

## **NRPG Minutes 10 February 2015**

**Attendance:** Tony Fowler, Elaine, Alan Hill, Margaret Fowler, Mary Syme, Steve Gates

**Apologies:** Katharine Outten

**Acceptance and ratification of minutes of previous meetings:** 23 December 2014 and 18 November 2014 (there being no quorum at either meeting) Moved: Margaret Seconded: Elaine - carried

### **Business Arising:**

- Shire sponsorship – Action: Tony c/f
- Maida Vale Primary School Initiative – Action: Vicki & Elaine to liaise with Lee Patrick ref school involvement
- PAP Master Plan submission to Ken Wyatt and Greg Hunt – Action: Tony to forward.

### **Correspondence Out:**

- MRS amend. 1271/41 Lot 59 Wilkins Rd. NRPG submission
- Copy to UBC and Conservation Commission
- ACNC update completed on-line
- Newsletter went out. Thanks to the production team of the newsletter.
- Dixon Rd submission sent out to EPBC referrals.
- Glyde Rd submission sent to Kalamunda shire on 16 Dec 2014.

Vote of thanks to Tony and Alan for preparation of the submissions.

### **Correspondence In:**

- ACNC update request (on-line) responded to by Tony.
- WAPC acknowledgement of submission on MRS amendmt Wilkins Rd.
- Acknowledgement of NRPG submission on Glyde Rd.
- Membership renewal for UBC received. Moved: Margaret, Seconded: Steve – carried.
- UBC Bush Telegraph newsletter.
- UBC AGM Tues Mar 3, Prof Richard Hobbs presentation “The Good, bad & ugly”

### **Reports:**

#### **President:**

Missed meetings: Airport Environmental Advisory Ctee & Darling Range Regional Park (both on 3/12/14).

DRRP meeting: Alan reported primarily Wilkins Rd discussed. Geoff Stallard apologised for time wasted by the DRRP committee due to Kalamunda pursuing objectives (such as Aged care at Wilkins Rd) which is at odds with its environmental commitments. DRRP Ctee endorsed a letter to WAPC speaking out against Kalamunda Shire working against the intent of the DRRP.

Action: Tony send copy of Wilkins Rd Rezoning submission to EPBC.

#### **Treasurer:**

**Acct #1:** \$1,831.94

**Acct #4:** \$4,842.20

**CSAC:** No meeting since last minutes

**Cons. Council:** No meeting since last minutes

**Ken Wyatt Advisory Group:** There is now an Aged Care Committee, with one NRPG member on it. Alan Hill reported that NRPG's Foothills Regional Park proposal is still in progress.

**Volunteer hours**

Toornaart Creek 0	Crumpet Creek 0	Poison Gully 13	Ray Owen ?
Quenda Creek 20	Lesmurdie Falls ?		

**General Business**

- Members mailing list – AGM list to have 2 columns in addition to email address. 2 columns of information distribution to be: “Local Shire & NRPG only” or, “Other Conservation matters”.
- Mayor of Belmont visit to LCDA on amalgamation – see report below by Steve.
- Wilkins Rd. Submission on LPS amendment to Shire – Action: Tony to send.
- Kalamunda Municipal Heritage Areas list September 2014 submission which included under Point 2 Dixon Rd Bushland Reserve by Alan Hill (personal) tabled to committee for reference.
- AGM March 10: Speaker is June Butcher. Ctee agreed to make \$50 donation to Kanyana.

Next meeting: AGM 10 Mar 2015, 7pm for 7:30pm start

Meeting closed: 8:45pm

The talk that the Belmont Mayor gave at the LDCA meeting brought out some significant points on the aged care (AC) topic:

1. Belmont has installed many AC facilities, in what appears are smaller size than the 8Ha which Ross Leighton stated is the minimum viable.
2. Belmont AC facilities have been located in redeveloped areas, and include successfully 2-storey ones (ILC on upper, AC on lower floor), presumably enabling smaller, and therefore more sites, to be options.
3. To rezone areas for AC requires years to achieve, and therefore the general consensus (at least that largely vocalised) that rezoning is the solution, appears flawed to address the short-term (and even potentially long-term) shortage.
4. Presumably the minimum viable size is determined by the level of bed funding from the Fed govt – more funding would also reduce the min size of sites (which apparently need to have the ILS and retirement units' income to be viable)

In summary, it seems that there is a way forward if Kalamunda takes a page from Belmont's success with aged care:

- As any re-zoning will take numerous years, more focus should be put on what areas are available without needing rezoning, therefore it would be beneficial to follow Belmont's example of placing them in redeveloping sites or existing facilities, such as Kalamunda hospital, possibly schools, Convent on Kalamunda Rd and other areas where residential densities have been increased such as between Heath Rd & Traylen Rd, etc.

- Learn from Belmont more about how they selected sites, commercial considerations & funding.