



Minutes of Meeting No 30

Date: May 13th 2010

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Location: City of Belmont Depot, 180 Planet Street, Carlisle

Chairperson: Pat Hart

1.1 Welcome:

Pat Hart welcomed all and thanked people for coming, it's wonderful to have such a great turnout.

1.2 Attendees:

Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chair</i>
Amy Krupa	<i>PAP</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>
Nicole Davey	<i>City of Belmont</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>
Jake Usher	<i>SERCUL</i>	John Maliunas	<i>SERCUL</i>
Monica Estrada	<i>SERCUL</i>	Cr Terry Brown	<i>City of Gosnells</i>
Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>	Katie Angel	<i>CRBG</i>

1.3 Apologies:

Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPEA</i>	Diane Mathews	<i>CRREPA</i>
Margaret Mathews	<i>Fr of Wireless Hill</i>	Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>
Regina Drummond	<i>Fr of Brixton Street</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>Cooliaberra Reserve Bushland Group</i>	CRREPA	<i>Canning River Residence Environmental Protection Association</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>
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>
SME	<i>Small and Medium Enterprises</i>	SRT	<i>Swan River Trust</i>
WAPC	<i>Western Australian Planning Commission</i>	WALGA	<i>WA Local Government Association</i>
WONS	<i>Weeds of National Significance</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:

No major items.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Marc Lane moved, Betty Skinner seconded.

4. Business Arising from Previous meeting:

Action List – see end of minutes

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

- WWAG Mill Street Drain concerns are still ongoing. SERCUL still needs to write to Water Corp about ongoing works at problem site at the end of Mill Street Drain. Very informal talks by Water Corp to do work in Regional Park, were looked at as a potential urban renewal site.
- Anvil way is now going ahead due to urban renewal funding, no more has been done on the steering committee yet. No time for Canning Plain Steering Committee, but will not be abandoned.
- Judy Fisher weed talks are completed.

5. Correspondence In / Out:

All correspondence was tabled and discussed.

- River Protection Strategy -, comments due in June.
- Lotteries West - Weeds Of National Significance application approved.

6. Treasurers Report:

Cam Clay presented the Treasurers Report.

- The Chair requested the need for a more detailed financial report to be tabled at next SERCUL meeting outlining assets and liabilities. Julie Robert advised that it would be a complex document and it was agreed that the current financial reporting be maintained with one more detailed report to be tabled at meeting and available for members to peruse
- IAS payment was queried by Russell but Sandy was not present to explain. Julie will clarify abbreviations for next meeting. (Note: IAS is Income Activity Statement).
- Cam Clay moved the report, Marc Lane seconded.

7. Chairs Report:

Pat Hart presented the Chair's report. A copy of this report is available at SERCUL.

- Hopeful that Urban Renewal money will be signed off in the coming weeks, thanks to Julie Robert for her commitment.
- Canning River fauna deaths; advised these events will become more prevalent with climate change so we need to address the huge amount of raw sewerage flows to our waterways. Why did over 152 pumping stations discharge 21 million litres to the rivers following the recent severe storm event? The questions that need to be asked of Water Corporation are how much money does Water Corp put into management of these facilities? Has their budget been cut? 4 million litres was leaked into Wungong River, Baxter Close and Anaconda Drive during this March storm event. Crystal from AGLG will set up a meeting with Water Corp. CoG was advised about the spill but CoA was not. There was a press release from Water Corp.
- Attended an informal Council presentation by Greens MP Alison Xamon on the draft Hills Planning legislative bill to be put up to Parliament shortly. It is hoped that it will create discussion about development through the hills.

- Pat represents PRNRM sub groups on Integrated Water Reference Group.
- Other PRNRM reference groups include:
 - Noongar trials with Belmont and Fremantle
 - Local Government
 - Rural landuse groups looking at wineries
 - Light Industry
 - Biodiversity.
- Concerns with lack of funding to NRM; advised draft NRM action plan will be out for comment shortly. Advised it will only be 4 pages
- State Government was looking at licensing Local Government for drainage services- to check out. Integrated water reference group meeting looking at drainage reform (water action plan), CoG have been advised that C21 will be requiring contribution from all Local Governments for drainage.
- Pat has been asked to sit on the Australian Landcare Ltd consultative committee to ensure development of strategies, specifically for Federal Govt. requirements.
- Pat has been asked to assist in the judging of the Australian Landcare Urban Landcare awards .Presentations to take place on 24th June in Canberra.
- Need to increase Landcare sponsors, for WA.
- Landcare week (during September) have gone into partnership with Climate Watch. The aim is to encourage residents to note changes to natural environment on the internet in a database for scientists.

8. Regional Coordinators Report:

Julie read and tabled her report. A full copy of her report is available at SERCUL.

Sub Regional Coordinators Report

- It has been a busy few months at SERCUL and the shed is nearly finished. John and Jake will have the toilet installed by next week.
- Permaculture garden; wall needs to be constructed and disabled access garden beds will be added for the local disabled groups to demonstrate what you can do in your own garden.
- Working with Murdoch TAFE to bring in construction students to help build the wall.
- Fertilise Wise Project is coming to a conclusion. Barbeque days were held in North Forrestdale in May, with many residents attending. Final survey has been sent out.
- Agreement between SERCUL and Stocktech to be signed in the presence of the meeting..
- Brochure developed for Beckenham Memorial Park for people who are placing plaques on the trees. Sponsored by Bowra and O'Dea and Men of the Trees.
- Ana has been very busy with Urban Ecology Symposium in August with Murdoch Uni.
- Attended a meeting with Tony Abbot in the Canning River Regional Park.
- State opposition leader Eric Ripper did tour around SERCUL with other local politicians
- New on hold telephone messages; feedback has been great. 50% of ongoing costs paid for by Bendigo Bank Gosnells.
- Hydrocotyl treatment trials have worked well.
- Sagittaria trials have not worked in Hesta Park.
- Murdoch Freshwater Mussel project is progressing well. May use Bickley Brook to test rehabilitation success by putting in mussels as a biological indicator.
- New groups have been formed, one at Hesta Park by knowledgeable local residents and another at Maddington mainly for the Homestead protection but are also interested in bush restoration.

- New Leaf and Branch book is available at SERCUL for \$24.
- New Green Jobs work teams in our area and Serpentine Jarrahdale who will swing between hosts, which is a more flexible process. Lead by Troy Garlett.
- \$50,000 grant application for freshwater fauna films in the Canning submitted to Lottery West.
- Booklet will also be produced on the freshwater fauna as nothing yet exists.
- Workshops were run to purchase equipment.

Urban Renewal Update

- Waiting on final sign-off for money to come through. Money was announced before last election 3 years ago.
- State funding of \$800,000 allocated to Armadale and other projects, design has been completed.
- Developing science focus for all projects at SERCUL. Judy Fisher is helping drive the process through Urban Renewal.
- Urban Renewal brochure has been developed outlining projects and now needs to go to stakeholders for approval. May be released to public when the money comes through and will go on SERCUL and Local Government websites.
- Role changes at SERCUL will move people within jobs to accommodate urban renewal. Matt Grimby will come back to work with SERCUL on 28th June.

9. Key Speaker – Monica Estrada – Launch of Volunteer Management Manual

Monica Estrada, the author, gave her presentation on the benefits of implanting national volunteer standards at SERCUL and her role as coordinator.

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 suggested that the regional coordinator level should be increased since our budget has doubled with urban renewal. Maybe a sub committee should be formed. Pat said this was already being addressed within SERCUL executive.
- Green Corp will helping out at DNIP sites.
- Anvil Way is coming up
- Liege Street study with Murdoch on track.
- Will be assisting in the implementation of urban renewal project in Bannister Creek.

10.2 Glen Byleveld – Natural Diversity

- Hydrocotyl project; Wilson Lagoon treatment is doing really well, but needs to be done more frequently.
- Working with Michael Klunzinger to work out mussel presence data using an online management tool.
- Sagittaria; huge outbreak in Yule Brook, but a different treatment than Hesta Park has been effective here.

10.3 Melinda Snowball – Community Landcare

For Melinda's full report, please see attachment 1.

- Urban waterways booklet in development.

- Completed Bush Tucker plant brochure.
- DEC community grant received for fencing of the Tom Bateman bush forever site.
- SALP 2011 grants submitted for Hawkesbury and Vellgrove (planting and weed control), Bannister Creek (weed removal from Adenia to Hybanthus) and Living Stream seeding trials.
- Fire safety training organised for staff
- Needs report went to City of Canning council on 27th April and was endorsed.
- Melinda's contract also went to Council and was approved.

10.4 Ana Terrazas – Water Quality

For Ana's full report, please see attachment 2.

- Finished Bennet Brook and Bayswater sampling and the Bickley Brook 3 year summary has been finished.
- Perth Urban Ecology Symposium in August; \$280 for early registration for 3 days including a field trip.
- In April Amy and Ana went stencilling with All Saints College in City of Melville.
- Helping Friends of McDougall Park develop a logo.
- Sustainable leadership conference attended.

10.5 Amy Krupa - PAP

- Supported 19 groups and individuals with Project Resources including Midland TAFE, Water Corp, City of Belmont, City of Swan, Health Department primary schools, nurseries and Friends of Groups.
- 25 school presentations to over 500 students, more high schools this year.
- 13 community presentations given to 280 people, including at World Wetlands Day conference (DNIP) and Canoeing on the Canning.
- River Guardians Canoeing on the Canning last week was very popular.
- Garden week and North Forrestdale barbeques – lots of interest in the Fertilise Wise endorsement.
- Over 6300 brochures distributed for PAG/SERCUL, 2300 FW and 2400 Local Plant brochures at presentations and displays.
- Media exposure in the West Australian and Sabrina Han on Fertilise Wise endorsement
- Next series of Garden Gurus TV program will have a segment on SERCUL Fertilise Wise endorsement.
- Still waiting to find out about State NRM funding applied for Fertcare training program for turf managers (joint project with WALGA and SRT). John Forrest at Murdoch TAFE will tailor it for turf managers. \$660 per person, but looking at subsidising it.
- North Forrestdale project is coming to an end, had a great response to the community barbeques.
- Will be doing a River Symposium presentation.

10.6 Monica Estrada – Volunteer Coordination and Water Quality

For Monica's full report, please see attachment 2.

- Finished manual and booklet will be sent for printing.
- Launch of the volunteer manual in June.
- Volunteer celebration in June.
- Volunteer corner added to SERCUL newsletter.
- Grants for implementation of management system applied for again from DEC.
- From March Monica has started Water Quality monitoring; currently preparing report for Bickley Brook, Belmont sampling was finished last week.

10.7 Crystal McIvor - AGLG

- SALP 2011 funding applied for 5 AGLG sites (\$42,000) and Mary Carroll Park (\$9000).

- DEC community grants 2010/11 applied for Palomino Reserve (\$27,000).
- Riverbank 2011 funding applied for CoG (\$35,000) and CoA (\$37,000).
- Restoration Officer job applications closed Friday 7th May and we had 13 applicants. Interviews are next week.
- Environment Minister Donna Faragher will present Lottery west cheque for the Restoration Officer (\$60,000) tomorrow (14th May), Comment News will be attending.

11. Local Government Officers & Stakeholder Reports:

11.1 City of Gosnells – Wayne van Lieven

- Thank you to SERCUL for completing the Bickley Brook water quality report, it will be sent out to stakeholders. There are good indicators for further action here.
- Maddington Kenwick 12 month compliance officer position; possible extension due to urban renewal funding.
- DEC have reviewed wetland mapping of Bickley Brook near Tonkin Hwy, draft revised mapping has been provided.
- 30 light industry properties found to be non compliant along Bickley Brook, 6 sticking points.
- After the storm, DOW received an enquiry from Maddington Concrete that a drain was overflowing, but a site visit revealed it had only gone to a third of capacity but other issues identified.
- Plan to fund rehabilitation of Bickley Brook southern bank through the resolution of problems of compliance. We have significant amounts of Crown Land near Bickley Brook; need to communicate with adjacent property owners to buy that land with proceeds of sale to go towards rehabilitating the brook.
- Maddington Kenwick proposed industrial area; two reports have been received on public and natural assets which will be released publicly. Possibility that threatened ecological community could be cleared; working with DEC to inform businesses of regulations regarding this.
- Southern River precincts subdivision 3A; there is an issue with elevated nutrient levels. This is the first subdivision to propose to install subsoil drainage. SRT have not yet endorsed plan. Olga Baron and I have passed the word around that CSIRO can provide money, as will the developer for this great opportunity.
- Sediment erosion project with SRT; employing an officer for this project (\$110,000), this should be happening in the next month –working in partnership with City Armadale.
- Obtained funding through DEC community grants to fence a Bush Forever site which has been subject to dumping and off-road vehicles; the fence is almost complete.

11.2 City of Armadale – Neil Burbridge

- Urban renewal; 6 projects in Armadale are waiting for funding to start detailed designs.
- SRT implementation of Southern River WQIP; due to receive \$120,000 for drains.
- Deployment of Southern River sedimentation officer; shared resource between Gosnells and Armadale.
- Boardwalk at Forrestdale Lake; funding is yet to be discharged but the money is in our accounts. Hopefully will make progress in the next couple of weeks.
- Climate change adaptation study has been worked on, key risks have been identified and a presentation delivered to council was well received. Refinement of actions will occur in future, 60 or 70 actions need to be refined to be realistically achievable. In August or September it will go back to Council.

11.3 City of Caning – Jenni Andrews

- \$40,000 dollars has been endorsed by council relating to the needs workshop outcomes.
- Finished projects on points and SRT has put boulders in to stop erosion.

- Liege Street boardwalk is nearly finished.
- Trying to continue the Eco Education Centre Education Officer position with the State Government.

11.4 City of Belmont – Nicole Davey

- The City's new Environment plan is out for comment
- Business Environment Plan; light industry program at end of July.
- Main Roads revegetation project near Tonkin Hwy will be a 3-year program.
- Solar PV system installed on Council roof.
- Corporate revegetation day for staff as part of the carbon neutral program at will be happening in Garvey Park
- Developed with EMRC a Climate Change adaptation plan

11.5 City of South Perth – Cr Betty Skinner

- Swan River walls are a priority in the City's environment budget this year.

11.6 Swan River Trust – Debbie Besch

- Climate change risk assessment was launched last week; maps to show sea level rise.
- Board approved Sub-Regional financial support. Acknowledges need to address CPI in future
- Dolphin report released. Freshwater flushes have caused dolphin deaths in rivers around the world in the past.
- State NRM signed off invoice for Urban Renewal money, more instalments to come in next year.
- Minister announced money for SRT for WQIP (\$300,000).
- \$250,00 for SME's in Gosnells and Malaga
- Debbie has been approved as acting project manager.
- Chair commented that the draft nutrient policy is out for comment until 30th July.

11.7 City of Melville– Deanne Wynn

- 3 projects and strategies for our bushland areas; drafts out for comment at the end of June.
- Foreshore management strategy in the works.
- Point Walter concept plan is on the website for comment.
- Publicly identified that European House Borer is at Piney Lakes, have not been advised what the action will be yet from the Agriculture Department.
- Julie comments that Friends of Piney Lakes have folded due to lack of support from council; council needs to be reminded that the community groups are really important to them.

12. Community Group Reports

12.1 Friends of Ellis Brook - Marc Lane

- Work day on Sunday, pruning.

11.2 Friends of Forrestdale – David James

- Issue with Keane Road proposed re alignment; Draft PER has gone to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval to be released for comment in July. Assessment of insects and plants for Federal approval needs another season.
- Lack of rain has not made a very good year for biodiversity.

11.3 WWAG - Russell

- WWAG Arbour day in June, will talk to Tom and Melinda about coordinating community support.
- Wrote to Minister for Environment regarding concerns on cat management; State Government are working on a law for cat control focusing on sterilisation, registration and micro chipping .Should be

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in Parliament by end of 2010. WALGA consultation document should be released shortly. Issue to be raised at the South Reference meeting.

11.4 Cooliaberra Reserve Bushland Group - Katie Angel

- 4000 plants secured for planting
- Funding secured for a sculpture for peaceful ponds.
- Greater public awareness of Armadale Settler Common is required.
- Cotton weed is seeding; brochure is going out.
- Signboards required with information about natives and weed species, needs to be graffiti-proof.
- Local resident concerned with Bandicoots digging her garden up.

11.5 Gosnells Community - Cr Terry Brown

- Boral Quarry rehabilitation open family day sausage sizzle will be held on 22nd of May, must wear enclosed shoes.

14. Next meeting – the next general SERCUL meeting will be held on August 12th 2010 at the City of South Perth, Corner of South Terrace & Sandgate St in South Perth. 9am – 12pm.

15. Closure: Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12.05pm

Action List:

Date & Original point #	From which minutes	Action	Responsibility	Outcome
12	<i>Aug 2009</i>	SERCUL 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
9	<i>Feb 2010</i>	Working with Judy Fisher to map the gaps in weed management across WA. Taking a research based approach.	SERCUL	Completed
6	<i>May 2010</i>	Produce a more detailed financial report for perusal at future SERCUL meetings	SERCUL	Ongoing

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

Date.....