

*CRC Work Group – Flora, Fauna and Beachscape
Minutes – 16 December 2016*

11:00 – 12:00

Invitees		
Chair:	Joanne Tyler	
	Yvonne Sheppard	
	Juliet Le Feuvre	
	Ted Gannan	
	Kelly Boladeras	COS
	Stewart Anderson	COS
	Kim Stanley	DELWP
Apologies:	Tegan Brown	DELWP
	Mary Eckhardt	

Item No.	Agenda Item	Time	
1	Ratify minutes from 11/11/16		Chair
2	Actions		Chair
3	<p>Community Engagement program and events</p> <p>Planned events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beach walks and rock-rambles <p>Ecologic running the event – have kindly discounted their charges to support bushfire recovery. 21 Jan 11:30-1:30 at Sep Creek on the low tide. 1 – below Paddy’s path on the beach, 2 – other end of Sep Creek. Can have up to about 50 people– cost \$200 for the first 25 people, up to 50 for \$300. Invoice to COS for access to recovery funds. Timed for the day before Progress Association AGM, and the community forum. Optional informal gathering at 10.45 on the 21st at the bottom of the Sep steps, prior to the rock pool ramble, to celebrate the return of access to the rock pools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOLN Planned events <p>Booked a fungi survey event with ecologist Alison Pouliot at Wye River for 22nd April</p> <p>Potential event suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An event with an indigenous focus (culture, landscape, history, vegetation changes and uses/ bush tucker/ medicinal, fire management). Worth looking into what sort of knowledge is available about fire management in the Otways area. Perhaps look at species that are no longer 	11:05	Joanne

	<p>around that could be reintroduced, or that are around now in numbers but didn't used to be. Could coincide with a bushwalk along some of the walking trails – Carisbrook Falls?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed and regeneration event: SOLN happy to support. Combine with a 'weed pulling out' activity? February will be too hot, so perhaps look at the long weekend in March? Early spring is the best time to ID weeds and the ground is softer to pull them out. Perhaps look at a planting day in autumn and a weeding day in spring? Perhaps ask Mike Robinson-Koss if he would be a speaker and lead a field event? Mike has licenses and experience in native seed collection • Visit by the native nurseries to promote themselves, various local species, sell their plants etc. Would April suit? (already has fungi event). Perhaps look at the Queen's Birthday weekend in June? Need to consider how to give away free plants without interfering with the sale of plants from invited nurseries! Perhaps give away at other events and not this one? Perhaps do the nursery sales at a community lunch instead of the above FFB events instead? • No specific fauna events at the moment (other than rock rambles). Perhaps a bird event to coincide with the backyard bird count later in the year? What are the local species, what to feed them (not to feed them), return of certain species, successful bird boxes etc. Who's bird boxes are actually being used and by what. See if SOLN could provide a telescopic camera to check boxes. Previously has been expensive to run, but look at local expertise to assist and keep costs down. Would be really positive to see that the bird boxes are being used! Very valuable. Perhaps encourage people that have bird boxes to take/upload photos of animals using their boxes <p>Action – Kim to check with DELWP/PV biodiversity team to ask when the best time is to do a bird event, and if anyone may be able to help</p> <p>Action – Joanne to approach some of the people to help with ideas above, and determine plant giveaways (timing, availability, species etc) with Libby. Will need from some help by members for this</p> <p>Can we pool resources and value add to events across the CRC Work groups? ie a FFB event may be supported by a CCW BBQ where one is planned?</p> <p>Simple calendar of possible community events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 16 Jan 10-11:30am – Summer by the Sea rock ramble – Wye River ▪ 16 Jan 8:30-9:30pm –Summer by the Sea rock ramble – Kennett River 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 21 Jan 11:30am -1:30pm – Ecologic rock ramble – Separation Creek ▪ Late Jan – Community lunch – Renewal Plan event ▪ Easter weekend 14-16 April – Community lunch – Renewal Plan event ▪ 22 April – Fungi survey event – SOLN ▪ Autumn – planting event – FFB ▪ Queen’s Birthday long weekend in June - ?? ▪ Early Spring – Weed ID and Pulling Day – FFB ▪ Cup Weekend 4-5 Nov – Community lunch – Renewal Plan event, pre-summer preparedness activities <p>Dependent on availability of presenters discussed.</p>		
5	<p>The Wye/Sep Bushfire Restoration/ Regeneration Project–COS</p> <p>Still no word on whether all or part funding bid has been successful. To be successful, needs to have a driver (project manager), to help drive/coordinate and leverage for the rest of the activities and works. All conversations around this have been positive, but nothing yet confirmed in writing.</p>		Stewart
7	<p>Fluker Posts/ Photopoints</p> <p>Confirmation that the Fluker post at the playground is going ahead and is expected to be installed this week! Very fast.</p>		Joanne
9	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melbourne community meeting (Ted). Regeneration plan raised – raised how to encourage more appropriate plant species to be planted in gardens. Can’t tell people/mandate what to plant. Can guide, suggest, lead by example, provide opportunities for access to more appropriate plants... Some people still really struggling with the loss of trees and the landscape changes. How to help people in different personal places re veg/landscape? Different needs and need different approaches and options. Kelly – Knox has a project called ‘Gardens for Wildlife’ that can may be able to be adapted for COS. Locally, it could be incorporated with fire risk as well as biodiversity values. It would all depend on funding, and will be explored further in the new year, but may be a targeted and supportive project for Wye regeneration. Very flexible program that should be able to help people in many different stages of personal recovery. Can’t ignore the 20%, but need also to continue to help bring the 80% forward. • Plant giveaways, perhaps a voucher to people that are rebuilding so that they can get some plants for their gardens when they are ready for them. Perhaps an opportunity for a property visit by a local veg expert that can give some advice? <p>Action – Kelly to update on the ‘Gardens for Wildlife’ program as information is available</p>		
9	<p>Close and Next Meeting</p> <p>Topic for next year – how to support/encourage community to choose to plant more appropriate native/fire resistant garden species/landscaping.</p>		Chair

	Next meeting in first week in February – 3 Friday 2017 10:30 – 12:30 At Wye River		
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ACTIONS

Action:	By whom:	By when:	Complete
<p>Bird Boxes Feedback any improvement to Jay and the Men's Shed so that the designs they are building can be modified accordingly. Kim has some that are left over from the Dereel bushfire recovery that can also be used. A number of designs for different species. First – finish the box orders from the Men's Shed for the current orders and then look at other needs and funding .</p>	<p>Joanne/Yvonne</p>		<p>In progress</p>
<p>Paddy's Path Kim to help find an engagement practitioner/resources/ support to help guide this vital structured process. Whether DELWP or other suitable facilitator can support/guide/drive the overall process. Opportunity to both update on changes and final report findings as well as start working through new options for the community to replace/ renew/ redirect the path. Large scale communications needed to capture all voices. Will be a focus area in early New Year after the lower wall is finished</p>	<p>Kim</p>		<p>In progress – waiting update on Paddy's Path by agencies to determine scale, approaches and timeframes</p>
<p>River Walk Include education/signage/information for campers so they are more aware of the path and understand the repercussions of dangerous guy ropes - access cannot be obstructed. Needs to be a 'community path' that is really obvious. Work towards securing this place in perpetuity for the community. Supported by the Progress Association in this.</p>			<p>Opening and planting event held</p>
<p>Community Engagement program and events Funding left for community engagement projects, needs to be spent in 2017. Determine no doubling-up with SOLN funding/projects Determine a series of events including weeding, fire ecology/ regeneration, beachwalks/ rock-rambles and planting with BBQs. Determine who can run Beachwalk / rock-rambles. (Ecologic, and part of free summer program for Parks Victoria)</p>			<p>Ecologic booked for Separation Creek 21 Jan 11:30-1:30. Also provided at Wye (16 Jan 10-11:30am) and Kennett (16 Jan 8:30-9:30pm) as part of PV free Summer by the Sea program</p>
<p>Drainage reserve management plan</p>			<p>In progress</p>

Put it in the Long-term Restoration Plan as a high-priority area & get community involved in the engagement & work			
Fluker Posts/ Photopoints Start with an official Fluker post at the playground pointing up and go from there. FFB has raised \$2000 through donations to cover the costs.			Completed week before Christmas