

Wedderburn Conservation Management Network

Minutes of Meeting 2nd June, 2015

As the Community House was locked we went to Barrie and Joy's house where we had a rather informal meeting by the fire.

Meeting opened at 7.25pm.

Present: Anthony Gallacher, Michael Moore, Barrie Taylor, Joy Hick, Kate Lee

Apologies: Freya Mathews, Alistair White

Green Army Update – Michael

The Green Army's first day on the ground was spent at the Eucy Harvesting site. The participants were given an induction by Parks Vic., including safety procedures etc, then set to work adding more organic material to the rip lines.

Participants were also shown the LPLN action blueprint, and Michael talked about the WCMN.

On 3.6.15 the Green Army are scheduled to help put rabbit mesh on the spring soak fence at Kate's place.

Spring Soak Project-Michael

The plan for the soak fences is to have rabbit netting to 60cm height and extending out 30cm from base. Ringlock from top of rabbit wire to 1.5m. Four strained wires, one at base to attach rabbit mesh to.

After tomorrow's fencing is completed Michael and Paul Foreman will reassess how much fencing the budget will allow.

The burns on Soaks carried out by Jeroen and Fentons Ck CFA on May 18th on Freya's and Kate's places went well, with follow up rain next day. One third of each soak was left unburnt to provide a comparison.

Nic provided Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation with a plan of proposed works at Mt Kooyoora soaks. Dja Dja Wurrung would like to do a cultural heritage Inspection of one or two sites prior to work beginning. They are not so much concerned about fences as disturbance to the ground by plantings.

LPLN Oral History DVD

Filming of Mavis and Collis Needs scheduled for this Friday. Michael to seek more ideas from LPLN meeting on Thursday night.

Correspondence

Michael corresponding with Eucy Harvesting Project funding body trying to finalise reportage. WCMN is hoping to keep \$5000 of \$7000 left over funds to buy more seed and contract labour to sow the seed. Lindsay Ezard emailed Michael to say he's holding extra seed for the project.

Barrie received an email from East Gippsland CMN who want to form liasons with other conservation groups.

Weed Control, Mt Egbert

59 Mt Egbert landholders have each received a letter from Dept Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEJTR) advising that wheel cactus has been identified on their properties and offering advice about eradication.

Dja Dja Wurrung have completed cactus stabbing on roadsides, concentration is now on private land.

Mt Korong Group

Kate suggested the proposed Korong to Kooyoora walk in spring to be kept small (max 30 walkers) and fairly low key this year. Freya and Kate requested to project-manage the walk. Because of known nesting sites close to the Glenalbyn – Mt Korong Rd, permission was granted by a local farmer to reroute the start of the walk through his land across to Fiery Flat Rd. An organizing meeting to be scheduled soon.

LPLN Report – Anthony

Calivil Ck reveg going well, ground prep. complete. Will rotary hoe in August, two local schools want to be involved in planting as well as the Green Army.

The cactus stabbing working bee at Buckrabunyule went well and Anthony hopes to have monthly stabbing bees there. Hopes to pass the task of organizing these to Wychitella Landcare Group.

Bird Monitoring going well.

Victorian Landcare Grants coming up. Anthony proposes to hold a grant-writing workshop in Serpentine for interested applicants.

Barrie offered to apply for funding for Jeroen's campaign to eradicate Bridal Creeper.

Kate will ask MKEW group about applying for a grant for a small nursery to reestablish understory shrubs around Mt Korong.

Michael will talk to Wedderburn College about a grant for the aquaponics project.

Meeting closed 9.30pm