

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 7.00 pm 3rd May 2016 Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Kate Lee, Barrie Taylor, James and Trudy Nelsson, Jeroen van Veen,

APOLOGIES: Joy Hick, Maureen Moore, Freya Matthews, Janet Richardson, Nic van den Bronk.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Moved – Michael Moore Seconded – Kate Lee, all in favour - resolved

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from Jeroen Van Veen – personal submission to DELWP concerning Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2036.
- Various communications from VMRG concerning malleefowl threatened species project.
- Received email from Wycheproof College concerning outing for students.
- Notification of board meeting of the CVBA.
- Received from Landcare Facilitator - resignation

3. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Michael reported that he had had further talks concerning the malleefowl threatened species project with; James Nelsson (Green Army), Nic van den Bronk, Karly Learmonth, VMRG and Annette Robertson. All progressing well with rooms booked for training and information evening.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was circulated to those present. James Nelsson moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded Trudy Nelsson, all in favour – resolved.

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – Barrie commented that the seeds in the Wedderburn Community Centre garden were progressing well. Also the burn survey data had been found and sent to Jeroen.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk – apology.

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia Environmental: Jeroen van Veen

Jeroen mentioned following

- The TFN / BHA Priority plan – some money has been spent on rabbit control on certain orchid sites. More orchid sites are sought – reports of such to Jeroen.
- Indigenous burning - A small scale project will be attempted at Nardoo Hills in September, Dja Dja Wurrung are qualifying in training for this event.
- The direct seeding of Doug Pocock's block and Nardoo 5 are on track.
- Sugar wood trees are to be reintroduced to Nardoo Hills Reserve.
- State government representatives are to visit Nardoo hills to view results of kangaroo management procedures.

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee / James Nelsson

- MKEW have lodged objections to certain aspects of the mining lease obtained by Ironbark mining.
- Stencils will be procured with a view to making and erecting signs on the MKEW area.
- 50 Quandong seedlings coming up.

- The group made a submission to DELWP concerning Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2036. The submission concerned kangaroo management.
- A talk was given by D Stewart concerning the body cooling mechanisms of echidnas. Freya found three dead echidnas on her property.
- A working bee is to be held to construct the foundations for the nursery. The auger will be trialled.
- Kate will pick up the hothouse kit and James/Trudy will help with foundations.

4 General Business

- Projects – see Michael's report above. Trudy has made an application for a threatened species project (feral animal control) in round 2 of the series. James reported that all was going according to plan with the re - wilding project; students and teachers ready to plant, BBQ, toilets, water for planting etc all in order.
- James was in contact with Terri Williams - looking form a list of activities that TAFE students can be involved in. The 400 Jericho wire grass plants from Karly Learmonth could be planted by such students.
- There was a discussion on kangaroo management. Jeroen has suggested a field day to look at evidence for the effects of grazing pressure by these animals – Jeroen to follow up.

5. Notices - NIL

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 7th June at the Wedderburn Community Centre