



Minutes of Meeting No 28

Date: November 12th 2009

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare

Location: City of Armadale, 7 Orchard Ave, Armadale

Chairperson: Pat Hart

1.1 Welcome:

The Chairperson welcomed all present, specifically welcoming Katie Angel from Cooliberra Reserve Bushland Group and Cr. Terry Brown from City of Gosnells to their first SERCUL meeting.

1.2 Attendees:

Julie Robert	<i>SERCUL</i>	Pat Hart	<i>SERCUL Chair</i>
Amy Krupa	<i>PAG</i>	Sandy Wainwright	<i>SERCUL</i>
Glen Byleveld	<i>SERCUL</i>	Tom Atkinson	<i>SERCUL</i>
Bonita Clark	<i>SERCUL</i>	Debbie Besch	<i>SRT</i>
Wayne Van Lieven	<i>City of Gosnells</i>	Matt Grimbley	<i>AGLG</i>
Crystal McIvor	<i>AGLG</i>	Melinda Snowball	<i>SERCUL</i>
Cam Clay	<i>SERCUL Treasurer</i>	Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>
Paula Haro	<i>City of Armadale</i>	Katie Angel	<i>CRBG</i>
Diane Mathews	<i>CRREPA</i>	Brian Aldrich	<i>COSPEA</i>
Marc Lane	<i>Friends of Ellis Brook</i>	Ana Terrazas	<i>SERCUL</i>
Cr. Terry Brown	<i>City of Gosnells</i>	Jenni Andrews	<i>City of Canning</i>
Monica Estrada	<i>SERCUL</i>	Michael Klunzinger	<i>Murdoch University</i>

1.3 Apologies:

No apologies received.

1.4 Acronyms used in these minutes:

SERCUL	<i>South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare</i>	CRREPA	<i>Canning River Residence Environmental Protection Association</i>
SRT	<i>Swan River Trust</i>	AGLG	<i>Armadale/Gosnells Landcare Group</i>
PAG	<i>Phosphorus Action Group</i>	NRM	<i>Natural Resource Management</i>
DEC	<i>Department of Environment and Conservation</i>	BCCG	<i>Bannister Creek Catchment Group</i>
SALP	<i>Swan Alcoa Landcare Project</i>	PRNRM	<i>Perth Region NRM</i>
CFOC	<i>Caring for our Country</i>	WQIP	<i>Water Quality Improvement Plan</i>
DOW	<i>Department of Water</i>	CoA	<i>City of Armadale</i>
CoG	<i>City of Gosnells</i>	CRBG	<i>Cooliberra Reserve Bushland Group</i>
WAPC	<i>Western Australian Planning Commission</i>	COSPEA	<i>City of South Perth Env. Association</i>
WWAG	<i>Wilson Wetlands Action Group</i>	WQIP	<i>Water Quality Improvement Plan</i>
DIA	<i>Department of Indigenous Affairs</i>	SWALSC	<i>South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council</i>
SERI	<i>Society for Ecological Restoration International</i>	EWAN	<i>Environmental Weeds Action Network</i>

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

No major items.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Cam Clay moved that the previous minutes be accepted, seconded by Diane Mathews.

4. Business Arising from Previous meeting:

Action List – see end of minutes.

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

- Action removed: CRREPA and City of Canning to work together on rehabilitation areas.
- Julie: WQIP is underway for Canning Plains Area, which covers Welshpool/Kewdale to edge of airport to Wilson lagoon in Canning, including Mill Street, Wharf Street and Liege Street drains.
- Pat to follow through with Water Corp regarding their works in the WWAG/Millstream area.

5. Correspondence In / Out:

Correspondence was tabled and discussed.

- Acceptance of SERCUL committee membership application from Katie Angel for Cooliaberra Reserve Bushland Group was moved by Marc Lane and seconded by Brian Aldrich. Carried.
- Town of Victoria Park declined at this time the SERCUL membership offer as the environmental officer position is currently vacant.
- City of Cockburn also declined because they feel they have adequate representation on other community groups that keeps them up-to-date with Perth NRM projects/activities.
- East Fremantle also declined the membership offer as no-one is available to attend the SERCUL meetings, but have requested the SERCUL newsletter, agenda and minutes.
- Julie expressed disappointment with the Minister for Environment dismissing the Roe Highway appeal.

Correspondence was moved by Ana Terrazas, seconded by Marc Lane.

6. Treasurers Report:

Cam Clay presented the Treasurers Report.

- The cash management account has been closed; we are now using a term deposit account due to better interest rates.
- The Chair thanked Sandy for her excellent work.
- Cam moved that the Treasurers report be accepted, seconded by Brian Aldrich.

7. Chairs Report:

- Pat has been lobbying to pursue Federal funds for urban drainage renewal and with Julie Robert had met previously with Federal members. This has been successful and Julie will discuss this further in her report.
- State Government had not released 2 years of NRM funding but since lobbying had begun from many areas of the State the money is starting to come through.
- Pat advised that being on the Integrated Water Reference Group committee provides good opportunities to share info with DOW and other Government Agencies including CSIRO.
- Dr. Olga Baron from CSIRO is very interested in working with the City of Armadale to seek opportunities with the urban drainage project.

8. Regional Coordinators Report:

Julie read and tabled her report, which is available in full on file at SERCUL.

Julie expressed SERCUL's condolences to Toby and Rebecca Rees, who sadly lost their baby daughter Grace in October.

- The shed is nearly complete but the internal works (electrics, water) still being done, thanks to WAPC for helping with the process.
- Indigenous artefact that was discovered at SERCUL was taken to the DIA, who stated that the markings on the stone are a mystery and the artefact shows no human interference. The artefact is with the City of Canning and the SWALSC will eventually place the stone back in the ground near SERCUL as it is a spiritual stone.
- The permaculture garden has been partially constructed but needs more work
- Monica Estrada has commenced as the volunteer coordinator, funded by DEC community grants.
- Jake Usher has started as a landcare trainee and is also available to AGLG.

- Marketing promotions: Fertilise Wise is being accepted very well and the State Government has asked for the use of the criteria and science. This has been agreed to, and hopefully will be used in revising the fertiliser action plan.
- SERCUL have hosted the SERI conference and the Fertilise Wise launch.
- The development of the Urban Landcare Field Day has been delayed due to the Urban Renewal project work load.
- The 2010 conference with Murdoch is to be used as a 'drive in' for Urban Landcare Field Day.
- Funding for SERCUL and other community groups in the region has been received.
- SALP process, third of projects funded from SRT, next projects on the list of approvals should receive letters soon.
- \$4 million has been approved for the Urban Renewal project by federal minister Penny Wong. Waiting on a letter from Penny Wong to be signed off, and then a long and complicated process follows before the final sign off will occur in February/March 2010. City of Canning, Gosnells and Armadale will get money towards projects.
- PRNRM are assisting sub regions to apply for grant money announced last week. SERCUL will push for funding for the sedimentation project.
- Saggitaria trial in Hesta Park has been completed, found some plants there and in the Canning River. Will be planning for trials next year.
- Pat thanked Julie for her dedication to SERCUL.

9. Key Speaker - Michael Klunzinger – Freshwater Mussels study, Murdoch University.

Michael introduced his study on the Freshwater Mussel *Westralunio carteri*, which will investigate the biology of this species which occurs natively in South Western WA rivers. SERCUL has, along with Curtin University, applied to Lotteries West for funding to commence a project with Michael to extend this study to the Canning River and all connected waterways. Michael has a survey out to the public calling for details of freshwater mussel populations in the South West region. If you have seen freshwater mussels please help out by contacting SERCUL or Michael on m.klunzinger@murdoch.edu.au for a survey form.

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

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

Tom Atkinson - DNIP

- Central Belmont Catchment is about to get some plants in the water in December.
- Wharf Street is going well, mostly finalised except for a few planting areas.
- Identified source of high nitrogen entering the system at Wharf Street which messes up the numbers, most likely from the bowling club.
- Conducted flora surveys in the Della Vedova site in the City of Gosnells, working with consultant Colin Walker from Murdoch.
- Tom announced the arrival of his baby daughter Stella Sofia Atkinson, born on 15th October.

Glen Byleveld – Natural Diversity

- Glen did a presentation at the Weed Society conference.
- Weeds of national significance blitz in the Perth hills, boneseed is widespread.
- Running a Dieback day on 22nd November at Wireless Hill.
- On the 19th November EWAN are holding an education day at the Canning Eco Education Centre.
- Doing weed mapping for Queens Park ecological area.
- Helping the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society with grant applications for their new centre and staff.
- Permaculture course complete.
- Funding applications submitted/received - Hollow monitoring, hydrocotyl, rivercare officer at AGLG, Ecological assessment at Kent Weir.

Melinda Snowball

- Finished planting at Hawkesbury and Vellgrove sites for the year.
- Completed planting at Edgeware lakes and will arrange with the City of Canning to get more room for planting around the lake.
- Attended the BCCG AGM and bush regeneration days.
- Nearly completed the needs analysis report to go out in late November.
- Helping Monica by transferring volunteer management knowledge.
- Grants: SALP 2010 was approved, DEC was approved, CFOC.

Ana Terrazas – Water Quality

- Sediment samples for Whaleback and Donoraile completed, Whaleback sediments are contaminated.
- Attended SERI conference, very interesting, especially the Indigenous profile.
- Attended the Coastal Conference, Richard Weller (landscaping from UWA) was excellent.
- Undertaking a photography course at the moment.
- Organising a venue for a Murdoch University workshop.

Amy Krupa - PAG

- Turtle project: Excelsior Primary School was having turtles hatching in their sand pits and there were concerns that the students were inadvertently harming the turtles. This led to Elaine Woods conducting a talk with the children and a program was established involving a group of students called the Turtle Warriors who manage the new turtle protection policy. There is an article on this in the SERCUL education newsletter. Amy has a copy of a PHD paper on turtle breeding communication at SERCUL.
- Attended the Kelmscott and Canning Show and ran school holiday activities.
- 400 students participated in planting sessions at schools.
- 6500 PAG brochures and 1000 FW brochures distributed so far.
- Permaculture course was completed.
- Pat congratulated Amy who received an award for Landcare Professional of the Year 2009.
- Catchments, Coasts and Corridors conference coming up January next year

Monica Estrada – Volunteer Coordinator

- Started working on volunteer coordination (planning, training and structure support) at SERCUL in September.
- Posting SERCUL advert to the Volunteer Western Australia website.
- Interviewed SERCUL staff on volunteer needs.
- Preparing a draft on policies and procedures for volunteering at SERCUL
- Creating a table of web resources for implementing the system.
- Melinda has been very helpful with the process.

11.1 AGLG – Crystal McIvor:

Crystal read her report, if you require a copy please contact SERCUL.

- SALP 2010 funding received \$30,000 for 6 sites.
- Received \$29,000 from DEC for Palomino Reserve.
- Mary Carroll Park funding received for revegetation work
- Working with Julie Robert, CoG and CoA on Urban Renewal projects.
- Secured funding for Crystal's position as AGLG Coordinator.
- Attended the Canning Show.
- CoG and AGLG have moved into the new building and 9397 3206 is her new direct line.

11.2 AGLG – Matt Grimby:

- Focussing on finishing planting sedges for the next month.

12. Local Government Officer & Stakeholder Reports:

12.1 City of Gosnells – Wayne Van Lieven

- All business owners not in compliance with environmental regulations in the planning scheme are being engaged to address issues such as compacting the ground. There have been a lot of changes in industrial sites backing onto Bickley Brook due to the mining industry boom/bust.
- Bickley Brook project salary ends soon, possibly carrying through to the end of financial year.
- Have requested that DEC review boundaries of wetlands.
- Gypsy Joker property that was seized is a problem site that needs cleaning up, which is being resolved by City of Gosnells.
- Project at junction of Bickley Brook and Canning River coming along well.

12.2 City of Armadale – Paula Haro

- New environmental coordinator Neil Burbridge will be starting soon.
- Wungong Management Plan is out for public comment and going to council for endorsement soon.
- 170 volunteers have done 400,400 hours in the city in the past year.
- The Local Biodiversity Strategy going to the planning department and then to council next Monday.

12.3 Swan River Trust – Debbie Besch.

- Swan Canning WQIP will be implemented, with money to go to Southern River and to clean up Anvil Way. Money allocation from Redman dollars, ALCOA have since come on board. Waiting for the minister to release the Swan Canning WQIP.
- Canning Plain WQIP is going to the board at the next meeting.
- Southern River Sediment and Erosion project coordinator has been employed.

13. Community Group Reports

13.1 Friends of Ellis Brook - Marc Lane

- Have been weeding at Ellis Brook, put some bollards in at a carpark and planted some trees.

13.2 COSPEA - Brian Aldrich

- Attended SRT meeting to examine the natural erosion vs. unnatural from the Swan to Canning River banks. The banks are not adapted to boat waves, resulting in costly walls at the swan river brewery. Review of boat speeds to be undertaken. Unnatural erosion is much more damaging than natural winds and waves.

13.3 CRREPA - Diane Matthews

- Winding down for the year, working with Lions Melville.
- Fencing up for rehabilitation sites.

14. Next meeting:

The next General SERCUL Meeting will be held on February 11th 2010, 9am till 12 noon. Venue to be advised.

15. Closure: Pat Hart declared the meeting closed at 11.50am

Action List:

Date & Original point #	From which minutes	Action	Who & by when	Outcome

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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>	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
13.1	<i>Aug 2009</i>	SERCUL help WWAG put in for WA Environment Awards.	SERCUL staff	Ongoing

Approved and accepted: Chairpersons signature.....

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