

# WEDDERBURN CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT NETWORK

## Minutes of Meeting



**MEETING DETAILS:** 1 pm 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
Wedderburn Community House

**PRESENT:** Michael Moore, Sheila Gaines, Barrie Taylor, Jeroen van Veen, Kate Lee, Freya Matthews, Nic van den Bronk, members of the Wedderburn Photographic Group (WPG) as guests.

**APOLOGIES:** Maureen Moore, Peter Watts, Jill McFarlane, Janet Richardson, Annette Robertson, Lynton Schriever, Joy Hick

### 1. MINUTES OF LAST WCMN MEETING:

Moved Barrie Taylor, Seconded Sheila Gaines– all in favour

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received from Mulwarrie studios – invoice for photographic workshop
- Received from Rob Scholes – a request for information concerning WCMN activities at the FoK Wildflower Show.

### 4. REPORTS:

**President / Secretary:** Michael Moore

**Eucy harvesting site project** –work on the Eucy Harvesting site project has begun with ripping/slashing/seeding of bands by Conservation Volunteers Australia.

**Malleefowl habitat project** – the final report on this project was submitted – excess funding will be spent on seeds to be stored at Seeding Victoria until required.

**WCMN Interaction with Wedderburn College** –two new Duke of Edinburgh students will be working with the WCMN for the next three months.

**Kooyoora Connections project** – the WCMN community engagement activities and budget for these has been finalized with Nick Layne. Michael reviewed the planned activities. Jeroen informed the meeting of the on ground progress of the project including the proposed Paul Dettmann event which will be held on the Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Vice President:** Barrie Taylor – Barry reminded Michael that the latest newsletter that had been archived on the website did not give notice that subscriptions could be made via the website – Michael to follow up.

**Treasurer:** no financial report this month.

**Parks Victoria:** - Nic van den Bronk

Nic reminded members of the World Ranger Day event and mentioned that parks had organised a fox drive and welcomed the reinvigoration of a Friends group that had been in recession. Nic further commented on the new land management arrangements now in place governing Dja Dja Wurrung recognition and settlement agreement areas.

**Australian Bush Heritage and Cassinia:** Jeroen van Veen

- Jeroen has finished the bull dozer aspect of a fire break on the western boundary of the Nardoo Hills property.
- Jeroen informed the members that he had given a talk at the CFA conference concerning the recent Trust for Nature burn off, a successful event – more burn offs are anticipated.

**CMN Observers:** Kate Lee

Kate commented that the orchids and lilies are looking good at the moment; sightings have been made of babblers; possums have been caught by mistake in cat traps and two kangaroos have been sighted with injuries – one with a broken leg and one with a broken tail.

**Malleefowl Report:** Peter Watts – apology

**Wychitella District Landcare Group:** Janet Richardson – apology

**Mt Korong Eco Watch:** Kate Lee

Kate mentioned that signs of poachers had been noted in the area i.e. a number of over turned stones. Discussion led to the suggestions that signage similar to that in Kooyoora SP and possible surveillance might be set up – Nic to follow up with DEPI.

**5. General Business** – general business was largely taken up with discussions between members of the WCMN and members of the Wedderburn photographic group concerning furthering possible areas of mutual interest and interaction.

Following on from discussion:

- Freya suggested the possibility of organizing a walking group – she will follow up with possible dates that do not clash with other planned events. Said dates will be sent to Michael to email to members.
- A subcommittee will be formed which will include Rob Scholes, Ric Raftis and Michael Moore – this group will explore the possibilities for workshops and excursions aimed at photography which will capture images of nature. Michael will email this intention to members to seek expressions of interest.

*Seed Propagation/ collection workshop* – Barrie will follow up with this aspect.

**Notices**

- **The Wedderburn CMN Annual General Meeting will be held in October – Michael to send out appropriate paperwork and notification**
- *The Paul Dettmann event will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014*
- *The Loddon Plains Landcare Network social event will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.*
- *The Friends of Kooyoora photographic day will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014.*

**Meeting closed at 2. 35 pm**

Next meeting: 1.00pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the Wedderburn Community Centre