

*CRC Work Group – Flora, Fauna and Beachscape
Minutes – 03 February 2017*

10:30 – 12:30
Wye River Surf Life Saving Club

Invitees		
Chair:	Joanne Tyler	
	Yvonne Sheppard	
	Juliet Le Feuvre	(by phone)
	Ted Gannan	
	Kelly Boladeras	COS
	Kim Stanley	DELWP
	Tegan Brown	DELWP
Apologies:	Stewart Anderson	COS
	Mary Eckhardt	

Item No.	Agenda Item	Time	
1	Ratify previous minutes	11:40	Chair
2	Matters arising from previous minutes January Rock pool ramble – Sep Creek by Ecologic. 15 people attended. Great event with very knowledgeable presenters. Could have been a bigger number, difficulty with Wye Sep Connect promotion this time.	10:42	Chair
2.1	Community Engagement program and events for 2017 Calendar of possible community events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed - March long weekend – Mon 13. Weed ID event would be useful. Possibilities include walk and talk to ID?, and some weed pulling at a local spot (ie Harrington Park if can get there)? Kelly following up with Libby to see what could be done for this weekend. ▪ Easter weekend 14-17 April – Community lunch – Renewal Plan event? CFA Auxiliary Easter fete already running. SLSC has an AGM around the same date. Plant give-away?? Hard to fit into the fete (full space), and will the plants be ready yet? Could still be a little warm to plant and keep alive. ▪ 22 April – Fungi survey event – SOLN ▪ Autumn – planting event – FFB ▪ ANZAC day may extend into a long weekend for some this year. Opportunity here for an event? ▪ 10-12 June Queen’s Birthday long weekend – Is this a better date for a plant give-away/ planting event? More conducive conditions for planting ▪ Early Spring – Weed ID and Pulling Day – FFB ▪ Cup Weekend 4-5 Nov – Community lunch – Renewal Plan event, pre-summer preparedness activities Dependent on availability of presenters discussed.		Joanne

2.2	Paddy's Path Engagement Strategy Waiting for VicRoads to finish the wall and the second layer before they can focus on Paddy's Path community engagement. Martin Butcher has been consulted and is happy to support a community-based engagement process to discuss options. Tammy Smith of DELWP Lead. What might the engagement approach look like and incorporate? What can we engage on now (ie construction techniques/ materials, pram access)? Follow up next meeting		Tegan
2.3	Fluker Posts/ Photopoints Changes in location options to get best outcomes. Now going to be at Separation Creek at that end of Paddy's Path) cnr GOR and Stanway Drive. Shows regeneration/weeds/change over time. Kelly has taken over administration support and is following up on written approvals to use the crown land. CCMA might have some funding to apply for that may be able to purchase more Fluker posts. Keep an eye open for when this becomes open		Joanne Kelly
2.4	Bird Box Update A spreadsheet records progress. Boxes at Kim's place are still to be picked up (need to organize) and may be used to support a second wave of bird boxes after the first ones have been installed. Is there a way to record which ones are being used by what? Project includes installation of micro-bat boxes in Harrington Park. 10 boxes have been delivered. Order for 7 for property owners. Are there more that can be funded to ensure that the bat population re-establishes at Harrington Park? Safe access to the park required. Could be installed at the same time as Surf-Coast Trees are doing the tree work to take advantage of workers and equipment to install them 4-6 metres up – follow up. Action		Joanne Yvonne
2.5	Revegetation for those who are building/rebuilding Advice is available on what is appropriate locally (species guides and plant selection booklet for high risk coastal areas) and better suited to individual blocks. Could further assist community in better understanding how to plant to the conditions (ie for steep wet slopes/ tree fall areas/ erosion and slippage areas etc). This would be an opportunity to build into the Community Based Bushfire Management/ Safer Together process that is in the Renewal Plan under the Planning work group.		Ted Kim
2.6	Gardens for Wildlife http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=2049 Would be a great model to explore as a pilot in the local area (. Need community champions to run successfully (council are support only).		Kelly
3	New Business		
3.1	Drainage Plan Update Some concerns that drainage plan may impact vegetation growth. The geo-tech advice is that it won't significant effect on water saturation. Captured run off occurs when the soil is already saturated and flows off, so is not expected to be an issue here. Plan is in early stages of development, and will be available for community comment when appropriate. The netting that is being put up as a temporary erosion preventative is jute and is completely biodegradable. Green and brown versions. Questions around the colour indicating it's strength and best use/slope rather than just a colour choice. Once it's covered in vegetation/decomposed it won't be obvious.		Joanne Kelly
3.2	Revegetation – Project Management Plan The WVRC steering committee is leading the revegetation project and allocation of potential funding. Sarah Henderson (refer her website) recently discussing federal local employment funding (regional jobs project). Could something be followed up		Joanne

	there re project management? Looking into the future – what will the community do to maintain the sustainability of weed/reeveg works once the short-term supported projects are completed. Put this into the EMV survey (discussed in Other Business)		
3.3	<p>Walkway across rocks Wye end of Wye/Sep Rocks</p> <p>Come up a lot in conversation around the renewal plan. Those that have commented have expressed strong support for improving access and safety. This project would be to allow safe accessible access along the beach and up over the rocks to get on and off the beach and create a loop with Paddy's Path. Especially the 10 metres or so that are under the wall which is difficult to transverse. Difficult at high tide. How to get across this section safely? Must be able to blend into the natural landscape, deal with wear and tear/ future climate change/ rock movement/ high tide and storm impacts. Would have to confirm to safety standards on long-term stability and safety. Flat rocks placed as a path would be a local solution but unlikely to conform to safety consideration. A made/formal path holds a tacit message it is safe to use. It is a natural environment – should we just accept that some bits of nature won't always be easy or safe to walk on at all times (high and low tide etc). Should it be seen as an alternate access at all? Signage? This project should probably be put into the renewal plan so it can be explored further with proper resources (pros and cons). Action</p>		Joanne
3.4	<p>Harrington Park – restoration for full public access</p> <p>Still no solid understanding of where Harrington access is up to. Thought to be the path safety and some tree work up the top part. Is this all? Timeframes?</p>		Yvonne
3.5	<p>Public Toilets</p> <p>Status of the toilets at the end of the beach. They are very old. What would the process be to upgrade/replace the toilets to meet modern standards and tourism expectations? Does this fall under the tourism work group? What would happen regarding effluent issues? A lot of interest GOR tourism at the moment, so now is a good time to follow up. Tegan to follow up with Tammy and look at funding options such as Regional Tourism funding. Action</p>		Tegan
4	<p>Other Business</p> <p>EMV have set up consultants (NOUS) to do a survey to evaluate recovery processes and results. Joanne has been asked to gather FFB member responses to the survey to take back to NOUS for inclusion into the information gathering process. Can all members get their views back to Joanne by Sunday week so she can include them in the interview on behalf of the group? All personal opinions are completely confidential. They are consulting all the work groups and other community groups. The results will feed into a wider process that will inform the wider community.</p>		
5	<p>Close and Next Meeting</p> <p>Wait until the renewal plan is finalized, so the end of March Friday 24th March 10:30-12:30 Melbourne</p>	12:20	Tegan

ACTIONS

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. Kim has some that are left over from the Dereel bushfire recovery that can also be used. A number of designs for different species. 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		In progress
<p>Paddy's Path 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. 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. Large scale communications needed to capture all voices. Will be a focus area in early New Year after the lower wall is finished</p>	Kim		In progress – waiting update on Paddy's Path by agencies to determine scale, approaches and timeframes
<p>River Walk 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. Work towards securing this place in perpetuity for the community. Supported by the Progress Association in this.</p>			Opening and planting event held
<p>Community Engagement program and events Funding left for community engagement projects, needs to be spent in 2017. Determine no doubling-up with SOLN funding/projects Determine a series of events including weeding, fire ecology/ regeneration, beachwalks/ rock-rambles and planting with BBQs. Determine who can run Beachwalk / rock-rambles. (Ecologic, and part of free summer program for Parks Victoria)</p>			Ecologic booked for Separation Creek 21 Jan 11:30-1:30. Also provided at Wye (16 Jan 10-11:30am) and Kennett (16 Jan 8:30-9:30pm) as part of PV free Summer by the Sea program
<p>Drainage reserve management plan Put it in the Long-term Restoration Plan as a high-priority area & get community involved in the engagement & work</p>			In progress
<p>Fluker Posts/ Photopoints Start with an official Fluker post at the playground pointing up and go from there. FFB has raised \$2000 through donations to cover the costs.</p>			In progress