

Minutes of 6th Annual General Meeting

Date: October 15th 2009



South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Location: SERCUL

Chairperson: Pat Hart

1.1 Welcome:

Pat Hart welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for coming. Julie Robert read the apologies.

1.2 Attendees:

Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Cam Clay	<i>SERCUL/AGLG</i>
Glen Byleveld	<i>SERCUL</i>	Matt Grimbley	<i>AGLG</i>
David James	<i>Friends of Forrestdale</i>	Paul Lock	<i>SERCUL</i>
Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chairperson</i>	Amy Krupa	<i>PAG</i>
Russell Gorton	<i>WWAG</i>	Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>
Crystal McIvor	<i>AGLG</i>	Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPEA</i>
Debbie Besch	<i>SRT</i>	Melinda Snowball	<i>SERCUL</i>
Dick Stone	<i>CRRPV</i>	John Maliunas	<i>SERCUL</i>
Paula Haro	<i>City of Armadale</i>	Jake Usher	<i>SERCUL</i>
Jenni Andrews	<i>City of Canning</i>	Wayne Van Lieven	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Margaret Matthews	<i>Friends of Wireless Hill</i>	Jake Tanner	<i>City of Fremantle</i>
Mark Cugley	<i>SRT</i>	Mark Short	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Monica Estrada	<i>SERCUL</i>	Bonita Clark	<i>SERCUL</i>
Tamara Wilkes-Jones	<i>City of South Perth</i>	Regina Drummond	<i>Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands</i>
Colma Keating	<i>CRREPA</i>	Grecian Sandwell	<i>CRREPA</i>

1.3 Apologies:

Diane Mathews	<i>CRREPA</i>	Nicole Davey	<i>City of Belmont</i>
Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>	Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL</i>
Olwen Searle	<i>City of Gosnells</i>	Chris Tallentire	<i>Local MP</i>
Marc Lane	<i>Friends of Ellis Brook</i>	Nick Evans	<i>City of South Perth</i>

1.4 Acronyms used in these minutes:

SERCUL	<i>South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare</i>	AGLG	<i>Armadale/Gosnells Landcare Group</i>
SRT	<i>Swan River Trust</i>	NRM	<i>Natural Resource Management</i>
COSPEA	<i>City of South Perth Environmental Association</i>	WWAG	<i>Wilson Wetlands Action Group</i>
AMG	<i>Annual General Meeting</i>	PAG	<i>Phosphorus Action Group</i>
MP	<i>Member of Parliament</i>	CRREPA	<i>Canning River Residents Environmental Protection Association</i>
CRRPV	<i>Canning River Regional Park Volunteers</i>	CRRP	<i>Canning River Regional Park</i>
SALP	<i>Swan Alcoa Landcare Project</i>	RUAH	<i>Ruah Community Services</i>
CFOC	<i>Caring for our Country</i>		

2. Acceptance of Minutes Previous Annual General Meeting:

Cam Clay moved to accept and was seconded by Russell Gorton.

a. Business Arising from Previous Annual General Meeting:

There was no business arising from the previous Annual General Meeting.

3. Chairs Report: Pat Hart.

Pat read and tabled her report from the SERCUL Annual Report 2008-2009.

4. Treasurers Report: Cam Clay.

- Cam Clay highlighted from the Annual Report the fact that over 21,000 volunteer hours were undertaken in the SERCUL area, amounting to over \$630,000 of in-kind working hours.
- Cam also acknowledged the significant funding grants received and the work undertaken by Staff in writing applications for this funding, and acknowledged the great amount of work undertaken by Pat on behalf of SERCUL.
- Cam Clay moved acceptance of the Treasurers Report, seconded by Ana Terrazas.

a. Nomination of 2008-2009 Financial Auditors.

R.T. Kidd and Associates.

Nominated by Julie Robert, seconded by Regina Drummond. Carried.

5. a) Election of Office Bearers: All current positions are declared vacant.

Chairperson:	Pat Hart. No other nominations. Nominated by Pat Hart, seconded by David James. Carried
Deputy Chairperson:	Marc Lane. No other nominations. Nominated by Julie Robert, seconded by Regina Drummond. Carried.
Secretary:	No nominations at this time. Secretarial duties provided by SERCUL admin staff.
Treasurer:	Cam Clay. No other nominations. Nominated by Julie Robert, seconded by Brian Aldrich. Carried.

b) Community representation:

Community representatives nominating for a 2 year nomination with their representation concluding at the AGM in 2011, are as follows:

- Russell Gorton, WWAG
- Regina Drummond, Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands
- David James, Friends of Forrestdale
- Dick Stone, Canning River Regional Park Volunteers

Nominated Brian Aldrich, seconded Pat Hart. Carried.

6. Volunteer and Membership Ratification:

- Pat read out the names of 30 new applications for SERCUL membership from volunteers. Julie Robert acknowledged Earl Rewi from New Zealand, a volunteer who worked very hard at SERCUL for a week during his holiday stay in Perth.

Moved David James, seconded Cam Clay. Carried

- Julie introduced Monica Estrada who has been employed by SERCUL part time, for 12 months, as a volunteer coordinator kindly funded by the DEC Community Environment Grants. Monica will create a volunteer management system for SERCUL, create and implement a volunteer training program, response process and support mechanism for volunteers. Monica has been volunteering for SERCUL for 2 years in business management and many other areas.

7. 12 months review of projects by Julie Robert and NRM Officers:

- Pat acknowledged and thanked Julie Robert for her outstanding work, her abilities and her successes at SERCUL.

- Julie gave an overview of her report and SERCUL achievements from the Annual Report 2008/09. This included the launch of the Fertilise Wise endorsement. Julie acknowledged the work put in by Amy and Paul towards the Fertilise Wise project. Paul has put many volunteer hours and scientific work into Fertilise Wise.
- SERCUL officers gave an overview of their work for past year, full reports of which are available in the Annual Report 2008/09. Pat announced that Amy has been put up for a Landcare award this year. Paul thanked Julie, Pat and Cam for their support.

8. Reports from Community Groups

Pat congratulated City of Gosnells and Friends of Ellis Brook on the outstanding management of the Ellis Brook Reserve.

- **WWAG:** Russell Gorton
Ongoing work in CRRP, some areas of interest are privately owned and WWAG are working with the owners. WWAG were successful in the SALP funding and are working to encourage Western Power as sponsors.
- **Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands:** Regina Drummond
RUAH have adopted the Brixton Street Wetlands and come once a month to help with weeding. An information evening on frogs and black cockatoos was held 20th October 2009, and a walk through the wetlands is to be held on the 24th October. Work mornings are held every third Saturday of each month.
- **Friends of Forrestdale:** David James
Low water levels and foxes may cause problems for cygnets in the lake in the near future. A rescue effort by DEC and community as undertaken last year may be repeated. Landscape magazine published an article on the Anstey-Keane Road Wetland. A City of Armadale project which proposes the construction of a road through this area will be out for public comment in February 2010.
- **CRRPV:** Dick Stone
CRRPV are working 8 days a week! '*Healthy parks, healthy people*' walk in the park was conducted from Kent Street. Next week Canoeing on the Canning will be happening in the park. There was an influx of new volunteers, but this has declined recently.
- **Friends of Wireless Hill:** Margaret Mathews
Friends of Wireless Hill are working on development of informal tracks through the Park with City of Melville, with signs about the walks throughout the park being put up. The Dieback Day organised by Glen Byleveld was a great success. Annual wildflower walk was held but not many flowers were out due to unseasonal rainfall.
- **CRREPA:** Colma Keating
CRREPA have an ongoing positive relationship with City of Canning and the Bush Crew – with works including watering, spraying and construction of fences help to prevent damage to rehabilitation sites. Four sub-groups are working well, and the Lions Club of Booragoon have joined to help. Thanks to SERCUL for website and support.

9. General Business:

- Julie offered help to Community Groups apply for CFOC grants \$5000 – \$20000, due next week (22nd October).
- Pat announced that the State Government had taken over the Federal Governments funding for the Perth Biodiversity Project which has had great outcomes working with local governments.
- Pat acknowledged that without the Swan River Trusts key financial support; SERCUL would not be able to function. The roles of all SRT Officers that worked with SERCUL was greatly appreciated.
- ALCOA's portion of funding for the previous SALP program was not put forward this year, but they have agreed to fund \$150,000 per year for the next three years. The Swan River Trust has funded \$150,000 for applications this year.
- The results of the Swan River Trust community funding will be announced shortly

Pat Hart closed the meeting at 10.15am

Following the meeting a tour of various SERCUL project sites was undertaken.

The next ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is to be held Thursday 14th October 2010

The next SERCUL General Meeting will be held at the City of Armadale council office at 9am, 12th November 2009.

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

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