

*CRC Work Group – Flora, Fauna and Beachscape  
Minutes – 11 November 2016*

DELWP Office – 8 Nicholson Street

11:00 – 13:00

Teleconference

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Invitees		
<b>Chair:</b>	Joanne Tyler	
	Yvonne Sheppard	
	Juliet Le Feuvre	
	Tegan Brown	DELWP
	Ted Gannan	
	Kim Stanley	DELWP
	Stewart Anderson	COS
<b>Apologies:</b>	Kelly Boladeras	COS
	Sibylle Noras	

Item No.	Agenda Item	Time	
	<b>Ratify minutes from 14/10</b>	11:04	Chair
	<b>Actions</b> Kennett River soil dump. 10,000 tonnes have been removed after becoming saturated and moving down onto the beach. Action completed		Chair
	<b>Community Engagement program and events</b> \$25,000 funding still left for community engagement projects, needs to be spent before September 2017 across all recovery work groups. A quarter of this would be expected to be available for FFB. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the Christmas season and new year, perhaps February is a good time to do something and get people prepared to plant for Easter? Although it may be an opportunity to tap into 'ex-pats' who are back over the holidays.</li> <li>Any planting sessions would need to coincide with weeding sessions (often requiring hand weeding), so perhaps a series of events to be ready for the next planting window (all with a BBQ)? Start with weeding, local regeneration, beachwalks/rock-rambles, and finish with planting sessions.</li> </ul>	11:09	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A session on fire ecology/ regeneration processes to understand what things will grow back, when, and what will need a little help to come back.</li> <li>• Would rock-pool, water, bird and indigenous rambles be options? Beachwalks along the coast. Stewart – perhaps look at getting a group called EcoLogic who can do some of this sort of thing. More informal &amp; social feel. In the past, PV have done rock-rambles</li> <li>• Action – Kim to check with Parks Victoria/rangers to see what resources may be already available, if anyone is available and if the program still exists</li> </ul> <p>Work with WVRC to ensure no doubling-up with SOLN funding.</p> <p>Action – ask Libby and Kelly to work out a half day weed event with BBQ</p>		
	<p><b>Public Land Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paddy’s Path engagement</b></li> </ul> <p>Was discussed at the meeting Joanne was just at. First part of the process is to get the wall up to prevent landslides from blocking the road (time critical and a priority). There will be an engagement process of some sort around the finish of the wall (can’t have much input on the wall design due to timeframes and structural requirements) but can have input on the look of it (a ‘skin’ will go over) once the wall is in. Options discussed have included gabions, planter boxes, murals and other artwork, shotcrete, and combinations.</p> <p>A second lower wall will be built further up the hill near the border of Iluka properties and the cliff.</p> <p>Paddy’s Path won’t be open before Christmas and into the new year, however pedestrian access of some sort will still be a priority to connect the two communities until something more permanent can be determined (most likely a reopening of Paddy’s after more stabilization works, at least parts of the previous path route with new sections).</p> <p>The boardwalk design needs to be reconsidered for a new path (accessibility issues) as would handrails.</p> <p>Opportunities to engage the community to reassure people that something WILL be happening (and is happening) re Paddy’s Path, and more information about the process and some options will be discussed more next year AFTER the wall.</p> <p>For VicRoads to continue maintenance of the Paddy’s Path area, the land is being transferred from OCC to VicRoads legal management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Riverwalk</b></li> </ul> <p>Conversation after last meeting with a number of people including Tammy Smith. Juliet – work has begun on the bank stabilization. The idea is to back fill that and then overlay the path over it. Concern remained over campers using the path to camp on. Solutions include bollards with trees between, signage and better camper information, better notification to Big 4 when campers are blocking it, etc. Better, more welcoming signage to invite walkers to use the path. Maybe some interpretational signage/photos of features on what walkers will expect to see/difficulty level to help entice people to use it more. This could be done with Paddy’s as well. This summer holiday season will be a test to see how these things</p>	11:45	

	<p>work to determine any requirements for adjustment. What could be done if doesn't work? Promote it and Paddy's as 'THE' Wye River walk.</p> <p>Perhaps organise walking groups to use the path to help keep an eye on its accessibility and to keep the path used. Invite campers along as part of the overall education and respect of the path.</p>		
	<p><b>The Wye/Sep Bushfire Restoration Long-term Specifications - COS</b></p> <p>This work between COS and WVRC looks at restoration across the communities. Purpose is to inform other processes, rather than go out as a public document as is (it's more like a funding bid). This is not a works plan, but a suggestion/guide on recommended works and actions, how to proceed with gathering the information required to make decisions, obtain funding, and build the works plan for the next 4 years. If successfully funded, more detail would then be developed on options, pros and cons of each, perspectives, monitoring, and a dedicated P/T project manager to develop it further is proposed</p> <p>Big part of this will be community engagement and education to determine values and perspectives regarding surrounding bush management and weed management across the communities and what success will look like ecologically and socially. This will help bring together all the different works and projects happening across the community for the recovery. Significant ecological, recovery and social benefits.</p> <p>If successful, there will be opportunities for FFB to support and help inform projects successful in the final 4-year plan through community engagement and networks, and support the new program manager</p>	12:00	Stewart
	<p><b>Drainage reserve management plan</b></p> <p>Includes Wye River and what seems to be only the upper part of Harrington Park. The bottom part doesn't seem to be included. Is this because it is focusing only on the burnt areas rather than the whole area?</p> <p>Stewart - Landcare would have put in an application through Coastal Tender (through CCMA) for funding to do some works in this area.</p> <p>Coincides with a tree management program for Harrington Park in the burnt area.</p> <p>What sort of works would need to be done to help the water course flow better in the drainage reserve between Karingal and Wallace and especially beside The Boulevard? Make it more natural (tree ferns etc like area above) like a stream or seasonal creek rather than just a drain. Looks like something has been dumped in it in The Boulevard section to block it a bit? Especially the area going under the road and going beside the Boulevard. Replace it with appropriate riparian vegetation. Make it nicer as it is the central access into the town (high visibility).</p> <p>Action - Put it in the Long-term Restoration Plan as a high-priority area and get community involved in the engagement and work</p>	12:10	Stewart
	<p><b>Fluker Posts/ Photopoints</b></p> <p>A standard photograph record location. There is a formal 'managed' post system costing around \$2000, and a plain physical post option so anyone can take photos from the exact same spot/angle and upload to a central (pre-determined) location for ongoing change over time.</p> <p>Feedback so far – as we delay making decisions we are losing the opportunity to capture how it is now as it rapidly changes. Need to make a</p>	12:18	Joanne

	<p>decision of the style wanted, what we want them to capture (regeneration, township change, waterways, fuel/weed accumulation etc), and where to put them.</p> <p>Action - start with an official fluker post at the playground pointing up and go from there (Tegan to follow up with Tammy). FFB has raised \$2000 through donations to cover the costs.</p>		
	<p><b>DELWP resourcing update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DELWP has completed aerial photographs of the area. It has been flown, and photos will be available over the coming weeks. Can compare with before the fire. Could be helpful for groups to use as a planning tool. Perhaps put some around the community for local residents (ie noticeboards) and at upcoming AGMs and other community events. Capture change over time over the long term. Good opportunity to compare with old logging and historical holiday photos/postcards to demonstrate it was (not long ago) open and cleared across the area too. The forest will grow back over time. Change over time. Stewart – there is a company that takes photos and creates a ‘skin’ that can be put on sides of buildings/roads/walls etc. Perhaps look at ways to show how the townships and landscape has changed so much over time. And an opportunity to make some ugly buildings and features more attractive</li> <li>• Tegan will be away from 30 Nov to 12 Jan. The position will be backfilled and Kim will continue on the group as normal (minutes and agendas)</li> <li>• Wye Road will continue to have works done, primarily tree safety along the roadside in the fire affected area. This is so the road can be opened for public access, and to ensure that it is the standard required for fire management over summer. There were two small landslides along Wye Road, DELWP and PV are working to make these safe. More information will come out to the community about these works as we move through the engagement process</li> </ul>	12:30	Tegan
	<p>Sybille has submitted her resignation which has been regretfully accepted (many thanks for her hard work – letter to be written)</p> <p>Now a place for a community member on the group. Discussions to be had on who may be a suitable replacement and approaching them with an invitation.</p>	12:55	
	<p><b>Other Business &amp; Close</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting – (teleconference)</b></p> <p>December 16<sup>th</sup></p> <p>11.00 – 12.00 to discuss program of FFB Community events for 2017 and finalise early activities.</p>	13:00	Chair

Action:	By whom:	By when:	Complete
<p>Bird Boxes - Feedback any improvement to Jay and the Men's Shed so that the designs they are building can be modified accordingly.</p> <p>Kim has some that are left over from the Dereel bushfire recovery that can also be used. A number of designs for different species.</p> <p>First – finish the box orders from the Men's Shed for the current orders and then look at other needs and funding .</p>	Joanne/Yvonne		
<p><b>Paddy's Path</b></p> <p>Kim to help find an engagement practitioner/resources/support to help guide this vital structured process. Whether DELWP or other suitable facilitator can support/guide/drive the overall process.</p> <p>Opportunity to both update on changes and final report findings as well as start working through new options for the community to replace/ renew/ redirect the path.</p> <p>Large scale communications needed to capture all voices.</p>	Kim		In progress – waiting update on Paddy's Path by agencies to determine scale, approaches and timeframes
<p><b>Surf Coast Trees</b></p> <p>\$1000 –cash donation. Will be used to support a fluker post Could the money be held by Council on this group's behalf? Kelly – could it be put into the WRVB scope and be identified for this group to use when needed? Work with Libby to set this up</p>			
<p><b>River Walk</b></p> <p>Very important to the community.</p> <p>Include education/signage/information for campers so they are more aware of the path and understand the repercussions of dangerous guy ropes - access cannot be obstructed. Needs to be a 'community path' that is really obvious.</p> <p>Work towards securing this place in perpetuity for the community. Supported by the Progress Association in this.</p>			