

Minutes 19th June 2018

Attendance: Tony Fowler, Margaret Fowler, Steve Gates, Mary Syme, , Kevin Goss, Catherine Hall, Elaine Sargent , Toni Warden, Carri Crockett

Apologies: Jane Wallis, Katharine Outten, Vicky Laurie

Minutes of last meeting accepted by Steve, and seconded by Margaret.

Business Arising:

- Waste Management plan letter had not been written although information had been sent out. Container deposit (cans and tins) is being mooted.
- Tony will be writing to Parliamentary Secretary about the Wilkins Road decision
- Other matters – see Reports and general Business.

Correspondence Out

- Autumn newsletter has been mailed out
- Minister Saffioti contacted about Friends wanting to care for Wilkins Road.
- 6 May. Environment Strategy submission (extension obtained).

Correspondence In:

- Response from Attorney General re letter about Pember petition – no comment from him as legal advice cannot be given
- Minister Saffioti advising that no advice can be given while the South West Settlement Agreement is yet to be concluded.
- ATO about GST advice for Not for Profit Groups
- EPA re plastic bags
- Green Growth Plan update from Simon Taylor (has been forwarded to committee).

Reports:

President:

- **20 April.** Attended Friends Group Coordinators meeting. Dallas Lynch, Mick Davis and John Giardina in attendance for the City, several NRPG members also present. Ledger Road Friends group hope to gain access later in year. Contaminated site problem. Job Safety Analysis was passed around for consideration.
- **26 April.** Attended Local Environment Strategy Public Forum in Kalamunda. Not well attended. The City of Kalamunda is looking for input from residents at these meetings. NRPG submission suggested that the Environment should be part of **every** Policy decision. Whilst Health and Safety is always considered, the environment is not.
- **7 May.** Attended EMRC Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting. These meetings are attended as a community member, although NRPG concerns are always raised and minuted [Kevin observed that the Walliston Transfer Station is now properly scrutinized and many diverse items are no longer accepted Paint can be returned to an unnamed firm for recycling].
- **24 May.** Parks of Darling Range Advisory Committee meeting shortened, to enable some members to attend a funeral/wake of a former member. Feral pigs are still being

DNA tested. Albany pigs are now at Gingin. The hunting sub-culture can mainly be blamed for this.

- Temby Avenue trees had been cut down. A measly \$100 fine is no deterrent. Carri suggested that we should fund big signs which would shame people.
- Mundy Regional Park cannot **effectively** be added to without a management plan.
- **7 June.** Airport Consultative and Environmental Sustainable (ACES) committee terms of reference will be considered at the next meeting. Info is available on the Air Services website.
- Perth Airport Sustainability Strategy was launched on 5th June. Comments will be made in due course. Encouraging to hear the term ‘triple bottom line’ employed when ‘Economic/Environment/Social outcomes’ are to be considered.
- Runway submissions due date is 24th August. There is information about how noise will affect residents in the future on the website. [Elaine asked whether cones and seeds will be taken from the Banksia reserve that will be affected by the new runway development].

Treasurer:

- Account #1 - \$1339.50
- Account #2 - \$265.81
- Members = 77

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

- Kevin reported that there has been a change in the interest shown by the city with CEO , Mayor and environment staff attending meetings.
- KEAC will make proper report[s] and submissions to be considered by the City giving KEAC quite an influential position. At this time the environment is not part of planning decisions and KEAC will be endeavouring to change this
- A discussion paper is being written by KEAC to find strong arguments for maintaining tree canopy covering. The Mayor has been recorded as stating there will be no control over tree cutting on Private Property [his personal view].
- Forrestfield North Plan has been looked at closely: Smokebush protection, Banksia Woodland remnants and Carnaby cockatoos are part of the serious considerations.

Volunteer hours

Toornaart Creek	Crumpet Creek	Poison Gully	Ray Owen
31	-	64 for the year	-
		Old Yorna Rd	Other
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General Business

- Elaine reported that Poison Gully is now being diverted to the Swan River. Tony mentioned that the Noongah people have an important connection to Mundy swamp.
- Constitution rewrite. Catherine has been working on it. While there may be a lot of areas that are repeated it is better to err on the side of caution, by addressing all points from the guidelines, to make it clear and reduce areas of disagreement. The committee expressed appreciation for Catherine's work on this document. Catherine pointed out that she is no longer a practicing lawyer but, has extensive experience.
- Facebook page. Toni has been working on this and proposed paying for NRPG promotion. As Facebook seems to be the major way young people engage with issues, this may be something that would be of value.
- Toni and Carri will ask UBC about their Facebook page how an NRPG page might be improved.
- Elaine attended an information session about the Forrestfield North Residential Precinct Local Structure Plan and reported her concerns with the way that there is no buffer for the creek along Maida Vale Road.
- Catherine opined that volunteer indemnity seems to be in question. Perhaps volunteer groups will not be covered in future?
- Doggie do on reserves. Chair to write to City ref. recycling implications.

Meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Next meeting: July 17th.