CRC Work Group – Flora, Fauna and Beachscape
Minutes – July 7th, 2017

11:00 – 12:30

CFA Station – Wye River

12:30 – 13:00 onwards, Paddy’s Path field trip. Meet outside CFA Shed.

Teleconference Details:

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| **Invitees** |
| **Chair:**  | Joanne Tyler |  |
|  | Yvonne Sheppard |  |
|  | Ted Gannan |  |
|  | Tegan Brown | DELWP |
|  | Liza Kennedy | COS |
|  | Mary Eckhardt |  |
|  | Tammy Smith | DELWP |
|  | Libby Riches | SOLN |
| **Dial in:** | Juliet Le Feuvre |  |
|  | Stewart Anderson | COS |
| **Apologies:** |  |  |

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| **Item No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Time** |  |
| 1 | **Confirmation of previous minutes** |  | Chair |
| 2 | Report back on Queens Birthday Workshop* At least 20 people.
* Great work, thanks to SOLN for funding/assistance.
 |  | Joanne |
| 3 | Standing Items:* Management of trees through netting (Tegan)
	+ EMV back from leave, will follow up.
	+ Gareth Smith (COS) working through this at a higher level.
* Drainage scheme Flora and Fauna impacts (Stewart)
	+ Planning, Building & Fire Work Group may be the best CRC work group to represent the community into this process.
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| 4 | Progress against Renewal Plan Projects:Replanting to renew flora and fauna* + WVRC haven’t met since last FFB meeting.
	+ Some grant funding going forward, need to confirm oversight arrangements.
	+ Important to keep getting this information circulated to the community. Potential for a story on WyeSep Connect to share information about the effort and work that is going into this area.
	+ Lots of opportunities for communications – plant giveaway, Morley Ave, Paddy’s Path.
	+ Joanne is exploring further avenues of funding for some smaller, discrete projects.
* Monitor and maintain trees on COS owned and managed land
	+ Travis has been working with the CRC on this.
	+ Stewart will continue to provide updates to FFB.
* Re-open Harrington Park
	+ Complete, new path is fantastic.
	+ Thanks to all involved.
* Establish demonstration fire-resistant garden
	+ It’s great this this initiative is going ahead.
	+ Effort to get information out to the community so that people know what's happening. No feedback from that information so far.
* Improve beach access between Wye River & Sep Ck.
	+ No funding.
* Advocate for inclusion of Donlevy Fitzpatrick Estate into Crown
	+ The land has been purchased by a private individual.
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| 5 | Harrington Park open, pathway completed – for noting |  |  |
| 6 | Report on progress of replanting support program for private properties * 27 responses so far.
* Late August/early Sep Libby will visit properties requesting plants from 2018 onwards to ascertain any crucial land management concerns, erosion, major weeds etc. Early spring to order stock for winter.
* The seedlings that are outlined in the Landscaping booklet are expensive and often difficult to propagate. FFB group will need to work through a process to fairly allocate seedlings to all residents that ensures equality in budget allocation across 4 years of program.
* Ensure that messaging is related to revegetation project, not landscaping.
* Discuss (next meeting) involving Mike Robinson-Koss in the process to run some education sessions – not everything that is growing back is a weed.
 | 12:00 | Libby Riches |
| 7 | General BusinessRebuilding the foreshore access ramp – Tammy Smith (DELWP)* Meant to be adaptive to coastal dynamics. Storms show not functioning as it was designed so it needs to be replaced.
* Building a standard coastal design (well adapted) which will include steps dug into the sand.

Bank Stabilisation at end of Foreshore Camping Ground– Tammy Smith* Thanks to group for engagement through process, however it’s possible that further works along the GOR over the next few years would change the foreshore (planned VicRoads rebuilding of bridge)– so not efficient to undertake major works now.
* DELWP looking into other options, such as a platform along river.
	+ Group: Need to ensure that it has handrails, safe for children.

Fuel hazard in township – Ted Gannan* Is COS thinking about how to manage into summer?
	+ SA: yes, notices are going out earlier this year than previous. October.
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| Next Meeting | Melbourne, date/time TBCWednesday 23, 2pm onwards.  | 12.30 |  |
| 12:30 – 13:30 Paddy’s Path:C*ommunity members interested in work-shopping issues and ideas for the Separation Creek entrance to Paddy's Path are invited to come along on Friday 6th July 12.30pm-1.30pm. This will be the chance to chat with the appointed contractor, CRC and DELWP to finalise the treatment for the steep slope.* |

**ACTIONS**

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| **Action:** | **By whom:** | **By when:** | **Complete** |
| Invite Libby to the next FFB meeting | Tegan | Next meeting |  |
| Provide clarity on the tenure of Paddy’s Path as more information comes to hand.  | Tegan | Next meeting | No change, ongoing |
| Provide more information on how plants growing up through the retaining netting will be looked after given the netting is in the way.  |  |  | ongoing |
| Who is responsible for managing the retaining netting that was put in place for erosion control?  | Tegan & Stewart | Next meeting |  |
| Share the drainage scheme environmental impact assessment when it is prepared for Council.  | Stewart |  |  |
| Drainage scheme – will the drainage works impact on the gully system above and below Wallace Ave.  | Stewart | Next meeting |  |
| Send Tegan information that has been sent to residents on Fire Resistant Garden project | Liza | Next meeting |  |
| Draft up a statement to send to people about what's available this year (seedlings), if they're happy to wait then they may have a broader selection.  | Libby |  |  |
| Investigate cost of difficult to propagate seedlings from Skinks in Port Melbourne.  | Joanne | Next meeting |  |