

*CRC Work Group – Flora, Fauna and Beachscape  
Minutes – 28 April*

11:00 – 13:00

CFA – Wye River

Teleconference Details:

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Invitees		
<b>Chair:</b>	Joanne Tyler	
	Yvonne Sheppard	
	Juliet Le Feuvre	
	Ted Gannan	
	Tegan Brown	DELWP
	Stewart Anderson	COS
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mary Eckhardt	

Item No.	Agenda Item	Time	
1	Confirmation of previous minutes		Chair
2	Replanting support program on private land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project team that will work on the Replanting Support program will report though to FFB as the decision-making body.</li> <li>Need to be clear about the parameters of this project to ensure transparent process for fire affected property owners accessing plants across 4 years.</li> <li>Important to have clear communication from project initiation</li> </ul>		
3	Paddy's Path <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future land tenure of the slope is still being worked through, intention of DELWP is that the land tenure of Paddy's Path will reflect the risk profile of the area and consider the GOR. Tenure relates to Coastal Management and Road Management Acts.</li> <li>Tammy Smith, DELWP Public Land Support Officer, has Paddy's Path contractor organised to begin works once VicRoads works are finished – not clear when this will be as weather is variable. The path may be ready 6 weeks after VicRoads complete their work</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement on the path ongoing, but will also utilise previous consultation. Concerns about wooden “stepped” walkway style noted again – similar style being walked around in playground and not utilised.</li> </ul>		
	<p>FFB Meeting with VicRoads on Paddy's Path Landslip site about vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants developed a planting list for landslip area in collaboration with VicRoads Staff</li> <li>Advised that Paddy's Path will traverse the area being soil nailed at the western end</li> <li>Suggested that where replanting is occurring near Paddy's Path adjacent to properties, tree species are selected from the Landscaping You Coastal Garden booklet for fire resilience.</li> </ul>		
	<p>Harrington Park Access (Stewart)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current timeline (pending adverse weather) is to have Harrington Park access ramp from Wallace Avenue reconstructed in June.</li> <li>FFB will begin planning for a community event in June to celebrate this milestone and</li> </ul>		
	<p>Management of trees through retaining netting (Tegan/Stewart)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trees that already exist on slope (e.g. Paddy's Path) can have netting put around them.</li> <li>Plants growing through the netting will need some ongoing management over time... COS responsible for this on road reserves, process to be determined. Assumed that VicRoads will manage netting long term that it is placing on the Iluka headland but this will need to be clarified. Private landowners will be responsible for this on their land. Guidelines will be needed.</li> </ul>		
	<p>Demonstration Fire Resistant Garden near Pub (Stewart)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This work is in the Renewal Plan and progressing through COS.</li> <li>Residents won't be able to walk through the garden, too steep. Signage will identify the plants. Suggestions from FFB include colour coding some of the plant signs to help people understand which species is which, have a map outside the garden.</li> </ul>		
	<p>Fluker Post (Stewart)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficult to get on to Martin Fluker. Ongoing. Stewart will follow up. Utilisation of standard photopoint an option</li> </ul>		
	<p>Bird Boxes (Yvonne/Joanne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some yet to be installed and project completed. In hand</li> </ul>		
	<p>Environmental impact of drainage scheme (Juliet)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need information about what the drainage scheme will entail, where the discharge points are, where monitoring will occur, etc.</li> <li>Information will be needed on management of environmental aspects</li> </ul>		
	<p>Tourism Operators and parrot feeding (Joanne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joanne to send a letter in her capacity as Chair of this group to tourism operators to ask them to stop providing parrot feed to</li> </ul>		

	their clients and to discourage parrot feeding– not good for the health of the birdlife.		
	Other Business Novel approaches to weed management in township <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised that goats can provide weed reduction capacity for townships areas</li> <li>• There would be issues around bringing in non-indigenous animals, also need to ensure that they eat woody weeds only!</li> </ul>		
11	Close and Next Meeting May 26, 11.30 am, Melbourne		

## ACTIONS

Action:	By whom:	By when:	Complete
Invite Libby Riches of SOLN to attend next FFB meeting to work through the replanting support project plan. Tegan to share documents early May to allow the group time to read/comment and input.	Tegan	Mid-may	
Provide clarity on the land tenure of Paddy's Path as more information comes to hand.	Tegan	Next meeting	
Provide further information on how plants naturally growing up through the retaining netting will be looked after given the netting is in the way.	Stewart	Next meeting	
Who is responsible for managing the retaining netting that was put in place for erosion control? How can we best manage trees within the area of retaining netting? Tegan to follow up with EMV and Stewart.	Tegan	Next meeting	
Share the Drainage Scheme Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA/EIS) when it is prepared for Council.	Stew	Next meeting	
Continue to investigate novel approaches to weed management in townships, including goats and report back to next FFB meeting.	Ted Gannan.	Next meeting	