CRC Flora, Fauna & Beachscape Work Group

1100 - 1230 , Friday 24 June Meeting 2 Minutes



Teleconference Number: 1800 766 715

Conference code: 355 751 7622

Invitees					
Chair:	Joanne Tyler	Chair			
	Ted Gannan				
	Sibylle Noras				
	Erin Letovsky	DELWP			
	Yvonne Sheppard				
	Stewart Anderson	COS			
	Juliet Le Feuvre				
	Tegan Brown	DELWP			
Apologies:	Kelly Boladeras	COS			

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	Agenda Item	
1	Welcome and Introductions	Chair
2.	Ratification of Minutes	Chair
	Minutes ratified with one change:	
	Clause 5 Background on water watch.	
3	Actions	Chair
4	Paddy's Path Stability	Erin
	There is still some work to be completed on headland risk. Environmental triggers are in place that could lead to the path being closed at times. Tony Miner (geotechnical engineer) is monitoring the path for risk.	
	We will need to discuss with the community the ongoing need for risk management along the path – it cannot be completely stabilised with vegetation. A" Friends of Paddy's Path" group could have a role in monitoring after DELWP ceases this.	
5	Neighborhood cluster meetings	Joanne
	How can the activities of this group input into the cluster discussions?	
	 Putting as much information as possible on WyeSep Connect regarding items such as plants for each area of Wye/Sep, weed control, planting in landslip areas, planting to attract 	





	hirds/animals controlling favos/sats how to hook hird haves	
	 birds/animals, controlling foxes/cats, how to book bird boxes The cluster meetings have a defined scope because there are pieces of information that agencies need from community members before determining to progress with APZ work. If cluster meetings are found to be a useful form of engagement, we could replicate later for revegetation/weeds etc. It was felt that cluster meetings were too soon to be providing property owners with Landcare plants, given work that will have be undertaken on all affected properties. COS are developing a neighborhood planting guide for fire prone environments. Conversation about why the SLSC is part of the cluster map. Any change to vegetation around it would be Beachscape and therefore within the remit of this group. It was agreed that clarity would be sought. Property owners can attend any / all of the cluster meetings. However, property groupings relate to the primary concern for local BAL/ APZ discussions. It is too soon to talk about revegetation of gully system to the north of Harrington Park as APZ project discussions are ongoing. Consequently offer of plants from Landcare for that location will not be taken up at the moment. 	
6	Playground Update	Erin
	Concerns that it would not reflect local preferences, but:	
	If not timber, then timber look	
	Not off the shelf bright playground	
	Will be aligned to the area	
	Presenting the outcomes of design back to community in July	
	BBQ shelter - and attached notice board -	
	are part of the scope of the project.	
7	Profiling neighborhood weed efforts	Joanne
	Looking at local 'wins' in regards to weed reduction, efforts to be profiled.	
8	River Walk Update and timelines	Erin
	Concerns about funding for the Wye River Walk	
	Progress Association funding bid not successful. Disappointing that the great was 't received but we want't let it imports on the	
	that the grant wasn't received, but we won't let it impact on the timeframe – going to be opened by middle of Nov.	
	 Juliet: Project working group has been quiet. CCMA are doing a 	
	velocity study, more banking so the water level is higher. Design	
	 proposal still in development. There will be action in this area in the next 2 weeks. 	
	 Is there an opportunity to put the walk up the tributary? 	
9.	Proposed September Bird Event	Sybille
	Sybille – there is a lot of interest in birds, raised the potential to	,
	facilitate a bird tour with an expert.	
	Would need assistance for funding & travel costs.	
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 Strong support from the group to get an expert down for a day tour with interested community members, subject to some more information being made available. 	
Other business	Chair
Plants and Parks	
 1000 plants in total available for Paddy's Path, with many already planted. Concern that there has been no replanting in Harrington Park, or work on fire damaged seats, path at the top to Wallace Avenue, or its railing. Stewart to follow up. 	
Trees	
Ted raised the issue of guidelines for tree maintenance. Erin undertook to follow up on advice about epicormic growth and short and long term tree maintenance considerations.	
Noting the distinction between tree work occurring on public and private land, Joanne to seek advice as to whether arborists are proactively contacting landowners before commencing work on each private property, and report back to the Work Group.	
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Action:	By whom:	By when:	Complete
Liaise with Justin Leonard to ensure vegetation is part of the APZ cluster conversations.	Erin Letovsky	Next meeting	YES – Kevin Tolhurst will be present to discuss with residents.
Find out about funding available for replanting in Harrington Park.	Claire Malone	Next meeting	YES
 Stewart – looking at the weed control Overlap between weed control, reveg, pests and weeds. No specific funding for Harrington Park, but there is a township pool of funds, scope for some works in Harrington Park, critical open space for community. The path in Harrington Park is generally damaged and needs to be replaces, path itself and railing. There needs to be thought about how we want the park to look and how that is integrated with the revegetation plan. Revegetation of Harrington Park may have APZ considerations 			
Report back at next meeting on whether more water would be extracted from the river as a part of the Wye River extraction pipe works. • Environmental considerations have been considered including ensuring that there is sustainable water use by end users. • Need a licence to pump water and users will be audited against their licence.	Erin Letovsky	Next meeting	YES
Determine the reasoning behind the SLC being in an APZ Project Cluster. Is vegetation removal there being considered? • No plans to do vegetation management as part of APZ project around the surf club. Was named purely as a geographical reference point. • Cluster conversations will head up Wallace Ave & Sep Ck side of the CFA shed.	Erin Letovsky	Next meeting	YES
Playground – is the shelter included in the proposal? • Yes, includes BBQ shed, shelter & noticeboard.	Erin Letovsky	Next meeting	YES
How can the FFB WG be involved in the masterplan for weeds (including Harrington Park).	Stewart Anderson	Next meeting	
Share detail of license conditions of river pipe & pump users with the FFB WG.	Erin Letovsky	Next meeting	



