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. |  |  |
| 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. |  |  |
| 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 |  |