

NRPG Minutes of committee Meeting 23 July 2008

At 6 Karri Crt Gooseberry Hill

MEETING OPENED: 7.49pm

ATTENDEES. T Fowler, M Fowler, A Evans, M Ryall, E Sargent, S Gates
D McCarthy

GUESTS nil

APOLOGIES B Glover, G Warden, K Britza, H Pember

ACCEPTANCE of PREVIOUS MINUTES Proposed Tony Seconded Murray

BUSINESS ARISING

1 Brickworks Dieback spread, Steve in contact with Sharron Jackson, advised that BGC CCC not disbanded. Email to Sharron Jackson re BGC plantings survival & ask about 2m high bund along Kalamunda Rd Action Steve

Action Steve to follow up

2 Long term access to BGC site **Action Tony**

3 Murdoch Uni Survey, passed to Murray for action

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CORRESPONDENCE IN

1 UBC Bush telegraph Winter 2008

2 Urban Nature Bushland News iss 66 Winter 2008

3 Swan River Trust re Hon River Guardians

4 SETS action grp Info letter

5 Helena River Catchment Grp Newsletter 16 June 2008

6 The Greener Times winter 2008

7 Conservation Council -- Minutes May 28 Gen Meeting

8 G Glasson (Kal Shire) -Thanks for NRPG comment on Draft Bio Diversity Strategy

9 Minister for Energy – re Western Power name change to Eastern Power Terminal.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

1 Kal Shire - NRPG comment on Draft Kalamunda Shire Biodiversity Strategy

2 Conservation Council – return survey & renewal of membership

3 Western Power – NRPG comment on Eastern Terminal site selection process.

4 Return -- Murdoch Uni – survey on IT use by volunteer groups

REPORTS

President Considers there is a need to continue discussions with Juliana Plummer as she is a candidate for the new government seat of Kalamunda

Has sent NRPG info to Heidi Plummer who is considering starting a volunteer group

Treasurer As at AGM 12 March (due to Bank losing cheques and making good)

No 1 Acct

Operating funds \$ 1049.93

No 2 A/C \$ 1228.89

Membership 93

Environmental Reserves Officer for meeting 23 July 2008

- EHCMP team has had a lot of changes lately. Craig Wansbrough has left to go to the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire, and Alison Dugand is also leaving (to go to the Shire of Mundaring). Craig Chaudhry is still part of the team and will shortly be re-joined by Sonya Stewart and other officers as details are confirmed.
- Greencorps - the team have been active all over the Eastern Region and are learning a lot about bushcare and the environment in general. In Kalamunda they have done woody weed removal at Ledger Rd, Planting at Toornaart Creek and Maida Vale reserve. We intend to work with them at the Woodlupine Living Stream project, as well as to carry out weed mapping of Hartfield Park in the next couple of months.
- The Bush Crew have been very busy planting and spraying weeds over the past month. Kaye now has a large spray tank mounted on her truck which is great, and will help to achieve a lot of our goals. As you will be aware we have been through a number of different team members over the past few years. At present we have Sheree working with Kaye and we are hoping that Sheree will be able to stay on with the team for a while. Both Kaye and Sheree are currently enrolled in TAFE courses to further their knowledge for the jobs they are doing, which is great.
- Reports: We are finalising the management plans for Ray Owen reserve and Lower Lesmurdie Falls at present and if the budget is approved will have the funds to begin carrying out the recommendations included in those reports.
- Reserve Projects: I have been working on expending the Community Water Grant that Nicola won to revegetate a section of Poison Gully at Pinker Cres. The project is coming on very well, and although we will not plant this year, we feel that it is on track and that the reserve will be vastly improved by the work done. Dieback treatment of uninfested pockets of bushland on the Railway Reserve was undertaken recently, and there are plans for signage to be installed in the coming months.
- Planting Day on Sunday. The Lions Club and SERCUL have arranged a National Tree Day planting day at St John Rd in Wattle Grove and we will be attempting to plant about 4000 plants on Sunday if the weather is good enough.
- Friends Group manual. I hope that you find this document of use to you and your groups. It was a long time in the making for a number of reasons, but now that we have it I hope that it will help people, particularly new groups who are starting to get to know the place and bushcare in general. I have many copies available, so if you would like them sent to your members that can be arranged. We do have a number of new groups starting up each year, we are up to 43 groups at present.
- Grant opportunity. There is a grant opportunity coming up which may be useful to some groups who work in Regional parks. I have contacted Michelle Parks at DEC and this opportunity is also available to Friends Groups working on Shire land which is part of the regional parks also. I will pass on the application form to all Friends Groups who would be eligible once I have it.

We will likely put in an application to assist in the revegetation at lower Lesmurdie falls. <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/news/department-of-environment-and-conservation/funding-grants-available-for-community-conservation-work-in-regional-parks.html>

Karen Britza

Perth Biodiversity Project Steering Committee. nil

FOTE Alan E mentioned that the Official Launch of FOTE will be on 26 Sept 2008. They have had good membership response

CAC Tony sick on meeting date – will obtain copy of minutes **Action Tony**

Hawkevale – in hand Tony

Volunteer Hours since last meeting A Evans 30, Murray 1, Steve 5 Elaine 77
Total 113 **Carried forward** 50.5 **New Total** 163.5

Please Note these hours should also/still be recorded by all groups, for Karen's total Friends Group hours

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 Members information evening, check availability of library **Action Margaret**
- 2 New website, all viewed via projector, need to identify areas to update and advise Gary Warden. Visit <http://nrpg.org.au> **Action All**
- 3 Elaine having trouble with weeds coming downstream from the MRD road reserve, cotton bush, castor oil, etc. **Action to Elaine contact Karen**
- 4 Alan E had used own mower on 3 reserves, was grateful to Karen for replacement fuel. Advised that **Red Eye Marker is now considered Carcinogenic**
- 5 Steve needs Photos with labels to update the NRPG display. Laminating can be arranged with Karen. **Action All**

NEXT MEETING Aug 20 2008

Meeting Closed 9.40 pm

D McCarthy Secretary