

Minutes of Meeting No 29

Date: February 11th 2010



South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Location: City of Canning Eco Education Centre, Kent Street, Wilson

Chairperson: Pat Hart

1.1 Welcome:

The Chairperson welcomed all present.

1.2 Attendees:

Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chair</i>
Marc Lane	<i>Friends of Ellis Brook</i>	Cam Clay	<i>SERCUL Treasurer</i>
Glen Byleveld	<i>SERCUL</i>	Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL</i>
Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>	Debbie Besch	<i>SRT</i>
Monica Estrada	<i>SERCUL</i>	Matt Grimby	<i>AGLG</i>
Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>	Jenni Andrews	<i>City of Canning</i>
Neil Burbridge	<i>City of Armadale</i>	Katie Angel	<i>CRBG</i>
Cr. Betty Skinner	<i>City of South Perth</i>	Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPEA</i>
Regina Drummond	<i>Friends of Brixton St.</i>	Cr. Terry Brown	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Clare Caldeira	<i>Volunteer</i>	Russell Gorton	<i>WWAG</i>
Jake Usher	<i>SERCUL</i>	John Maliunas	<i>SERCUL</i>

1.3 Apologies:

Melinda Snowball	<i>SERCUL</i>	Crystal McIvor	<i>AGLG</i>
Amy Krupa	<i>PAG</i>	Wayne Van Lieven	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Bonita Clark	<i>SERCUL</i>	Cr. Joe Delle Donne	<i>City of Canning</i>
Deanne Wynn	<i>City of Melville</i>		

1.4 Acronyms used in these minutes:

AGLG	<i>Armadale/Gosnells Landcare Group</i>	CoA	<i>City of Armadale</i>
CoG	<i>City of Gosnells</i>	CFOC	<i>Caring for our Country</i>
CRBG	<i>Cooliabella Reserve Bushland Group</i>	CRREPA	<i>Canning River Residence Environmental Protection Association</i>
COSPEA	<i>City of South Perth Env. Association</i>	CVA	<i>Conservation Volunteers Australia</i>
DEC	<i>Department of Environment and Conservation</i>	DIA	<i>Department of Indigenous Affairs</i>
DOW	<i>Department of Water</i>	EWAN	<i>Environmental Weeds Action Network</i>
KAB	<i>Keep Australia Beautiful</i>	NRM	<i>Natural Resource Management</i>
PAG	<i>Phosphorus Action Group</i>	PRNRM	<i>Perth Region NRM</i>
SALP	<i>Swan Alcoa Landcare Project</i>	SERCUL	<i>South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare</i>
SRT	<i>Swan River Trust</i>	WAPC	<i>Western Australian Planning Commission</i>
WQIP	<i>Water Quality Improvement Plan</i>	WWAG	<i>Wilson Wetlands Action Group</i>

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

There were three new major items added to General Business.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Cam Clay moved that the previous minutes be accepted, seconded by Marc Lane.

4. Business Arising from Previous meeting:

Action List – see end of minutes.

Discussions on specific action list items from November 2009 minutes are as follows:

- 9. Turtle presentation - Amy
- 12. Letter to Water Corp regarding works in Wilson Wetlands - Pat
- 8. Canning Plain Management Plan steering committee to be brought together – Julie
- 13.1. SERCUL to assist WWAG to apply for WA Environment Awards – SERCUL Staff

5. Correspondence In / Out:

Correspondence was tabled and discussed.

- Clean Up Australia Day
- WWAG Action: Russell knows what was happening

6. Treasurers Report:

Cam Clay presented the Treasurers Report.

- Cam moved that the Treasurers report be accepted, seconded by Marc lane.

7. Chairs Report:

Pat Hart presented her report. Please contact SERCUL if you require a copy of the Chairs Report.

8. Regional Coordinators Report:

Julie presented her report. Please contact SERCUL if you require a copy of the Coordinators Report.

9. Key Speaker – Dr Judith Fisher, Ecologist – Weed Research in WA.

Dr Fisher discussed the importance of weed research in Western Australia, especially with regards to biodiversity, invasive species, restoration and ecosystem resilience. She has notified the Chief Scientist that this research is not currently being done in WA.

Feedback on Dr Fisher's presentation:

- Steve Irons: Hydrocotyl at the Federal level
- Suggestion to push for research funding, Botanic Parks and Gardens supporters Hans Lambers, Richard Hobbs and Kingsley Dixon.

Action: SERCUL to apply for a grant to fund a research officer based within the UWA School of Plant Biology. Motion moved by Pat Hart, seconded by Cam Clay.

Action: Julie and Pat to meet with Judith Fisher and Lyn Beasley at UWA.

Action: Write to the Minister for Environment to push weed research.

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

Staff conducted presentations of projects and programs for 2010 with comments and identification of challenges they may see. Water Quality, Sustainable Production, PAG, DNIP, Urban Water Renewal, AGLG, Landcare and SERCUL.

11.1 Ana Terrazas – Water Quality

- Soil from Belview went to the Brookdale waste treatment plant. Katie Angel brought this to attention.
Action: Cam to show us where the drains are affected that were involved in the Brookdale waste area.

12. Local Government Officer & Stakeholder Reports:

12.1 City of Canning – Jenni Andrews

- Focus projects for 2010 are:
 - Queens Park Redevelopment.
 - Urban Renewal project in Bannister Creek.
- Fencing of threatened species completed on Gibbs Road, Queens Park.

12.2 City of Armadale – Neil Burbridge

- State of Environment reporting process.
- Biodiversity Strategy Plan released.
- Urban Renewal Works.
- Boardwalk in Forrestdale moving forward.
- Sediment/erosion project (Shelley Shepherd/SRT). Awaiting final report.
- Workshop on Climate Change adaptation strategies. Green Sense are running the workshop.
- Armadale Settlers Common wheelchair access – funding applied for.
- BEAC Meeting on the 18th Feb

12.3 Swan River Trust – Debbie Besch.

- Swan Canning WQIP is being implemented, not urban renewal.
- CVA is providing mulching, revegetation, weeding, litter collection, path building, etc. for no labour costs. OSH and Public Liability
- Canning Plain WQIP has been completed.
- Bannister Creek WQIP
- Southern River erosion and sediment control in SRT at present.

12.4 City of South Perth – Cr. Betty Skinner

- Outside the Square – visionary exercise meeting.

13. Community Group Reports

13.1 CRBG – Katie Angel

- Peaceful ponds – mussels found and good return of animals to the site.

13.2 COSPEA - Brian Aldrich

- River Guardians - Dolphin Watch meeting and briefing. Nearly 100 guardians and dolphin watchers present.

13.3 Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands – Regina Drummond

- Protective fencing money has been received.
- Weed mapping
- Field herbarium
- Grant from Community Leadership Network to fund T-shirts and promotions.
- Ruah are visiting every month.
- Work days occur on the third Saturday of every month
- Robert Powell to come and talk about trees
- Garage sale on the 27th and 28th March at Brixton Street.

13.4 WWAG – Russell Gorton

- Dumping is still an issue in Wilson Wetlands

14. Next meeting:

The next General SERCUL Meeting will be held on May 13th 2010, 9am till 12 noon at the City of Belmont Depot Office, Planet Street, Carlisle.

15. Closure: Pat Hart declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm

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, Amy to ask researcher to attend.	Amy	Ongoing
12	<i>Aug 2009</i>	SERUL to write to the Water Corp on behalf of WWAG re: Works in the WWAG/Millstream area.	Pat	Ongoing
8	<i>Aug 2009</i>	Canning Plain Management Plan steering committee needs to be brought together to address implementation of the plan.	Julie	Ongoing
13.1	<i>Aug 2009</i>	SERCUL help WWAG put in for WA Environment Awards.	SERCUL staff	Ongoing
9	<i>Feb 2010</i>	Working with Judy Fisher to map the gaps in weed management across WA. Taking a research based approach.	SERCUL	
	<i>Feb 2010</i>	Urban Renewal Program		

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

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