CRC Work Group – Flora, Fauna and Beachscape
Minutes – Aug 23, 2017

3.30 – 5.00

Teleconference

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| **Invitees** |
| **Chair:**  | Joanne Tyler |  |
|  | Yvonne Sheppard |  |
|  | Ted Gannan |  |
|  | Tegan Brown | DELWP |
|  | Liza Kennedy | COS |
|  | Juliet Le Feuvre |  |
| **Guest:** | Jennifer Lilburn | Consultant |
| **Apologies:** | Mary Eckhardt |  |
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| **Item No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Time** |  |
| 1 | Previous minutes confirmed.Action: Joanne will organize to be uploaded to WyeSep Connect**.**  |  | Chair |
| 2 | Matters arising:Insurance* Currently no insurance for community members in the group.
* In the process of incorporating to provide insurance coverage

Retaining Netting* Meeting organised on 5September to get clarity on ownership and management status. Tegan to provide feedback at next meeting.
 |  | Joanne |
| 3 | Drainage Scheme* Some Wye River properties appear to drain into gullies.
* Are there implications for people with old septic tanks re quality of the discharge?
* Drains along the road – not clear from the schematic diagrams extent to which open drains along the top of the roads will incorporate concrete?
	+ Some components have been left to be determined (particularly in visible areas) pending public consultation. Concepts are there but actual material / detailed design will be confirmed after public consultation.
* Meaning of some diagrams unclear
* Liza will provide some feedback to Cardno & COS team on areas needing clarification.
* Develop a fact sheet with some basic principles on the drainage scheme?
* Vegetation management on easements
	+ Information on easement vegetation management would inform FFB group comment on flora aspects.

Paddy’s Path* Consideration being given to removing ramped steps following community feedback
* Weed control being done at Sep Ck end of the path.
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| 4 | Co-design and Conservation Action Planning * Southern Otway Landcare Network Committee of Management meeting last Wednesday.
* Libby Riches of SOLN discussed a co-design project (CAP approach) about understanding the management needs of a project: design, delivery & monitoring success.
* Has the potential to attract some funding for historically difficult projects.
* Process begins on Sep 13th.
* Yvonne will propose weed control: on Riverwalk (beyond Big 4 to the Big Tree), and on the river opposite the Riverwalk from the fishing platform to the Big 4 boundary adjacent to the playground.
 |  | Yvonne |
| 5 | Parks Victoria Project* Jennifer Lilburn, consultant engaged by Parks Victoria to determine community priorities for PV funds available to assist with community recovery. Focus is tourism, environmental, cultural or visitor-related infrastructure
* Have been setting up some community engagement processes.
* Questions for discussion
	+ What sort of broad general goals would you like to be achieved or worked towards with this funding?
		- There was some good work done previously with weeds – provide this information to Jennifer.
* Issues
	+ Ability to do work on former Donleavy Estate.
	+ Community are keen to hear news and be communicated with.
* Ideas to assist with prioritising projects
	+ Getting buy-in from all the different groups that are in Wye (campers, overnight stays, etc.).
* The community endorsed Renewal plan was emphasised by FFB as being the major source document for Jennifer’s research
 |  | Liza |
| 6 | Fire Notices* Shire has an obligation to enforce
* Preference is that community deals with issues through education and setting expectations – this has been shown to be more effective and efficient than an enforcement approach.
* Streets get together to work out a solution for regrowth? Not supported - people are responsible for their own land.
* Liza – enforcement is that COS would get a contractor to do the work and then charge property owners if properties not appropriately managed to reduce fire risk. Last resort.
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| Next Meeting |  October – Friday tbc |  |  |

**ACTIONS**

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| **Action:** | **By whom:** | **By when:** | **Complete** |
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| 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.  | Tegan | Next meeting | 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 | As soon as available |  |
| 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 |  |
| Re plants for fire-affected properties -draft a statement to send to people about what's available this year (seedlings), if they're happy to wait then they can have a broader selection.  | Libby | Complete? |  |
| Investigate cost of difficult to propagate seedlings from SKINC in Port Melbourne.  | Joanne | Next meeting | Libby Riches has decided to approach local nurseries |
| Invite Libby – to get an update on the replanting support program. Also invite Tammy.  | Tegan | Next meeting |  |