



Minutes of Meeting No 26.

Date: May 14th 2009

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Location: Town of Victoria Park, Admin Offices, 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

Chairperson: Pat Hart

1.1 Welcome:

Welcome to all SERCUL members. Thank you to the Town of Victoria Park for hosting today's meeting.

1.2 Attendees:

Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chair</i>
Amy Krupa	<i>PAG</i>	Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>
Glen Byleveld	<i>SERCUL</i>	Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL</i>
Bonita Clark	<i>SERCUL</i>	Debbie Besch	<i>SRT</i>
Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPCR</i>	Matt Grimby	<i>AGLG</i>
Crystal McIvor	<i>AGLG</i>	Melinda Snowball	<i>SERCUL</i>
Jenni Andrews	<i>City of Canning</i>	Melissa Gaikhurst	<i>Town of Vic Park</i>
Diane Matthews	<i>CRREPA</i>	Marc Lane	<i>F of Ellis Brook</i>

1.3 Apologies:

Russell Gorton	<i>WWAG</i>	Cam Clay	<i>Treasurer</i>
Margaret Mathews	<i>Fr of Wireless Hill</i>	David James	<i>Fr of Forrestdale Lake</i>
Fred Carlson	<i>BCCG</i>	Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>

1.4 Acronyms used in these minutes:

SERCUL	South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare	CRREPA	Canning River Residence Environmental Protection Association
SRT	Swan River Trust	AGLG	Armadale/Gosnells Landcare Group
PAG	Phosphorus Action Group	NRMO	Natural Resource Management Officer
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation	CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation
SALP	Swan Alcoa Landcare Project	ARA	Armadale Redevelopment Authority
CFOC	Caring for our Country	TEC	
WQIP	Water Quality Improvement Plan	WONS	
NAB	National Australia Bank	DOCEP	Department of Consumer and Employment Protection
CoG	City of Gosnells	CoA	City of Armadale
WALGA	WA Local Government Association		

2. Call for major items that need immediate discussion in General Business:

No major items

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes were accepted as true and correct, moved by Marc Lane and seconded by Julie Robert.

4. Business Arising from Previous meeting –

From Action List – see end of minutes

Discussions on specific action list items from February 2009 minutes are as follows –

- Julie - Hydrocotyl – Waiting on money, DEC is continuing to treat areas, decided to commit more work despite lack of funds. SERCUL is trialling Metsoft Uron, with Martins Environmental Services, to work out weakest effecting strength to kill white roots– recommended strength was most effective. Plants could become adapted to Metsoft Uron. CFOC funding grant written for under \$100,000 for implementation of recommended actions. Wait for November for treatment, hope for research money.

- Check with Ron Van Delft (CoA) about Forrestdale Lake
- Sewerage spill at Anaconda drain. Bunding. Overflow from station over path to drain. Check with Wayne Van Lieven (CoG).

5. Correspondence In / Out:

All correspondence was tabled and discussed.

- Classification of Horley Rd building into National Trust, not Heritage Commission. Recognised as significant issue with a certificate to support.
- Diane Matthews CRREPA – asked about SRT Boating Management Strategy received 3/3/09.
- Gratitude letter for Amy's work from North Parmelia Primary School, Canoeing on Canning was well organised.
- Many MP grant notification letters.
- Diane Matthews, CRREPA newsletter – trying to archive copies but some are missing. SERCUL will look for copies of previous newsletters.

6. Treasurers Report:

Pat and Sandy presented the Treasurers Report.

- Closing NAB, moved to Bendigo. Any queries See Sandy.
- \$20,000 tax free grant from Bendigo Bank for vehicle from Thrifty. \$3,500 from SERCUL put towards vehicle. Toyota Hilux dual cab 4wd (2yrs old). Community groups may use if they need. Weed spay unit on the vehicle. Once shed is put up, garage for vehicle. To assist plant transport – will get canopy on tray. Covered by SERCUL business insurance for multiple drivers.
- The Treasures report was moved by Pat Hart and seconded by Marc Lane.

7. Chairs Report: Pat read and tabled her report. If anyone wishes to see a copy of report please contact SERCUL.

8. Regional Coordinators Report: Julie read and tabled her report. If anyone wishes to see a copy of report please contact SERCUL.

9. NRMO Officer reports – Water, PAG and AGLG:

All reports were tabled and discussed. If you require a copy of any of their reports please contact SERCUL.

- Amy - Possible turtle presentation at a SERCUL meeting – to ask researcher to attend. Bi-annual Community Survey – more responses required, members asked to assist.
- Glen – Dieback Info Forum Friday 5th June 09 at Murdoch.

9.1 AGLG – Crystal McIvor:

- Roley Pools Funding of \$18,000 inc. GST in the bank
- CoA (\$29,689) and CoG (\$26,163.50) received for the 2009 Riverbank funding
- SALP 2009 funding of \$83,815 inc. GST in the bank
- Labour and Admin Funding of \$33,000 for Williams Road Main Drain has been received from CoA
- SALP and Riverbank 2008 Acquittal completed
- 2009 Green Corp Team have commenced
- Matt and Crystal have received Flora Licences to collect local seed for Educational Purposes
- Clean up Australia Day Sunday 1st March 09 – 30 attendees including Cecil Andrews Bushranger cadets, 4 volunteers, Paula and Myself
- Attended the WALGA Biodiversity Planners Forum
- Submitted Applications for Palomino Reserve, Williams Road Main Drain, Astley Street and Westfield Heron Reserve to receive corporate volunteer day funding from Landcare Australia

- Attended a DoW seminar on the project investigations of groundwater and surface water interactions at Forrestdale Lake
- Caring for our Country Application submitted through SERCUL
- Commented on the Draft Palomino Reserve Management Plan
- Set up the Minnowarra Display tent for 2009
- Attended a 2 day Chemsart chemical application course at SERCUL
- Volunteered at Garden week to help out at the Phosphorous Action Group/SERCUL Display
- Submitted the AGLG Constitution Changes to DOCEP
- Submitted a DEC community Grant for Palomino Reserve
- Working with Friends of Mary Carol Park and CoG to submit a SALP application for Mary Carol Park revegetation works
- Working on submitting an AGLG SALP application
- Working with the City of Gosnells, Water Corp and SERCUL to put in a SALP application for Bickley Brook
- Nominated AGLG for a Keep Australia Beautiful award in the environment section
- Facilitated a Great Garden Workshop at the CoA on the 29th April
- 5 media releases published
- Working on Green Jobs application for Salary funding

9.2 AGLG – Matt Grimbley:

- Handweeding has continued through the last two months at most of our sites with most sites now in good shape weedwise before the rains begin.
- Ripped and mounded at Heron Reserve which will hopefully give us an excellent chance at establishing seedlings on the floodplain adjacent to the lower lake.
- Typha control has been undertaken at Palomino near Poad Street and further downstream halfway to McNeill Rd. There is a large stand of *Typha domingensis* that we plan to leave and monitor at this stage.
- Spraying has been ordered and completed at most sites.
- Green Corp team began on Monday the 20th of April. So far we have been handweeding, removing Typha and spreading mulch. We will have them for four more weeks planting later in the year.
- Applied for Lotterywest Equipment Grant for \$16,000 including trailer.
- Applied unsuccessfully for Maddington Kenwick CLN grant for a trailer so added the trailer onto Lotterywest application.
- Minnowarra Festival was an excellent day with many kids and their parents coming through and reading information. The kids were pretty happy with the hundreds of badges made.
- Chemical training course held at SERCUL was definitely worthwhile and gave a greater insight into safe herbicide use and better understanding herbicides.

10. Local Government Officers & Stakeholder Reports:

10.1 City of Canning– Jenni Andrews.

- In February, City Council Regional Space Development Plan for Queens Park, to revitalise sport ground and conservation.
- DEC grant application for biodiversity section of Development Plan for \$30,000.
- Letters of support for community groups written.
- Canning River Eco Education centre run programs on wildlife awareness and school holiday programs.
- Conservation Week was undertaken at Canning River Eco Education Centre, good turnout.

- The Needs analysis session with community groups went well.
- Bush Crew performing ongoing maintenance on sites.

10.2 Swan River Trust – Debbie Besch.

- Approved funding for sub-regional groups. Recognises value of community groups in South region.
- Canning Plains WQIP
- 3 WQIPs still to be done, other catchments might be more important to fund; e.g. St. Leonards Creek.
- Progressing on projects – sediment and erosion ongoing.

10.3 Town of Victoria Park – Melissa Gaikhorst.

- GO Edwards Park event – good community interest.
- Habitat assessment for GO Edwards Park for planning development.
- Call for volunteers for Dept. Agriculture weed course next Tuesday 19th May and 30th June (9 - 11am). Come on the day to talk to staff, receive training and to get involved with Landcare. To be run at Dept. Agriculture across from Baron Hay Court.
- RabbitScan, not a lot of rabbits, but some foxes in Kensington bushland.

11. Community Group Reports

11.1 Friends of Ellis Brook - Mark Lane

- Picnic area on Rushton Rd.
- Nesting boxes for black cockatoos being placed in reserve.

11.2 CRREPA - Diane Matthews

- Treasurer Cam Ross sadly lost battle with cancer.
- AGM Friday 28th May at Canning River Eco Education centre, 7.30pm.
- Thanks to SERCUL for insurance help.
- Planting session 7th June for World Environment Day with Booragoon Lions at river foreshore.
- Weeding, working with City of Canning, watering truck helps with planting.
- Rubber boots & native grass seeds given to SERCUL.

11.3 David James - Friends of Forrestdale Lake

- Advised that platform still waiting to be built, hoping to go through soon.
- Problems with cats and bandicoots.
- Huge influx of kangaroos.

12. General Business:

1. Logo endorsement for Fertilise Wise. Plan to link in with Stocktech Business and receive royalties. Science behind fertiliser, strict criteria/standards are set for logo use. Indemnify insurance against legal action if ingredients are changed and don't meet specifications.
2. **Moved** by Diane Matthews that SERCUL authority proceed with endorsement when science is complete, seconded by Marc Lane, carried.
3. Legal Governance – Julie met up with lady who works in this area. Tidy up procedures and provide info to community groups on governance; government will be introducing new reporting requirements on community groups. These include obligations for insurance, etc. Grant applications for this process available if necessary.
4. Promotion of SERCUL concepts – Staff members have come to Julie saying that we don't promote connections that we make. Need to use websites more for better interconnection and to get info in usable form. Build up capacity within staff for further promotion of our knowledge and our organisation, which could be doing planning processes. Not just a "community group", individual skills aren't recognised – like planning for restoration work. Lift ability for tender processes from local governments. Advertise ourselves.
5. Applications for funding already discussed within Julie's report.

13. Next meeting – the next general SERCUL meeting will be held on August 13th 2009 at the City of Belmont, Depot Offices, Planet St, Carlisle. 9am till 12 noon.

14. Closure: Pat Hart declared the meeting closed at 11.50am.

Action List:

Date & Original point #	From which minutes	Action	Who & by when	Outcome
9	<i>May 2009</i>	Possible turtle presentation at a SERCUL meeting, Any to ask researcher to attend.	Amy	

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

Date.....