

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 1 pm 2 December 2013

Held at Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Nic van den Bronk, Sheila Gaines, Jane Crowley, Anthony Gallacher, Annette Robertson, Lynton Schriever, Barrie Taylor, Kate Lee, Freya Matthews,

APOLOGIES: Peter Watts, Janet Richardson, Jeroen van Veen, Jill McFarlane, Joy Hick, Maureen Moore

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING: Monday 7 October 2013 – taken as resolved

Moved Lynton Schriever, Seconded Barrie Taylor

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Invoices from seeding Victoria and Paul Foreman
- Note from Wendy who has opted out from Kooyoora Connections

4. REPORTS:

Chair & Secretary: Michael Moore

- LPLN Monthly meeting – the committee of management of the LPLN will be inviting two observers per month from different member groups in turn to attend the monthly meetings held at Serpentine.

Vice President: Barrie Taylor

- Tripod purchased for use by members – Library
- Attended Greening Australia grassland day – Funded by Alcoa, scalping method to remove nutrients. information pack and brochures available
- Attended Grass ID course with Grahame Lorimer

Treasurer: Maureen Moore apology for this meeting

Closing balance on account is around \$53,000. Deduct monies allocated for grants leaves a balance of around \$3000 to cover operations of WCMN. Consider investing grant monies in short term investments until required.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk

- Newsletter for stakeholders will be distributed district wide. Likely to be quarterly

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia: Jeroen van Veen - apology for this meeting.

CMN Observers: Annette Robertson Completed VMRG monitoring of all mounds in area. One active mound, feathers and scrapings found on mound at Wattle Track.

Goannas and shingle backs reported by Sheilah, Kate and Lynton and Annette

Malleefowl Report: Peter Watts – apology for this meeting

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson – apology for this meeting

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate – Next meeting on 15 December

Loddon Plains Landcare Network: Anthony Gallacher – workshops to be conducted mid-March need topics of interest that would be well supported by local people. Suggestions for topics welcomed. RE Ross trust has funding available for protection of flora and fauna. Hard hills reserve, nest boxes to go up. Member groups encouraged to have reps attend committee meetings.

5. General Business

- **Malleefowl line searches project progress:** Seed has been distributed around mounds. More seed ordered for future work in autumn. Training days for volunteers to use GPS – more line searches. Variation to grant to be submitted.
- **Eucy harvesting site project progress:** Paul Foreman has submitted preliminary report – recommended trial restoration sites. 17 December meeting to review and plan future actions.
- **Kooyoora connections project progress:** 5 year project. Framework priorities and transparency discussed at last meeting. Points raised for feeding back to steering committee. Explanation of how it is going to work and how landholders will be eligible. Fox baiting will be paid through this project.
- **Volunteer's grant and equipment list:** Camera and GPS units still to be purchased. Training day to demonstrate equipment to be arranged. Equipment list to be on Webpage. Barrie to send emails to list, and identify location of current equipment
- **Possible interactions with Wedderburn College:** Meeting at college early December with WCMN and LPLN to plan future. Send suggestions to Michael to be taken to school.
- **Naturally Loddon Festival event 2014:** Neutral feeling expressed about WCMN involvement. Needs to be low cost and simple event. Annette will attend meeting.
- **Website update:** Subscription can be paid on line, but only by signed up members. You may not be aware of what you are missing if you have not joined! Members can contribute news and information there is also a page "ID Requests" to get plants identified. Members able to contribute photos and comments.
- **Brochure:** Need new template updated. Jane will work on this.
- **Newsletters:** Printing costs will not be covered by Landcare grant, Kooyoora Connections will make up the difference. About 220 people receive the newsletter. Articles are needed for the December Newsletter
- **Summary of planning day:** To be discussed in more detail at next meeting.
- **Other Business:** Discussion about breeding curlews in predator proof enclosure. Michael to follow up with Freya.

Meeting closed at 3.05pm

Next meeting: Monday **3 February 2014.**