

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 1 pm 2nd June 2014

Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Sheila Gaines, Barrie Taylor, Peter Watts, Jill McFarlane, Janet Richardson, Annette Robertson

APOLOGIES: Joy Hick, Jeroen van Veen, Maureen Moore, Kate Lee, Freya Matthews, Nic van den Bronk, Marilyn Smit.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING:

Moved Peter watts, Seconded Sheila Gaines – all in favour. - Resolved

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from various contractors quotes for work on the Eucy harvesting site project.
- Received from the Loddon Shire Council notification of web page available to the WCMN on the Loddon Shire website.

4. REPORTS:

President & Secretary: Michael Moore

Eucy harvesting site project – several quotes for work on the Eucy Harvesting site project have been received which will be considered by the steering committee for the project.

Malleefowl habitat project – this project has now been completed with final seeding around the selected malleefowl mounds. Photopoint monitoring of the mounds has begun. I will be writing the final report required.

WCMN Interaction with Wedderburn College – Kate Lee and I have continued helping Duke of Edinburgh Award students Jamie and Laura with their WCMN reporting project.

Loddon Plains Landcare Network – the third community engagement activity *Why bother about biodiversity on farms* will be held at the Wedderburn motel on Sunday 8th June.

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 Jill MacFarlane and seconded by Annette that the financial report to members for the May meeting be accepted – all in favour – resolved.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk - apology

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia: Jeroen van Veen - apology

CMN Observers: Kate Lee – apology – Kate submitted an article to the Loddon Times.

Malleefowl Report: Peter Watts – Peter reported that sightings of a malleefowl had been made on the Wychitella road – possibly a female. Peter considers that the bird may have been attracted out from the bush by seed dropped from vehicles.

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson – no comments for this meeting

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Barrie Taylor

A speaker from Green Fleet gave a talk to members of the MKEW group concerning the revegetation organized by Paul Dettman in the Mt Korong area. Green Fleet periodically audit this revegetation.

5. General Business

- Transport for projects – Michael indicated that the WCMN now finds itself in a position where transport of volunteers into the bush by four wheel drive vehicles is a problem. We cannot count on DEPI and Parks Vic vehicles for such transport. Various suggestions were made concerning solutions to this problem.
- Community engagement at the new block purchased by Paul Dettman – a date for this event was given as the last week in July. It was commented that weather should be considered in this context.
- Newsletter – it was decided that a notice should again be placed in the newsletter that members can access the newsletter on the website. Members will be encouraged to receive the newsletter by email.
- Barrie will follow up with Andrew Skeogh concerning his talk on bird calls/song.
- Naturally Loddon Festival – Michael indicated that he had been approached by Rob Scholes concerning combining the WCMN contribution to the festival with the Friends of Kooyoora wildflower show. Members agreed to such an arrangement. Michael will be meeting with Rick Layne concerning funding for the WCMN community engagement activities. He will then follow up with Rob Scholes.
- Equipment – it was decided after discussion that the WCMN equipment would be centralized with Michael. Michael will enquire about insurance for such equipment.
- Friends of Kooyoora announcements – Annette mentioned that Julie Whitfield will be talking about Butterflies at the next FoK meeting. Congratulations to Marg May for receiving a Kookaburra Award for her great work from Parks Vic.

Meeting closed at 2.30pm

Next meeting: 1.00pm Monday 7th July 2014 at the Wedderburn Community Centre