

WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting



MEETING DETAILS: 7.00 pm 2nd February 2016 Wedderburn Community House

PRESENT: Michael Moore, Kate Lee, Barrie Taylor, Nic van den Bronk, Jeroen van Veen, Trudy and James Nelsson, Donald and Gayle Sutherland.

APOLOGIES: Joy Hick, Maureen Moore, Peter Watts.

1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING: not read

2. BUSINESS ARISING: NA

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from DELWP notification of success of threatened species grants
- Barrie indicated that there was to be a WDA meeting on the 27th Feb

4. REPORTS:

President / Secretary: Michael Moore

Michael reported on the various actions involved in the malleefowl threatened species grant and sponsorship of the MKEW projects, all proceeding according to plan. The Soaks project acquittal has been submitted. Final notification of the successful acquittal of the Eucy Harvesting project was received from the Federal Government.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was circulated to those present; reports for December 2015 and January 2016 – no questions of the Treasurer.

Vice President: Barrie Taylor – Barrie commented on the Wedderburn Development Association meeting mentioned above – only office bearing members of local groups invited to attend.

Parks Victoria: - Nic van den Bronk

Nic informed the meeting that the WCMN/ParksVic/ NCCMA malleefowl fox baiting program in the Wychitella NCR was proceeding with the Dja Dja Wurrung doing the work. Baits were being placed closer together, all going well. Dja Dja Wurrung also carrying out rabbit monitoring in the Mt Korong area. Nic mentioned that there were some nest boxes available at the depot. These could be put to good use by a community group.

Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia Environmental: Jeroen van Veen

- Re-seeding will be carried out on two blocks Nardoo 5 (70ha) and Doug Pocock's block (20ha). Seeds and equipment lined up. Two seeding rounds June/July and then September.
- Indigenous controlled burning again on the agenda with DDW / CFA / TFN involved in discussions.
- Cassinia Environmental – Sunday Morning Hills blocks, two out of three now sold.

Wychitella District Landcare Group: Janet Richardson

Mt Korong Eco Watch: Kate Lee / James Nelsson

Kate mentioned the following items:

- The MKEW had written to the Loddon Shire Council requesting consideration with respect to rate reductions for environmental work done on private land. Council decided against the proposal.
- The group have had discussions concerning the creation of a public walking track between Mts Korong and Kooyoora. Planting along such a track would be considered.
- Threatened species nursery grant, the water tank is now in place. Parks Vic will help to level the ground for the structure. A propagation workshop has been arranged.

- James reporting on the re-wilding project mentioned that quotes for plants had been obtained. He still has to consult with Karly Learmonth concerning certain species. He has confirmation that school students will be ready to plant stock in May.

5. General Business

- Michael indicated that he would be putting out a newsletter in February all articles submitted to Michael.
- Michael suggested that the WCMN donate \$1000 to the LPLN for the up-keep of the LPLN ute. In return the WCMN will have use of the vehicle for WCMN projects providing it is not being used by the LPLN facilitator. Moved by Jeroen, seconded by Kate - all in favour – resolved. Michael to follow up.
- James, Kate and Barry have volunteered to be WCMN representatives at Central Victorian Bio-links meetings.
- Barrie would like more postings on the website – photos, news, comments etc.
- Donald and Gayle mentioned that plans for their greenhouse have been put on hold due to Donald's present health problems.

6. Notices - NIL

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting: 7.00 pm Tuesday 1st March at the Wedderburn Community House