

MINUTES – no quorum - 20th November 2018

Attendance: Tony Fowler, Margaret Fowler, Steve Gates, Mary Syme – no quorum but meeting proceeded.

Apologies:, Jane Wallis, Katharine Outten, Vicky Laurie

Minutes of last meeting adjusted to include information about obtaining legal advice from Declan Doherty and how to fund it - accepted by Steve, and seconded by Margaret.

Business Arising:

- Wilkins Rd. (General Business).
- New runway MDP and Airport North plans. (General Business – incl. EDO).
- Schmitt Road saga (General Business).
- Constitution revision (ongoing).

Correspondence Out:

- Email to City of Kalamunda CEO requesting City position on Schmitt Road blocks.
- Details of City stance hand-delivered to local member for information.
- NRPG submission on Gunbar Way development proposal.
- Email request for tour of airport precincts to chair of ACES.
- City of Kalamunda's Schmitt Road response emailed to: NRPG members, Ian Toleman, Sue and Vin Marelich, Tim Colegate, Tracy Sandercock and Lynette Clayton.

Correspondence In:

- Minister Dawson response on New Runway submission (sent to c'tee).
- Email response from CEO on the City's Schmitt Road stance.

REPORTS

President:

- Attended the City of Kalamunda Tourism Development Strategy Forum October 17th. This was well attended. Each topic had a natural environment input by assorted people known for their interest. Another meeting was also held on October 24th
- Schmitt Rd saga: Tony obtained the City of Kalamunda written version of their stance on this issue. This was passed on to members, interested residents and Matthew Hughes. Matthew Hughes MP organised a public meeting at the Northern Terminus and this was very well attended. Tony also raised the matter at Parks of the Darling Range CAC in the presence of Mark Webb.
- Gunbar Way development proposal: Tony sent off a NRPG submission on this proposed development after visiting the site and being given a guided tour of the area by a local resident. Agreed to approach Mick Davis for suggestions as to the best approach to take to forming a Friends group for the reserve #28896.
- Wilkins Rd Reserve access: Tony obtained an update. DPLH is seeking the necessary consents for the purpose of Bushcare and Ancillary activities.
- City of Kalamunda flood study: Tony attended the Public Agenda Meeting. This was unsatisfactory in content and information. Questions were asked on behalf of NRPG and they were placed on notice.
- Parks of the Darling Range CAC meeting November 6th – Mark Webb attended this meeting Funding for this CAC has been allotted as follows: Bungendore Park Environmental Group (\$885) for the

production of a brochure, Jillara Giants \$2400 for weed control and Friends of John Forest National Park \$21, 715 for fox control and weed control.

- Perth Airport matters: The Next ACES meeting is 7th December. Tony attends these meetings as a strong voice for NRPG and all environmental matters – which appear to be less and less of importance to most of the members of that group. There was a review of the Terms of Reference with Tony pointing out that there was no real reference to the environmental aspects, a bit of a summary of the New Runway Project public comments which were now closed – more than 2000 submissions were received, and discussion on the Airport North Precinct Development with Tony pointing out that most tenants had little understanding of the extent of the environmental impact and the growing trend to focus on development alone. Also the Master Plan Revision and Environment Strategy update was underway for the next 5 years. Public comment on the new Master Plan is anticipated to be in mid 2019. Sustainability has been added to the AER. Tony enquired into the future availability of charging points for electric cars on the estate and the response was a negative. There was an update given of the PFAS management. Monitoring is ongoing to reduce the risk of spreading contamination.
- **Perth Airport/Jandakot Airport vegetation clearing:** Steve Gates is coordinating with Mary Gray at UBC on how to combat proposals for future clearing.

Treasurer:

- Account #1 - \$1259.44
- Account #2 - \$267.97
- Members = - 86

KEAC: (minutes online <http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/Waste-Environment/Environment-Groups-Programs/Environmental-Advisory-Committee>)

Kevin was not present at the meeting but submitted the following summary of KEAC activities and meetings. Things to note:

- Release of the draft Local Environment Strategy has been deferred at KEAC’s request, to enhance its presentation
- A KEAC Working Group will provide direct further advice on the draft Environment and Land Use Planning Strategy (ELUPS)
- KEAC has endorsed a project brief for revising the Local Biodiversity Strategy, which is in addition to updating the ecological assessment of City reserves
- A KEAC Working Group writing a discussion paper on vegetation retention and management will now report in February 2019, taking relevant sections of the draft ELUPS into account
- A KEAC Working Group on fox management is yet to report.
- KEAC has resolved recommendations to Council regarding Schmitt Road and been kept informed about landfill at the corner of Kalamunda Road and Anderson Road.

CONSERVATION COUNCIL : Steve Gates

See attached document. (click on the link)

Volunteer hours

Toornaart Creek 5.5 hours	Crumpet Creek 2 hours	Poison Gully	Ray Owen -
		Old Yorna Rd 5 hours	Other -

General Business

- Wilkins Road – discussed in President’s Report
- Schmitt Road blocks– discussed in President’s Report.
- Perth Airport North MDP/New Runway Project/Jandakot/EDO/fundraising. Steve met with Mary Gray (UBC) to discuss a possible approach to a legal process with the Perth Airport. UBC will give \$300 as a beginning to the fund. Also Friends of the Ken Hurst Park will very likely contribute \$300 - \$500. The Wildflower Society will give \$300 – \$500, Margaret Mathews will give\$ 300, NRPG will give \$100 and Steve has offered \$100 too as has Tony Fowler. Suggestion made to email the members of the committee to see if there are any more donations we can gather in. It would seem that the \$1200 initial requirement will be fairly easily collected. Mary Gray will write a letter of engagement to be given to Declan at EDO.
- Lot 200 Kalamunda Road – machinery hardstanding. Watching brief for large machinery parked there.
- Gunbar Way development. Tony will approach Mick Davis for advice on how this is going to proceed.
- Tony tabled his questions asked at a Flood Study Public Agenda Briefing on the 13th November concerning erosion, the difference between streams and surface flow paths, the naming of creek lines, more accurate depiction of water courses on Shire maps, why Kadina Brook, Quenda Creek and Bee-Eater Creek are not included and finally did any of the consultants actually leave their desk to inspect the water courses. Most of the answers to Tony’s questions were either negative or put on notice to be answered at a later date..
- Web matters including Facebook – ongoing. Toni Warden is doing a fine job with Facebook.
- Perth Airport Committees vs. Jandakot Committees. Environmental representation - Some concern was expressed about people being blackballed because they have known environmental concerns which do not line up with developmental plans.
- Succession Planning needs to be actively addressed as Tony will be stepping down next year. Some names were put forward and Steve and Tony will personally approach them to see if they would be willing to be Chairperson next year. Tony will ask Mick Davis if there are any likely persons who could be approached.

Meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Next meeting: February 2019 (Date to be decided)