

NRPG Minutes of Committee Meeting

At 21 Roach Rd Kalamunda

MEETING OPENED: by pres Gary Warden 7.40pm

ATTENDEES. G Warden, S Gates, M Fowler, M Pearce, T Fowler, D McCarthy

GUESTS nil

APOLOGIES M Ryall, E Sargent, A Evans, G Glasson, K Britza

Previous Minutes Change reqd – From C Towdrey to C Chaudry

ACCEPTANCE of PREVIOUS MINUTES Proposed Tony Seconded Steve

BUSINESS ARISING

- 1 Check if AGM 09 speaker PP presentation is on website Action Steve
- 2 Put AGM 09 pres report on website Action Gary
- 3 Provide info and password for access to update website Action Gary
- 4 Discussion on members nights – contact Peter Versteegen Action Gary
- 5 Bush Crew – update reqd on critical tasks progress Action Steve
- 6 Permaculture open garden – no progress
- 7 New Residents Pamphlets – Steve delivered to Blundells R/ Estate
 - Tony to Kalamunda CBD
 - Others with pamphlets please do their areas
- 8 BGC NRPG responses, Action Steve to send copies to Gary
- 9 CESAC Steve attended the initial meeting 2-4-09.

It was Moved by Tony and Seconded by Gary that Steve be the NRPG representative to CESAC with Martin to be his Deputy. All were in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

- 1 Helena River Catchment Vol 4 Issue 3 20-4-09
- 2 Western Power Re, Bahen Rd, Re-Align and switchyard. .Reply indicating NRPG interest in involvement. Action Steve
- 3 (to Steve) Kal Shire Council adoption of Town Improvement Action Plan
- 4 (to Tony) Swan River Trust seeking email addresses for those desiring Seasonal Updates Action Gary
- 5 (to Tony) Alcoa- re road testing of Jarrah Dieback resistant seedlings
- 6 Bushland News issue 69 Autumn 2009

CORRESPONDENCE OUT nil

REPORTS

President

Conservation council has funding problems as Govt support has shrunk. President has sent letter to all interested people seeking monetary support.

Treasurer Period to 5-5-09

No 1 Acct \$ 768.50

Operating funds No 2 Acct \$2883.29

Membership 51

As in previous years Margaret will send a membership reminder.

Environmental Reserves Officer Refer Attachment 1

FOTE Information stall at Carmel Sustainability Fair very successful.

DRRP Tony - nothing to report

HAWKVALE Tony – Suggested deletion from agenda, as is now funded by Bush Forever and in the hands of DEC.

Volunteer Hours Moved Steve – That admin hours be included in total hours spent on friends group reserves. Seconded Darrell ... Carried

Previous total c/forward 19

Marg & Tony 10, Steve 8, Darrell 2 = 20. New total 39

GENERAL BUSINESS

1 Gary distributed copies of NRPG constitution to all for review. After discussion it was agreed that a workshop would be held to recommend changes that could be discussed and voted on at a SGM to be held in association with the next AGM.

Action Gary

2 Info on 09 AGM attendance sheet re offers to help, to be sent to Murray to record on database and distribute to committee for info. **Action Darrell**

3 20 year celebration, to be held late October

4 Zig Zag festival – involvement to be decided

5 NRPG banner – new needed – compact system available \$ 167. Mock up and ideas required **Action Gary**

6 Proposed Cultural Centre between Library and History Village; more info required

Action Darrell

7 FESA booklet – Visual Fuel Load Guide + Information notes on Protection, Understanding and Managing fire management.(Considered misleading by meeting)

8 Airport Environmental Guide – Submission required **Action Tony & Steve**

It was noted that an Airport Environmental Audit was to be done soon and Giles is the Kal Shire rep. Send any info to **Gary** to prepare a press release.

9 Review of Bushfire Act (155 pages) in hand **Martin**

10 NRPG stall at plants to Residents day at MOTT. **To be decided when date known.**

11 BGC Brickworks. Reply required to Sharron Jackson letter re NRPG concerns

Action Steve

NEXT MEETING Tue 2 June 7.30pm, 21 Roach Rd, Kalamunda.

Meeting Closed 10.12 pm

D McCarthy Secretary

Attachment 1

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <Karen.Britza@kalamunda.wa.gov.au>

Date: 2009/5/5

Subject: Report for NRPG meeting

To: gary@wardoffclimatechange.org.au, smgates@tpg.com.au, fowlerak@inet.net.au

Cc: Giles.Glasson@kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Hi All,

Thanks for the opportunity to send some info in to you, and my apologies for not being able to make it.

Just to let you know what has been happening for us recently:

I was one of the facilitators at the **Bush Skills for the Hills Chidlow Fauna Trail** on the weekend, which was really great. We had talks by the Kanyana Education for Conservation Van at Lake Leschenaultia as well as from Liz at the Chidlow Marsupial Hospital. Participants then came to Karakamia to see how radio tracking is done, and on to a nightstalk through the sanctuary which was great as always. There was a real understanding from participants as to the amount of work that is needed to look after these creatures who are under threat in our hills environment, as well as the devastating impact of cats in bushland and of habitat loss. It was a bit of a new format for us and as an event it was a successful experiment.

Giles will be facilitating the **Great Gardens** presentation tonight, with around 150 people booked in - which is again a really great turn out for the event.

I have met with the **Bush Crew** today and planned out the work we have to get done over the next 2 months. A number of Friends Groups will be hearing from Kaye as she makes her way through the list of assistance requests made - such as mulch delivery to Ray Owen Reserve, shifting rocks for Poison Gully West, spreading mulch at Ledger Reserve, as well as arranging a contractor to do general reserve maintenance at Nestle Brae reserve (Monica Murray's old site). These jobs will keep them busy for the week, as well as getting around to the sites they are planning to plant in June.

Conservation Volunteers Australia will be with us again in May (18 - 22) and will be assisting us to get through the general reserve maintenance tasks that need doing to support our planting program this year. They will also be working with us for June (15 - 19) to plant on a number of reserves - including Maida Vale Reserve and Norwood Reserve.

Community Group Revegetation Plants final species available to friends groups. Information on which exact species I will be able to supply to each group will be available shortly. I will mail out a letter ASAP.

Kaye and Sheree will be able to deliver as usual during the week of June 15 - 19.

Plants to Residents information will be hitting the papers shortly. It will be a one day event this year, as all the plants have been distributed in one day for the last 2 years. I am going to make a few changes this year to improve the event and as a result am looking for stall holders to set up at the Men of the Trees for our attendees to look around while they are waiting to get in to the nursery. If NRPG or any other community environmental organisation is interested in setting up a display at the event I am taking expressions of interest.

Unfortunately I don't have money for marquees this year, so anyone displaying would need to bring everything needed to be self contained.

Bush Skills for the Hills workshop - 23rd May. I have changed the title of this one to **Bushcare Basics for Friends Groups.** Within this I will be covering basic safety information, spraying in bushland, and interacting with the Shire - all very good information for new Friends Groups OR new volunteers of our friends groups. This workshop will suit new groups - or new members, or groups that are wanting to take on more than they have previously and are unsure about anything (i.e. working with schools on their block, managing other volunteers etc) Don't let misinformation hold you or your group back! In the second half I have a presenter coming up to give us up to date information on dieback management to make sure all groups are well informed and not bringing dieback on to their site - or home from their site (Dieback can kill roses too!).

I am hoping for a good turnout to these sessions - as it is a good opportunity to address any of those issues which a group may have and make sure they are moving full steam ahead with the best information possible. An opportunity will also be given for groups to register for any other more skilled courses such as chemical safety, first aid, risk and safety information.

Date 23 - May 2009

Time 1:00 - 3:30

Location Ledger Reserve, Gooseberry Hill Scout Hall

DEC Community Environmental Grants. Three grants have been lodged from the Shire of Kalamunda to the DEC as part of this round of grants. One for Watsonia control in Kadina Brook, one for a section of fencing for part of Hartfield Park (opp soils aint soils), and one for removal of the false bamboo next to Palm Tce in Lower Lesmurdie falls. The Lesmurdie falls one is the biggest and we are very hopeful as it is within the Mundy Regional park and should rate with DEC very well.

Natural Area Managers Network. I was able to present to the NAMN forum last week on the topic of **reserve management action planning** in the Shire of Kalamunda. Doing this kind of planning is one of the recommendations from the Local Biodiversity Strategy, and is a process recommended by PBP. The presentation went very well and the process itself was very useful and will be something that is added to each year to inform our decision making about environmental projects and where to spend our precious resources.

If you have any questions about any of this information please let me know.

Kind Regards,

Karen