

Jeroen informed the committee that there were negotiations taking place concerning the possible purchase of two blocks within the WCMN area of interest. If these negotiations are successful this will lead to significantly favourable environmental outcomes.

WCMN Observers - Kate Lee

Kate continuing to work on possible new logo. Observations: Rainbow Bee Eaters, departing, Wallaby with white eyes. Freya caught a cat! Gayle noted a wedge tail eagle being attacked by a group of magpies. It was noted that there is an infestation of wheel cactus at Wells road.

Wychitella District Landcare Group - Janet Richardson

Launch day for Wheel Cactus 19th April, Michael will send email with details.

Mt Korong Eco – Watch Group – Kate Lee

Soaks working bee on erosion control Sunday 3rd May. The group has done some wheel cactus control, cactus covered with black plastic and left to compost between rocks. A walk from Mt Korong to Mt Kooyoora has been suggested as a community engagement event.

5. General Business

- Michael to follow up concerning public liability for the Soaks erosion control working bee.
- A sub – committee meeting for the Soaks project will be held on 15th April, 4.30 pm at Wedderburn Community Centre.
- Kate to look for free computer program for converting the WCMN brochure to a word document.
- It was decided that Kate would write a submission to the CoM of the Wedderburn Community Centre(WCC) concerning the personalization of a room in the centre by the WCMN.
- The WCMN will donate \$50 to the WCC for the group's consumption of tea and coffee at meetings. Moved Michael, seconded by Sheilah – all in favour – resolved.
- The heading Run-around will be added to the agenda for future meetings.
- Conservation across Borders conference – it was moved by Jeroen and seconded by Nic that the WCMN hire a bus for this event. Michael will send out details by email.
- Community engagement events
 - i. Naturally Loddon Festival – WCMN will run a bus trip for this event, fund prizes for the junior photography competition at the FoK wildflower show and have a static display at the show.
 - ii. Dja Dja Wurrung cultural heritage day – Freya will follow up on this. Nic will email details of tour guide to Freya.
 - iii. Firewood day – Jeroen to follow up on this.
 - iv. Walk from Mt Korong to Mt Kooyoora – see above – Kate and Freya following up.

6. Other business - nil

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

The next meeting will be 7.00 pm, 5th May at the Wedderburn Community Centre

