

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 1 pm 3rd November 2014 Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Sheilah Gaines, Kate Lee, Maureen Moore, Jeroen van Veen, Freya Matthews, Peter Watts.

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

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING:

Moved – Jeroen van Veen, Seconded – Maureen Moore - all in favour - resolved

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from Consumer Affairs – Annual Financial Statement request
- Received from FTLA – certificate of currency
- Received from DEPI - confirmation of success of application for Soaks project
- Received from website – request for assistance with revegetation from James Chapman.

4. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Eucy harvesting site project – seed has been set aside for further revegetation in Autumn 2015.

WCMN Interaction with Wedderburn College – students to put up motion detecting camera at one nest box site.

Soaks project – see correspondence

Treasurer: it was moved by Maureen Moore and seconded by Freya Matthews that the Treasurer's report be accepted – all in favour – resolved.

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – apology

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk - apology

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia: Jeroen van Veen

-Jeroen reported that BH had finished a successful season involving volunteers working on such aspects as stabbing wheel cactus.

- The firebreak on the western side of the Nardoo Hills remains incomplete due lack of CFA resources.

- The final touches have been made to the BH/TFN conservation of biodiversity plan.

CMN Observers: Kate Lee

Kate mentioned that the Paul Dettman article was a bit late in being submitted for publication. The article on the Eucalyptus harvesting site project remains to be done.

Malleefowl Report: Peter Watts – apology

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson – apology

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee

-In December Paul Dettmann will talk with the group.

- MKEW had their meeting on the 2nd November.

-It is quandong harvesting time. Two eagle chicks are being monitored. Blue butterflies are being photographed.

5. General Business

LPLN Weed committee meeting – Jeroen summarised the latest progress of the committee. The committee is still working through preliminary planning stages; identifying priority weeds and their distribution in the shire, arranging for information to be sent out to landholders indicating what help is available to them, considering funding and completing the membership of the committee.

Bus trip – the possibility of a bus trip around WCMN project site was mentioned and will be followed up. Sheilah Gaines property will be a stop on this bus trip.

Election of ordinary member of the CoM of the WCMN – it was moved by Michael and seconded by Maureen the Sheilah Gaines be elected as an ordinary member of the CoM, all in favour – resolved.

Jeroen Van Veen articles as per the last WCMN meeting – Jeroen had written two articles concerning the upcoming Ideas Exchange Day and Involvement of more members of the community in the WCMN. Jeroen summarised these articles for those not aware of them.

Discussion of the articles resulted in the actions

- Michael to talk to Barrie Taylor concerning the assistant secretary position
- CoM to gauge responses from the Ideas Day discussions
- Michael to send out a copy of the WCMN local community biodiversity plan and an email to members indicating the changed time of the meeting 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. Members will be asked to RSVP for the meeting for catering purposes.

There will be a sub-committee meeting to consider the Ideas Day on the 24th November, 1.00 pm at the Wedderburn Community Centre.

Peter Watts commented that he had access to a drone that might be useful for photographing WCMN project sites. There may be a possibility that this drone could be demonstrated at the WCMN/FoK event on the 21st December.

6. Notices

Meeting closed at 3.25 pm

Next meeting: 11.00 am Monday 1st December at the Wedderburn Community Centre