

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 1 pm 7th April 2014

Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Sheila Gaines Barrie Taylor, Kate Lee, Jeroen van Veen, Peter Watts, Jamie Bushnell, Laura Van Der Wetering, Maureen Moore, Freya Matthews, Ian, Tony and Johanna Hobson, Marg Van Veen.

APOLOGIES: Janet Richardson, Jill McFarlane, Joy Hick, Annette Robertson, Lynton Schriever, Nic van den Bronk.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING:

Moved Jeroen Van Veen, Seconded Peter Watts – all in favour – resolved with the amendment below.

Amendment – the phrase including the word rainbow bees should read rainbow bee-eaters in the minutes

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Some web responses were received and dealt with by Barrie

4. REPORTS:

President & Secretary: Michael Moore

- All is progressing well with the Duke of Edinburgh students. The students have been involved in a range of activities. Michael and Kate have been up at the school helping Jamie and Laura with reporting on these activities in the form of a poster and a brochure. Kate showed an example of the brochure that Jamie is working on.
- The LPLN bird monitoring workshop went well with a number of WCMN members joining with others from various groups in the LPLN. Anthony is preparing the necessary paperwork for those that wish to become involved in the monitoring. Martin Woodward has offered to be a monitoring coordinator for the WCMN area.
- Kooyoora Connections – the steering committee for the project went on a tour of various sites within the project priority areas. Most of the landholders within the Sunday Morning Hills area have been contacted with respect to participation in the project with promising results. The targets for the first two years of the project appear to be achievable. The Neville Rosengren event preparations are well underway.
- Eucy harvesting site Project – the pre-treatment monitoring of 15 transects have been completed. The work plan is still in preparation.
- Malleefowl habitat project – Kate has placed an article in the Loddon Times describing the various WCMN projects and the need for volunteers to assist with aspects of these projects. The original source of this article has been circulated to members and to other networks. Preparation for the GPS workshop are underway.

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – Barrie attended the LPLN bird monitoring workshop – a worthwhile, enjoyable experience.

Treasurer:

Maureen presented a written report to members. Maureen moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Kate Lee – all in favour – resolved.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk - apology

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia: Jeroen van Veen

Jeroen reported that he would be involved with the Wedderburn CMA in controlled burning on the Trust for Nature Kinypanial grasslands in Autumn for 8-9 days.

CMN Observers:

Kate Lee reported that she had published an article in the Loddon Times.

Malleefowl Report: Peter Watts – see general business below.

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

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee

Kate indicated that the last block of the Paul Dettman subdivision of land in the Mt Korong area had been sold – to the Nelson family.

5. General Business

- At the start of the meeting Marg Van Veen gave a summary of the preparations that were being made towards the BBQ / planting day at Wedderburn College and the role of the Duke of Edinburgh students.
- There was a general discussion on the subject of the need to resume non-invasive camera monitoring of the mound that Peter Watts had monitored for two years. It was decided that Michael would follow up with Nic van den Bronk on this matter.
- Jeroen indicated that the results of the latest kangaroo monitoring work would be available soon.
- Barrie will follow up with Rob Scholes concerning the use of his flora posters on the WCMN website.
- Monitoring of the fire recovery sites will take place on the 24th April – Jeroen and Barrie to follow up on this.
- Michael will talk with Jude Raftis on the possibility of the WCMN housing their library in the Community Centre to make it easier for members to borrow books.

Meeting closed at 3. 05pm

Next meeting: 1.00pm Monday 5th May 2014 at the Wedderburn Community Centre