

Minutes of Meeting No 32

Date: November 11th 2010



Location: City of Gosnells

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Chairperson: Pat Hart

1.1 Welcome:

Chairperson welcomed everyone for attending. Everyone introduced around table.

1.2 Attendees:

Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>	Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chair</i>
Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Clare Caldeira	<i>Community Member</i>
Glen Byleveld	<i>SERCUL</i>	Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL</i>
William Hogg	<i>AGLG</i>	Neil Burbridge	<i>City of Armadale</i>
Debbie Besch	<i>Swan River Trust</i>	Cam Clay	<i>SERCUL Treasurer</i>
Crystal Gillam	<i>AGLG</i>	Melinda Snowball	<i>SERCUL</i>
Jenni Andrews	<i>City of Canning</i>	Russell Gorton	<i>WWAG</i>
Deanne Wynn	<i>City of Melville</i>	David James	<i>Fr of Forrestdale Lakes</i>
Tracy Evans	<i>SERCUL</i>	Wayne Van Lieven	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
José Alcala	<i>SERCUL</i>	John Maliunas	<i>SERCUL</i>
Judy Fisher		Cr Terry Brown	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Monica Estrada	<i>SERCUL</i>	Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPEA</i>
Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>	Annick De Lange	<i>SERCUL</i>
Victoria Lowe	<i>PRNRM</i>	Matt Grimbley	<i>SERCUL</i>
Katie Angel	<i>FO Cooliberra Reserve</i>	Paul Mutton	<i>Friends of Roley Pools</i>
Greg Bremner	<i>City of Gosnells</i>	Dimity Mutton	<i>Friends of Roley Pools</i>

1.3 Apologies:

Marc Lane	<i>F of Ellis Brook</i>	Regina Drummond	<i>Fr of Brixton Street</i>
Tamara Wilkes	<i>City of South Perth</i>	Bonita Clark	<i>SERCUL</i>
Amy Krupa	<i>SERCUL</i>	Paul Lock	<i>SERCUL</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>
COSPEA	<i>City of South Perth Env. Association</i>	DEC	<i>Department of Environment and Conservation</i>
DOW	<i>Department of Water</i>	EMRC	<i>East Metropolitan Regional Council</i>
FW	<i>Fertilise Wise</i>	NRM	<i>Natural Resource Management</i>
MOU	<i>Memorandum of Understanding</i>	PAG	<i>Phosphorus Action Project</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>
WALGA	<i>WA Local Government Association</i>	WAPC	<i>Western Australian Planning Commission</i>
WWAG	<i>Wilson Wetlands Action Group</i>	WQ	<i>Water Quality</i>
WQIP	<i>Water Quality Improvement Plan</i>	UWR	<i>Urban Water Renewal</i>

Guest Speaker: Fiona Lynn from the Department of Water presented on the Environmental water requirements for the Canning River and how we will manage water over the summer through the -“**Lower Canning River Surface Water Allocation Plan**”. **This plan is currently out for comment.**

- The chair noted that community groups and Local Governments should take time to read this important document and respond accordingly to the Department of Water..

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

- No major items.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Cr Terry Brown moved, David James seconded

4. Business Arising from Previous meeting:

Action List – see end of minutes

Discussions on specific action list items from August 2010 minutes are as follows –

- City of Canning have planted plants in the WWAG/Millstream area with works still ongoing
- Canning Plain Management Plan has been discussed and being addressed using the Mill Street Water Quality Improvement Planning process. The SRT & City of Canning are currently negotiating how some of the high priorities from the WQIP & CPMP can be addressed with the \$125,000 WQIP investment.
- Julie has made enquiries regarding the development near Clontarf in the City of South Perth. The removal of trees was illegal and the developer is to replace them 2 to 1. ACTION: CEO Julie Robert & Brian Aldrich to follow through re the development conditions compliance with the WAPC.

5. Correspondence In / Out:

All correspondence was tabled and discussed.

- CEO Julie Robert noted an addition to correspondence list that she has written a letter to Lyn Beazley (State Chief Scientist) regarding the cessation of the WQ monitoring funding in Swan Region and the need for continuing the current WQM program supported by PRNRM, SERCUL, EBICG & DoWater.
- On a separate letter to Lyn Beazley requesting a meeting regarding the work SERCUL is doing in relation to science and how it could link in with the relevant institutions and the Urban Waterway Renewal Projects.
- Debbie Besch noted that Dr.Lyn Beazley is currently looking into Water Quality monitoring for the SRT so the approach is timely.
- Action: Pat will follow-up with State MP’s seeking their support for State funding for Water Quality Monitoring.

6. Treasurers Report:

Cam Clay presented the Treasurers Report.

- There has been a fairly big jump in funds in the SERCUL account with the first instalment of the Urban Water Renewal project funding and the State NRM funding.
- Cam also noted that SERCUL is financially sound but the need to be extremely careful with the increase of responsibility to community.
- Cam Clay moved, David James seconded

7. Chairs Report:

Chairperson Pat Hart presented the Chair’s report from the Annual Report 2009-2010

- Pat also noted that there is an urgency for the Canning River riparian users to reduce their water abstraction and to ONLY use 50% of their allocation as the dam in- flow this year are the worst ever recorded.

8. CEO’s Report:

The Regional Coordinators report was read and tabled.

Staff Changes have happened over the past few months:

- José Alcalá – administration and financial assistant and will also be helping with HR and contract management
- Annick De Lange – waterways restoration officer, with a focus on Bickley Brook but will cover all UWR projects.
- Amy Warner – take over from Melinda’s role as City of Canning community Landcare Officer as Mel is going back to study full time

MOU’s for UWR project signed for DOW and SRT with local governments still ongoing.

9. SERCUL Managers Report:

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

9.1 Crystal McIvor - AGLG

- Finalist in the State Environment awards but didn’t win.
- SALP funding approved
- Mary Carol park received \$8,000 from SALP
- AGLG received \$47,053 for 5 sites

10. Local Government Officers & Stakeholder Reports:

10.1 City of Canning – Jenni Andrews

- Advertised for the Eco Education Officer with someone to be employed by the New Year, FT contract for two years. They will be responsible for updating the education programs.
- UWR renewal - , Anvil and WQIP’s progressing
- Employed new Bushcare team leader – Mathew Box
- Recognition to Canning River Regional Park Volunteers for their win in the State Environment Awards

10.2 City of Armadale – Neil Burbridge

- Project team created to support Glen and myself with the Urban Water Renewal Program
- UWR project is in good shape to go with earthworks very soon.
- State of Environment draft report is nearing completion
- Fletcher Park management plan consultation closed
- Climate Change initiatives
- Switch Your Thinking won the ‘National Banksia Award for Education,

10.3 City of Melville – Deanne Wynn

- Point Walter restoration program approved by Council
- Dieback assessment underway.
- Doing four minor foreshore projects funded by the DEC
- Green Jobs on board to help with projects.

10.4 Swan River Trust – Debbie Besch

- Congratulations to all the finalists in the WA state Environment Awards
- Bannister Creek WQIP approved for consultation
- Healthy Rivers Action Plan are holding an event to thank the Healthy Rivers Action Plan partners and present the next Community Action Plan
- The Cichlids (feral fish) report has been released.
- Non nutrient contaminant officer has been employed (Kim Silver).
- The River Protection Strategy has been released by the Minister of Environment and it is out for Public Comment.

- ACTION: Julie to organise Debbie to present the River Protection Strategy at next meeting.

11. Community Groups and Members Reports

11.1 Friends of Forrestdale – David James

- SALP funding successful
- Forrestdale lake is dry
- Undertaking weed fire control management
- Waiting for boardwalk completion – with possible celebration this year
- Friends of Forrestdale Lake have been recognised by the International Ramsar Association for the work they have done in rehabilitating Forrestdale Lake. One of only three Ramsar awards made in Australia this year.

11.2 WWAG – Russell Gorton

- Finalist in WA Environment awards
- SALP funding successful
- Large population of feral fish in the Mills street stream project site, have teamed together with Mike from Murdoch University and have electro fished the stream. Thirteen fish (gold fish and carp) were removed.
- The Castledare estate is back on the agenda for the Christian Brothers which may entail land development acquisition or land swaps as some of the land resides within the Canning River Regional Park.

11.3 Friends of Cooliaberra Reserve – Catherine Angel

- Request for signage – education walk to get the schools involved
- Weed control continuing
- Survival rate has been low this year
- Site across from Armadale PS has a fox residing in it with the decline of turtles noticed
- Primary School doing a Dieback spray

11.4 Town of Victoria Park Community Member – Clare Calderia

- Restoration of Council Sumps Project is at stand still until council come on board.

11.5 Brian Aldrich - COSPEA

- Has been advised by people within the development in South Perth not to enter the site
- Is happy to help with any correspondence in relation to this issue

12. General Business

- Volunteer registrations – 36 applications read out for approval – (names available to be sighted at SERCUL)
Moved by Pat Hart, seconded by Cam Clay
- CEO Julie Robert noted:
 - SERCUL will host the employment of Chris Philips the new employee for the Cockatoo centre at Karrakin, which was funded by Lotterywest
 - SERCUL to apply for funding from Lotterywest for ongoing training for staff working with community and community groups
Pat Hart moved that the application to Lotterywest for training funding be approved, Brian Aldrich seconded. Carried.
 - Hydrocotyle project – research needs to be done in relation to using metsulfuron to control Hydrocotyle and the toxicology of metsulfuron. SERCUL will approach universities to seek support.
 - Congratulations to Toby Rees Environmental Officer with Gosnells on the birth of his little boy

- SERCUL is going to approach City of South Perth, Victoria Park, Melville and Belmont with support from the City of Canning council for joint funding/support for a full time volunteer coordinator to assist the councils with environment volunteer and community group management.
- ALCOA representatives from USA are visiting to look at sites that it has invested money in over the period of time with the SALP. Julie will show them some long term sites.
- Have had contact with a lady from Dept of Housing to do a similar project to the North Forrestdale education program in the new development called Keralup.
- EWAN is having a water weeds seminar workshop at Cockburn Wetlands Centre.
- Pat will email out an article she received from WALGA in relation to illegal dumping with the increase in landfill levy.
- Pat thanked everyone for attending and thanked the staff for the extraordinary work they have done over the past year and wished all best wishes for the Festive Season,.

14. Next meeting – the next general SERCUL meeting will be held on February 10th 2011 at the City of Armadale, Council Offices, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale 9am – 12pm.

15. Closure: Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.45pm

Action List:

Date & Original point #	From which minutes	Action	Responsibility	Outcome
12	<i>Aug 2009</i>	SERCUL to contact the Water Corp on behalf of WWAG re: ongoing works in the WWAG/Millstream area.	Julie	Ongoing
8	<i>Aug 2009</i>	Canning Plain Management Plan currently being addressed through the Mills Street Water Improvement Plan. When deemed necessary the steering committee to be brought together to address the plans progress.	Julie	Ongoing
4	<i>November 2010</i>	SERCUL to keep a watching brief on compliance conditions placed on the development next to Clontarf on Manning Road South Perth	Julie – Brian Aldrich	Ongoing
5	<i>November 2010</i>	Follow-up with State MP's seeking Political support for State funding for Water Quality Monitoring.	Pat	Ongoing
10.4	<i>November 2010</i>	Organise Debbie Besch to present the River Protection Strategy at next meeting.	Julie	Ongoing

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

Date.....