

# Minutes of Meeting No 31

## Date: August 12<sup>th</sup> 2010



Location: City of South Perth

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

**Chairperson:** Pat Hart

### 1.1 Welcome:

The Chairperson welcomed all and introduced Mayor James Best from City of South Perth, who acknowledged traditional owners of this land. The Mayor addressed the committee and stated that the City of South Perth appreciated the important work SERCUL does as a community organisation. The Chairperson thanked the Mayor for his comments and also for allowing SERCUL use of their meeting facilities.

### 1.2 Attendees:

Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>	Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chair</i>
Amy Krupa	<i>PAP/SERCUL</i>	Marc Lane	<i>F of Ellis Brook</i>
Glen Byleveld	<i>SERCUL</i>	Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL</i>
Bonita Clark	<i>SERCUL</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>
Cr Betty Skinner	<i>City of South Perth</i>	Wayne Van Lieven	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Regina Drummond	<i>Fr of Brixton Street</i>	John Maliunas	<i>SERCUL</i>
Trevor Drummond	<i>Fr of Brixton Street</i>	Cr Terry Brown	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Monica Estrada	<i>SERCUL</i>	Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPEA</i>
Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>	Annik De Lange	<i>SERCUL Volunteer</i>
Victoria Lowe	<i>PRNRM</i>		

### 1.3 Apologies:

Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Vicky Hartill	<i>TRCG</i>
Tamara Wilkes	<i>City of South Perth</i>	William Hogg	<i>AGLG</i>
Matt Grimby	<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>

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

- No major items.

**3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Marc Lane moved, Terry Brown seconded.

**4. Business Arising from Previous meeting:**

Action List – see end of minutes

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

- Julie to contact Water Corp re Russell Gorton’s concerns.
- Canning Plain Steering Committee not formed at this time.
- Profit and loss statement will be tabled at all meetings.

**5. Correspondence In / Out:**

All correspondence was tabled and discussed.

- Brian Aldrich moved, Sandy Wainwright seconded.

**6. Treasurers Report:**

Cam Clay presented the Treasurers Report.

- Copies of the July balance sheet and the Profit and Loss statement available for committee members..
- Cam Clay moved, Marc Lane seconded.

**7. Chairs Report:**

Pat Hart presented the Chair’s report. For the full report please see attachment 1.

- The Chairperson acknowledged WAPC support of the SERCUL office, such as the shed construction and the restoration of Yule Brook House.
- Identified the enormous task of rolling out Urban Water Renewal. The program is commencing and Julie Robert was acknowledged for her great leadership in this area.
- The Chairperson advised that the common seal is required to be used on the MOU for the four Urban Water Renewal projects with the DOW, SRT, PRNRM, CoA, CoG and City of Canning.
- Permission from the committee was required to use of common seal.

It was moved that the Executive of SERCUL be granted permission to use the Common Seal on MOU’s with Department of Water, Swan River Trust, Cities of Armadale, Gosnells and Canning

Moved by Brian Aldrich and seconded David James. Carried.

**8. Regional Coordinators Report:**

The Regional Coordinators report was read and tabled by the Chair. Please see attachment 2.

## **10. NRM 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.

### **10.1 Tom Atkinson - DNIP**

- Tom has been working at Wharf Street and Liege Street to get them completed.
- Responsible for driving the Bannister Creek UWR with City of Canning which will be a continuation of the living stream and enhancing the water quality treatment.
- Continuing his masters.
- Helping Julie and other staff with increased work load.
- Weekly water testing at Wharf Street. Elevated pH needs to be brought down, but the works are already reducing nutrients. There are signs that compost and humate granules (weak acid) are working to stabilise the pH, though will probably take months.

### **10.2 Glen Byleveld – UWR Armadale and Beckenham Open Space Update**

- Monica's volunteer coordination has been really effective. Volunteers are regular and well coordinated
- Glen's role has changed to UWR project management in Armadale; Matt Grimbley has taken over the Natural Diversity role.
- Hollow camera has been set up by Joe Tonga in the Canning River Regional Park to evaluate the effectiveness of Jim Prince's eradication of feral bees program.
- Boneseed blitz in September.
- Carnaby's Cockatoo release on Monday in Yanchep National Park.
- Lotteryswest grant for site manager at Black Cockatoo Recovery Centre was received and the position will be advertised next week.
- Healthy wetland habitats funding through DEC was received in Armadale. Glen to work with AGLG and CoA to identify properties for this funding.
- Contract with Armadale for Slab Gully restoration.
- Grant for ecological assessment of Kent Street Weir received.
- Amy has set up a facebook page for SERCUL and Fertilise Wise. Glen is looking at setting up a youtube channel for SERCUL with hollow camera footage.
- John, Tracy and Jake are doing contract weeding with Friends of Wireless Hill.
- Delayed planting at SERCUL due to lack of rain, shed nearly finished.
- Groups from Panama Studio (special needs) come once a week to SERCUL.

### **10.3 Melinda Snowball – Community Landcare**

- Planting commenced at Hawkesbury.
- Edgeware Park new area has been scalped and ready for planting with River Guardians.
- Continual coordination of BCCG meetings and Bush Regen Days.
- Helping develop site assessment and vegetation mapping forms for UWR.
- City of Canning approved \$50,000 for Melinda's position and \$10,000 for school development
- Produced the Bushtucker brochure and SERCUL brochure
- Assisted in production of volunteer manual
- Produced the Urban Waterways Renewal brochure
- Tom Bateman reserve fencing application was successful and weed removal grant was successful

### **10.4 Ana Terrazas – Water Quality**

Ana presented a powerpoint overview of the UWR projects.

### **10.5 Amy Krupa – PAP**

- 40 school presentations of nearly 1000 kids over Perth
- Stormwater science presentation on North Forrestdale went well.
- 20 planting sessions with Schools; 8000 plants at schools, Beckenham Open Space and project sites.
- At the Landscape Australia expo launched Fert care training. Allocated \$100,000 from SRT for this program though Challenger TAFE and WALGA for turf manager training in fertiliser management, high interest from turf managers already.
- Fertilise Wise program was featured on garden gurus.
- Annual nutrient local government survey had a low response.
- Amy has a new car to use for SERCUL activities.
- A dance of science fair on the 16<sup>th</sup> August at Canning River Eco Centre, with lots of activities for kids and adults.

### **10.6 Monica Estrada – Volunteer Coordination and Water Quality**

- Launch of Volunteer manual was successful.
- Started a volunteer corner in the SERCUL newsletter.
- Finished the manual which needs endorsement by the SERCUL committee. We expected comments but haven't received any. Pat Hart moved that the policy and procedure manual be adopted, Cam Clay seconded.
- New friends group development with Julie.
- Workshop to assess volunteer management system.
- Succeeded in application for Volunteer support funding from DEC.
- Updating the volunteer data base and placing volunteers at SERCUL and other community groups.
- Water quality monitoring in 4 catchments, Belmont, Bayswater, Bull Creek and Bennet Brook
- Finished WQ reports for last year.
- North Forrestdale WQ report finished.
- Monica asked the committee to apply for a Lotterywest grant for extending the capacity of not-for-profit organisations, such as training for committee members in the new organisation structure. Cam Clay moved.
- Funding for water quality program is only until June next year.

### **10.7 Crystal McIvor - AGLG**

- Riverbank funding (\$40,000 for each council) in 2011 has come through.
- Have commenced planting but we are having to water in plants at some sites.
- Worked with Green Corp for 11 days.
- William Hogg, Community River Restoration Officer has commenced.
- Planting days are coming up at Orlando St in Kelmscott, Roley Pools and Soldiers Rd.
- Put in 2 applications to the WA Environment Awards
- Wungong Management Plan was endorsed for Armadale Road to Champion Drive which has \$20,00 attached to it for weed control which AGLG is to manage.
- National tree day had 135 volunteers, but we had to get fire brigade to water in plants.

## **11. Local Government Officers & Stakeholder Reports:**

### **11.1 City of Gosnells – Wayne van Lieven**

- Sediment and erosion project officer (Adam) will run over two years, project funding for 18 months as long as officer still does work on Bickley Brook.
- Formed SEPCOM committee across Gosnells and Armadale.
- Adam has developed the project program, project scope is huge, identifying priority zones for sediment erosion and runoff (development within certain distance of a wetland).
- Riverbank estate development in Southern River; there have been issues with the developer in the water management plan, the shallow aquifer is nutrient rich and subsoil drainage should be put in to control this.
- Draft biodiversity conservation plan; doing a presentation to council next Tuesday.

### **11.2 City of Armadale – Neil Burbridge**

- Developing and refining UWR plans, thanks to SERCUL it has gone well so far. The draft MOU has gone to SERCUL
- Wungong River management plan was ratified by council, secured some funding for annual weed control.
- Draft management plan for Fletcher park is in the works, this has some pristine endangered bush, getting a consultant in to help with plan which is going to council hopefully in September.
- State of environment report will hopefully go to consultation at end of year.
- Awards were received for CoA's biodiversity action plan and community engagement stream care project.

### **11.3 City of Caning – Jenni Andrews**

- Still getting help to run education programs at the Eco Centre from SERCUL and consultants.
- City was successful in grant from SRT for Riverbank
- Advertised for natural area team leader.

### **11.4 City of Melville – Deanne Wynn**

- Point Walter restoration program going through Council at the moment.
- Natural Areas Management Plan is due in the next few weeks, then it will go to Council.
- Working with Friends of Bull Creek Catchment who are having first working day on 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- Friends of Piney Lakes are still going but under a different format.
- Foreshore restoration strategy still going, DEC grant for sedges received.
- Doing limited school, community and staff planting, very dry though.
- Environmental Education officer is doing excellent work introducing more programs.
- Wireless Hill 2020 program; revamping buildings and education walks.
- Wireless Hill group are having their annual walk soon.
- Green jobs team has come on board to assist bush crew.

### **11.6 Swan River Trust – Debbie Besch**

- Progressing Swan ALCOA grants progress, aiming to be approved by November meeting.
- Principle Scientist has formed technical group investigating dolphin deaths.
- Dredging will be occurring in Fremantle, which will increase sediment load. Testing is continuing.
- Draft stormwater management policy out for comment on website.

## **12. Community Groups and Members Reports**

**12.1 Friends of Ellis Brook - Marc Lane**

- Small bird boxes in Ellis brook have been erected.
- Eco walk brochure has been released.
- Lack of rain is really affecting vegetation, very few wildflowers.

**11.2 Friends of Forrestdale – David James**

- Extreme lack of water, lake is drying up.
- Hoping the Swans won't attempt to nest.
- Boardwalk completed by DEC.
- 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up.
- Vandalism and trail bikes are issues.

**11.3 WWAG – Russell Gorton**

- Letter received from DEC to proceed with project along Fern Road.
- Attended press release which the Premier and Steve Irons attended. Steve Irons committed \$1 million to manage Hydrocotyl and support community groups in this region. All subject to Liberal government winning.

**11.4 Brixton Street Wetland- Regina Drummond**

- New fence along railway track, people keep leaving gate open though.
- Have had some rain so Brixton Street Wetland is looking good.
- Ruah comes down once a month to pick up rubbish.
- Concerned about graffiti, rubbish and vandalism, occurrence is very bad.
- Weed control and bush crew have been out.
- Our volunteers are terrific every month, 9 to 12 people.
- Lucky to get some shirts, printing a calendar for 2011.

**11.5 Brian Aldrich - COSPEA**

- Developing properties on Manning Road have a 50m border between development and river. Vegetation was knocked down that was supposed to be retained, about 30 large Marri trees. SERCUL need to write to the SRT, although DEC are not likely to pursue legally but it may be possible to get recompense.

**11.6 Cr Terry Brown – City of Gosnells**

- City of Gosnells have implemented recycled water project at Mills Park limiting watering on certain areas of the reserve.

**14. Next meeting – the next general SERCUL meeting will be held on November 11th 2010 at the City of Gosnells, Albany Hwy Gosnells. 9am – 12pm.**

**15. Closure:** Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.00pm

**Action List:**

<b>Date &amp; Original point #</b>	<b>From which minutes</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
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Minutes of SERCUL Meeting No 31, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010

<b>12</b>	<i>Aug 2009</i>	SERCUL to write to the Water Corp on behalf of WWAG re: Works in the WWAG/Millstream area.	Pat	Ongoing
<b>8</b>	<i>Aug 2009</i>	Canning Plain Management Plan steering committee needs to be brought together to address implementation of the plan.	Julie	Ongoing
<b>6</b>	<i>May 2010</i>	Produce a more detailed financial report for perusal at future SERCUL meetings	SERCUL	Completed
<b>11.5</b>	<i>August 2010</i>	SERCUL to write to the SRT regarding the loss of Marri trees and reduction of wetland on development next to Clontarf on Manning Road	SERCUL	Ongoing

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

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