

*CRC Work Group – Flora, Fauna and Beachscape
Minutes – 26/8/16*

8 Nicholson Street

Level 12, Room 1

10:30 – 12:30

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

Sibylle Noras

Item No.	Purpose	Agenda Item	Time	
		Ratify minutes from 22/7 Ratified.		Chair
		Actions log		Chair
	Update / discussion	<p>Vegetation Restoration Committee:</p> <p>Kelly has sent around the new ToR for the Vegetation Restoration Committee. Minutes will be passed on to the FFB Work Group to ensure that we are all up to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Township revegetation plan <p>Stewart Anderson: COS developing the scope for a funding request for township plan. Estimate \$500K over 4 years. Scope expected to have finished by end of September. Funding source not yet clear, will go through recovery funding channels</p> <p>Kelly: current funding only until the end of the year. Kelly is</p>		

		<p>working on the scope - might have a draft ready for next Vegetation Restoration Committee meeting on Monday 19th ready for community comment. Optimal to start work next Autumn so good to get funding assurance as soon as possible.</p> <p>JT: A critical project but funding may be tight, given funds that are already committed.</p> <p>SA: JT is right, need to think about the most cost effective way to spend the money that we can have.</p> <p>JT: Stewart and Kelly are doing fantastic work to get vegetation management / planning work done to date TG: The township is largely private land, is the revegetation plan for the private or public land, or both?</p> <p>JT: expectation management necessary. Some insurance policies cover individuals for a certain amount of revegetation on their own land (e.g. 2K).</p> <p>TG: need to think about guidance for replanting. Making a decision based on the booklet would be assisted by guidance of people from local nurseries . .</p> <p>JT: This could be an autumn FFB community event, possibly linked to plant sales,..</p> <p>SA: there are different powers that COS have to enforce certain things - but don't really want to explore a compliance program on private land – not the best way. Long term revegetation plan is focussed on public land.</p> <p>TG: need to apply the vision of the town to the private land. Can't legislate for it. Used to be a requirement for a planting plan during the permit application process. Funding for a consultant to come and give advice on each block that would be consistent with the township plan would be helpful. Is there a requirement for a planting plan as part of permit processes?</p> <p>SA: have to check with Doug McNeill (COS) about the specific planning permit requirements. Generally not for offsetting specifically.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting on road reserves Sept 3 <p>Unfortunately despite big effort Stewart couldn't find a</p>		
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		<p>suitable site . Will keep an eye out for good places / opportunities at a later stage for planting by COS, potentially in the Boulevard area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community planting day (3 September) <p>Appreciation to Stewart, Kelly, COS and SOLN for getting Sep 3 organised – a really great effort in short period of time, with important community benefit. 400 local indigenous plants will be distributed, and Judi Forrester of Otway Herbs will give a talk to attending community members about them.</p> <p>YS:Carisbrook Falls? would be a good site for a future FFB community trip to look at native plants. Would need liaison with Parks Victoria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online planting guide <p>Released later this week to coincide with Sept 3 event. Thanks everyone for input, and to Kelly for making it happen</p>		
	Discussion	<p>Fluker posts / monitoring points</p> <p>Ideas where a Fluker Post could be installed pending a funding source:</p> <p>Potential Sites - Wye Gully looking down into the gully from above, and Illuka Hill</p> <p>Suggestion that we come up with a short list and do a poll on Wye step Connect.</p>		<p>Tegan</p> <p>All</p>
	Discussion	<p>Provision / access to more advanced trees</p> <p>While it would be nice to be able to give those who have lost trees access to more mature ones – not particularly practical. Would be very expensive. Not something the FFB group will pursue .</p>		Juliet
	Update	<p>Feral cat project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expecting when spring comes there may be more requests to catch feral cats, will be promoted at October 8 Bird Event 		Yvonne

	Discussion	<p>Gates on Paddy's Path</p> <p>Consultation – what has occurred and are the gates necessary?</p> <p>Committee felt that gates on Paddy's Path, as on many walking tracks, relate to questions of public liability and public safety. OCC will close gates if an event occurs that compromises public safety – otherwise they will remain open.</p>		Joanne
	Update	<p>Erosion and Sediment Control Plan / Hydromulching</p> <p>COS are working though a comprehensive plan and more updates will be forthcoming from COS very soon.</p>		Tegan
		<p>Bird watching event (promotion)</p> <p>No RSVPs at this point, although only been on WyeSep Connect for a few days. People seem very interested . .further promotion in conjunction with Sept 3 event..</p>		
		<p>River Walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Working Group met with Alluvium re the river walk. Construction to start on Oct 3. Short public consultation period. • JT & YS have had some discussions with Tammy in regards to signage and access. 		
	Update	<p>Action Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRC planning meeting on 15 Sep to ensure that the actions of CRC and agencies are aligned with the community views. • We will discuss out work plan after that. • Community Vision and Principles Statement will be very pertinent. 		Joanne
	Update	<p>Legal liabilities for CRC and CRC work group community members</p> <p>Still being worked on - need to ensure that community members of these groups are not giving advice to individuals</p>		Joanne
	Update	<p>Longer term DELWP resourcing</p> <p>Erin's last day before leave is 2 September. Tegan will be DELWP Regional Recovery Coordinator after this date.</p>		Erin / Tegan

		FFB work group thanked Erin for her hard work over this year.		
		<p>Other Business</p> <p>CCMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event at the CCMA was a really great event. Coastal research and development forum. Great discussion from Craig Morely on Orange Bellied Parrots • Salt marsh information sharing. Salt marsh important food source and habitat for marine animals and OBP. • Renee Mead (Birdlife Aus) re Hooded Plover works and encouraging people using leashes on beaches – dogs off leashes can travel a long way and be quite destructive. • Quinn Olivay - PhD candidate, spoke about effectiveness of blue carbon capture and its ability to sequester carbon. 60% of salt marches lost since European settlement. • Powerpoints will be on CCMA website. • Really good accessible day and gave great understanding of birdwatching. 		
<p><i>Next Meeting:</i> Friday Oct 7th, 10.30, Wye River. Tegan to arrange venue and teleconferencing.</p>				

Action:	By whom:	By when:	Complete
Action Items			
<p>Is there a private license for the pump?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, there is. Although there are privacy issues in regards to making the licence conditions public. 	Stewart Anderson	Next meeting	COMPLETE
<p>Can the implementation of bird boxes / hollows and microbat boxes be picked up by Grocon through EMV?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not funded through clean-up. FFB work group should investigate other sources of funding such as competitive grant process. • Stewart – this funding request can be raised at the Vegetation Restoration 	Erin / Tegan to follow up with Deb Jeppsom (EMV).	Next meeting	COMPLETE

<p>Committee meeting on 19th September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JT – there are possibly other sources such as philanthropic trusts or competitive grants. 			
<p>Discuss permissions and other associated issues with installation of Microbat Boxes in Harrington Park with members of the FFB work group offline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OK to install bird boxes in the park once it is safe. Currently not safe, waiting for additional arborist assessment. 	Stewart Anderson	Next meeting	COMPLETE
<p>Erosion on the beach - Erin following up on information for the competitive grant or current programs that would make funding available for this kind of program in WRSC. Report back to group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The OCC is eligible for funding under a DELWP program. Received \$60K in 2015 for timber seawall replacement. Program re opens in May 2017. Members should work with OCC if have ideas / priorities 	Erin Letovsky	Next meeting	COMPLETE
<p>Erin / Tegan to follow up with Jenny Howell in Otways Fire District about the trees and debris on Donlevy Estate behind houses.</p>	Erin / Tegan	Next meeting	Action complete – management ongoing pending weather.
<p>Erin / Tegan to discuss the use of \$50K beach furniture funding and how this funding is allocated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items and Cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tables and chairs x 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated Pine Posts and timber for the bench seating and table tops Labour \$ 42,000 Beach ramp access x 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated Pine Timber and materials Labour \$ 8,500 Community information board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated Pine Timber and materials Labour \$ 6,000 OCC in-kind contribution (project management, community engagement) \$ 2,000 OCC contribution in-kind (crew works) \$ 4,500 Proposed RDV funding \$ 50,000 	Erin Letovsky / Tegan Brown	Next meeting	COMPLETE

Total \$ 56,500			
New Actions			
<p>Tegan to follow up with Tammy Smith (DELWP) about whether the dates are accurate to release the summary table of public land projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy altered a few dates to better reflect some dependencies in the project timeline. Plan has been published on WyeSep Connect with a blurb from Joanne & Tammy. 	Tegan	Next meeting	COMPLETE
TG, YS will promote the spring planting event through their other communication channels.	Ted, Yvonne	Before 3 September.	