



Minutes of Meeting No 33

Date: 10th February 2011

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Location: City of Armadale

Chairperson: Pat Hart

1.1 Welcome:

Welcome to the new SERCUL staff members Jose Alcala and Amy Warner. Welcome to all other SERCUL members and attendees. Thank you to the City of Armadale for hosting today's meeting.

1.2 Attendees:

Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Terry Brown	<i>Councillor CoG</i>
Amy Krupa	<i>PAG</i>	Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chair</i>
Cam Clay	<i>Treasurer</i>	Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>
Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPCR</i>	Wayne Van Lieven	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Neil Burbridge	<i>City of Armadale</i>	Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL Water Officer</i>
Crystal McIvor	<i>AGLG</i>	Clare Caldera	<i>Community member VPk</i>
Jenni Andrews	<i>City of Canning</i>	Debbie Besch	<i>SRT</i>
Jose Alcala	<i>SERCUL</i>	Nicole Adams	<i>SRT</i>
Regina Drummond	<i>Friends of Brixton St Wetlands</i>	Amy Warner	<i>SERCUL</i>
Victoria Lowe	<i>Perth NRM</i>	Russell Gorton	<i>WWAG</i>
Glen Byleveld	<i>SERCUL</i>	Monica Estrada	<i>SERCUL</i>

1.3 Apologies:

Mayor Joe Della Donna	<i>City of Canning</i>	Will Hogg	<i>AGLG</i>
Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL</i>	Matt Grimby	<i>SERCUL</i>
Marc Lane	<i>Friends of Ellis Brook</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 Grp
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	F of F	Friends of Forrestdale Lake
SCCI	Swan Catchment Council	COSPCR	City of South Perth Community Rep
Cr	Councilor	ARA	Armadale Redevelopment Authority
WQIP	Water Quality Improvement Plan	MKSEA	Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area
WWAG	Wilson Wetland Action Group	CFOC	Caring for our Country

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

Request DoW riparian rights Flows into river

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from SERCUL meeting dated November 11th 2010 were accepted as true and correct, moved by Cam Clay and seconded by Cr Terry Brown.

4. Business Arising from Previous meeting –

From Action List – see end of minutes

Discussions on specific action list items are as follows –

- Hydrocotyl: in the lower section of Wilson Lagoon will be addressed with Water Corp through the Hydrocotyl Working Group.
- Canning Plain Management Plan is being implemented through the WQIP process.
- Clontarf development: Brian asked if the developers have the right to take some of the wetland and place it somewhere else. City of South Perth to ask for the documents. EPA approval of 1.57 ha to be offset by an increase in the river foreshore.
- Julie discussed the progression of the water quality funding. Debbie Besch mentioned that Malcolm Robb has been given a date for a meeting and she awaits a response

5. Correspondence In / Out:

All hard correspondence was discussed.

1. Julie discussed the new fertiliser regulations that were gazetted on 1st January 2011. Keiran McNamara has sent through a letter and a copy of the gazetted regulations. Julie noted that there were still holes in the regulations regarding nitrogen levels.
It was noted that there was a relatively strong community and business interest in the regulation of fertilisers with some fairly heated views, but this has now petered out.
2. CRREPA put forward the idea for SERCUL to be involved in the dinghy management process as there is concern for the proposal of a holding facility for 300 canoes.
Pat proposed that a letter is written to the City of Canning and SRT as there is much concern regarding this proposal and the residents require reassurance. Cam supported this idea as he sees no problem with registering our interest and that it was important that we are kept informed. Put forward by Cam Clay and seconded by Brian Aldrich.
3. Cam Clay has been acknowledged for his work with an award from the City of Armadale for 'Active Citizenship and Environment'. Crystal Gillam expressed her thanks to Cam also for all the work he has undertaken in the AGLG area.

6. Treasurers Report:

Cam Clay presented the Treasurers Report.

The Treasurers report was moved by Cam Clay and Seconded by Regina Drummond.

7. Chairs Report: Pat read and tabled her report.

Pat discussed the devastation caused by the Roleystone-Kelmscott bushfire. Sympathy was expressed to all those who were affected by the recent fires.

The Kelmscott Fishcare restoration site has been destroyed by the fire with all previous revegetation work lost at this stage. The site will need to be reassessed as the season progresses..

The fire has damaged 1 AGLG site, Goolamurup Reserve, Agostino Reserve and Lloyd Hughes Park.

It was noted that John Herpen, Gwen Watson and Adrian & Lesley Choules are in good health and their properties were not destroyed.

Flows, DoW licensing and issues with the trapping of water rats were noted in the Roley Pools area.

Pat was asked to sit on the State NRM Community Grants assessment panel to assist with the assessment of the applications for 3 million dollars of grant funding.

- Dieback: cynicism in regards to the effectiveness of Phytophora spraying is being displayed. Pat has referred the persons to Ian Colhoun who has done extensive science in this area.
- A workshop will be held to assist groups in writing funding applications
- There were only 119 applications where as in the past there has been a lot more.

Discussions were held in regards to the timeframe in which the applications were distributed and submitted (Nov- Jan). Julie mentioned that Barbara Morrell had sent a letter to make comment in regards to the timing issue of this funding round.

Pat discussed the expansion of the SERCUL Executive Committee in which Brian Aldrich is also involved. Meetings are held every six weeks to go through the items such as the budget and the Minutes will be put onto the website.

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

- Julie acknowledged the issues faced by the City of Armadale in regards to the Roleystone- Kelmscott fire
- Pam Story (SERCUL logo designer/volunteer) and volunteer firefighter was injured by a light fire tanker vehicle and will take at least 12 months to recover.
- Congratulations to Neil Burbridge and Ana Terrazas for the arrival of their baby boys.
- NRM grants make this time of year busy. 42 projects are being managed ranging from \$5,000 to 1 million dollars.
- DEC Community grants released, due date 7th April). Julie said SERCUL staff are available to help with funding applications and obtaining supporting documents such as maps.
- The presentation of SALP cheques will be held on the 23 March 2011
- CFOC funding round will hopefully be announced for 2011 in late March to April.

9. PRESENTATION: Nicole Adams -Swan River Trust

Nicole gave a presentation on the draft River Protection Strategy. The draft Strategy is currently with Minister for Environment & Water, Mr Bill Marmion. Once the Strategy is signed off it will go out for public comment. Due to the large size of the document a summary document will be produced. The public will have a choice on commenting on the document in whole or in part.

10. NRMO Officer reports:

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

10.1 Glen Byleveld reporting on behalf of Tom Atkinson and Ana Terrazas - Activity Summary

- Progressing through the design and approval process for all sites
- Concept designs complete for all sites and are now in the drafting stage with approval applications to follow in late February.
- Site works have commenced at all sites with DoW program and SERCUL vegetation assessments
- Project running behind schedule for the design and approvals stage which has constrained the civil works schedule this summer
- DoW update stated that there was hardly anything in the Wungong with nutrient levels at Third & Seville being 4 x higher than at other sites

10.2 Canning River/ Natural Diversity Officer- Matt Grimby:

- Blackberry control in the Canning River Regional Park progressing well with new opportunities to gain better management in the burn't areas of the Regional Park.
- Cutting and painting of Blackberry in Bannister Creek progressing well.
- General weed control across Canning River rehabilitation sites
- Application for \$50,000 to State NRM grants submitted for work on the Canning River at the Kent St foreshore
- Spring control of Watsonia at Lambertia Flats is complete.
- Tribolium control at Brixton Street

10.3 Landcare Officers report- John Maliunis & Tracey Evans:

- Memorial Grove plantings ahead of with 1st plantings for 2015 installed
- Weed control has been very effective with only spot spraying required this summer
- Shed is fully functional in terms of security, tracking equipment and managing volunteers.
- Ongoing contracts with the City of Canning for Manly Basin and Tarin Court Basin are progressing well. Wireless Hill's weed control progress is to plan.

10.4 Landcare Officer- Jeremy MacMath:

- Management of Anvil Way revegetation project with 26,000 plants put in over the last month with 4-5 people as daily crew and 6-16 people with CVA.
- Civil works timelines has interrupted progress but the results are still very good.

10.5 Community Landcare Officer- Amy Warner:

- Coordination of the CVA team is progressing well.
- Supporting the Bannister Creek Catchment Group and Two Rivers Catchment Group
- Assisting Amy Krupa with Coasts, Catchments & Corridors and Bannister Creek Primary School PD.
- Plant orders and weed control for Bannister Creek, Vellgrove- Hawksbury & Vellgrove Screening project.
- Will be attending the Garden Fair display
- Organisation of Clean Up Australia Day site at Bannister Creek.

10.6 PAP Education Coordinator- Amy Krupa:

- 10 School and 10 Community presentations
- Catchments, Coasts and Corridors co-organised with with Australian Association of Environmental Educators (AAEE)
- Display at Jack Johnson concert
- Numerous newspaper articles
- Fertilise wise website is up and running
- Relatively low response from LGA survey annual nutrient survey
- Funding for Turf Manager training commences in March
- Artwork design on work car

10.7 Volunteer Coordinator- Monica Estrada

- Water quality sampling and report is completed for Bennett Brook, DoW has reviewed it.
- Bayswater and Bullcreek sampling and report is complete, currently being reviewed by DoW
- Belmont sampling will be complete by May.
- Supporting Tom with other projects
- Volunteer manual – improvement action plan
- 2 international students from Canada and USA are working with SERCUL
- Contact with a Japanese volunteer organization. Volunteers will commence work with AGLG on 9 March.

10.8 AGLG – Crystal McIvor:

- Business Plan put to the Management Committee
- Acquittals to SRT for Riverbank 2010
- Applications for Riverbank 2012 including a new Gosnells project
- Acquittals for 2 x SALP 2010 projects
- Will Hogg has been working daily with the Now Green team
- All in stream sedges have been planted
- Repotting of all leftover dryland plant species
- Hand weeding of all sites with Now Green and Ecojobs
- CFOC community action grants of \$18,700
- Plant orders are in for 2011
- \$200,000 in on ground grants for 2011

11. Local Government Officers & Stakeholder Reports:

11.1 Swan River Trust- Debbie Besch

- Rod sent his condolences and indicated his support for the region. The Trust will work with SERCUL to address post fire strategies.
- Agenda item at Sub regional meeting 25 February 2011
- Bannister Creek WQIP approved by Board in Feb 2011
- Canning Plain investment – working with Canning, Belmont and SERCUL to define a project brief for this investment. Possible reviewing policy etc relevant to light industry and practices that impact water quality.
- HRAP Community report available on the website – comments due March
- Will provide an opportunity at the Sub regional meeting to seek feedback
- Number of other projects already updated

11.2 City of Gosnells– Wayne Van Lieven

- Biodiversity Management Plan – Category 1&2 implementing abatement and management plans
- Clean Up Australia Day at Tom Bateman
- DoW biofiltration tour 22 February 2011 Mandurah – Armadale.

11.3 City of Canning– Jenni Andrews

- Provide funding for Hydrocotyl research project
- MOU between the City and SERCUL was endorsed by the City 8 February
- MOU between DoW and the City has also been endorsed.
- Employment of Hayley at the Eco- Centre
- Colin Leek is working on the Stormwater Management Plan

11.4 Perth Region NRM- Victoria Lowe:

Victoria gave a presentation to the group. Please contact Victoria at the Perth Region NRM for a copy of this presentation. Add name of presentation

A new south-west group is to be formed within the coastal reference group which is now divided into the north and south-west regions. This is due to the logistics of getting everyone together from such a wide ranging area.

11.5 Wilson Wetlands Action Group- Russell Gorton

- Approached Christian Brothers to recognise the naming of Castledare as an historical part of the park
- Caltrop is ongoing and has expanded out
- CoC and DEC fox trapping project
- Applying for funding through PEET

11.6 Friends of Brixton St Wetland- Regina Drummond

- Fence has been cut with DEC unable to do anything about this
- There was a vehicle rollover in the deep drain. Prosecution may occur.
- Thank you to Glen Byleveld and Terry Browne for their assistance

11.7 Community Member: Town of Victoria Park- Clare Caldera

- Attended conference at Cockburn Wetland Education Centre
- Berwick – Swan remain the same
- Set to achieve goals by May
- Need civil engineer to write report

12. General Business:

1. Pat initiated as discussion about environmental water release. With a decline in rainfall only 50% of the normal water allocation was released. This was insufficient thus was increased to release 75% of the budget.

The Riparian Users Committee is concerned that people are extracting more water than allowed and that the licensing system needs to be reassessed. Some licenses are being transferred without the proper assessment which should not be the case.

Silt blocking the river flows has now been acknowledged by DoW. They advised that all Stakeholders get together at the end of February to discuss the issue.

Pat received a call from a community member regarding the deep pools being critically under stress. Unfortunately the DoW had left it too late, as too much water would have had to be released to mitigate this. This will negatively impact on the fish species of the area.

13. Next meeting – The next general SERCUL meeting will be held on 13 May 2011 at the City of Belmont, Depot Offices, Planet St, Carlisle. 9am till 12 noon.

14. Closure: 11:55am

Action List:

Date & Original point #	From which minutes	Action	Who & by when	Outcome
5.2	February 2011	Julie to write a letter to the City of Canning and the Swan River Trust regarding concern for the proposal of a 300 canoe holding facility	Julie	

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

Date.....