

Minutes
Blue Mountains Bushcare Network
Mountains Community Resource Network Meeting Room Lawson
Wednesday 3rd April 2013 at 6pm

Attendance

Neil Mc Glashan, Ray Richardson, Mike Purtell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Susan Jalaluddin, Maeve Dunnet, Ivan Jervay, Neil....., Erin Hall

Apologies

David King, Paul Vale, Clive Barker, Rob Agars, Barbara Harley.

**Meeting opened by Ray Richardson 6:15pm
by the Chair**

Acceptance of Previous Minutes (Feb 2013) Susan and Maeve.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

1. Recreation, Sport and Fund raising events on Bushcare Sites

ACTION: Paul to talk to Matthew Chambers, and write again to NPWS.

[Not completed – no further action taken- Paul](#)

2. Reprint of ‘Living near the Bush’

Susan is working on the content. To continue she needs further information(what format do they want to include links)

Action – Erin or Paul to provide contact for living near the bush.

3. Notifications of Developments

Bushcare was given the letter to action and it seems to be a hardware/systems issue. This involves the mapping of properties we would like to be notified for. Erin will do this with the bushcare officers and then the officers will come to the workday for additional properties which is likely to take two months. It will then go to the GIS (mapping) section to ensure the two sets of systems are linked.

4. Survey of Bushcare volunteers

Erin is still entering these in but is hoping to have the results by the picnic but if not by the conference.

5. 2010 photographic project

Ongoing - Ray to keep an eye on grants that maybe suitable no grants available.

Fire effect on weeds project – Paul

[Nothing further on this until later in the year; progressing as planned.](#)

Clarification of certain issues including ‘protected disclosure’.- Clive

[Letter not written yet but some research done – see attached extract](#)

AGENDA

1. Plant Display Project – Ray-

Erin and I met to decide where we will go from here. So even though there is a trailer available from NWPS it was decided to start small. We will put the display out three times in the next financial year which we will be calling on local groups to participate. The aim of the stall is to showcase native plants and weeds whilst having bushcare

information to hand. The three stalls decided to be targeted include - Rhodoendron Festival (NOV), Australia Day at Glenbrook (JAN), Foundation Day at Springwood (MAR). We would need help staffing the stall.

Possible partnerships include Wildplant Rescue, BM Conservation Society or NPWS. We will be setting up display boards with images with minimal text. Ray will come to the office to work through what we have. We would like it to correlate with the website. so there will be some consultation with Hugh Todd for design.

Idea's from the room included.

Visual of the native garden – or mixed non weedy garden not just singular plants would be good.

Use an electronic photo frames with a slide show.

Action: Elizabeth has offered some pictures that would could use.

2. Our City our Future community Forum – Mike

Strategic planning day – Facilitated well-towards a sustainable Blue Mountains Bushcare able to make a good commitment. One step in the process a legal requirement that council has to do. The document to be on public display so everyone can have a look through it.

3. Bushcare Network Conference- Working group – Margaret

The title discussed was Bushcare 21st – The bushcare story so far where to from hear. To make the format punchy it was suggested to use a Did you know.....format through out. Facts about Bushcare. It will be asked that each group bring something to display for their group. Mike is preparing an online invitation and would also like something added in the Gecko and Gazette. We would like to run a Lucky door prize in which there are prizes donated

Action: Mike to ask the book shops for prizes and Maeve to be joined to the conference email list.

4. Website update – Erin

It was advised that weeds are currently being added to the new refreshed weeds website and all of the previous information will be retained and formatted in the same style. The weeds website and the bushcare website will be split as they have conflicting uses. The weeds website belongs to the network and Liz is currently volunteering to add more profiles to the website. I am happy for anybody to add content to the weeds website particularly weed profiles as there are so many new weeds in the Mountains we can add to the list.

5. Glenbrook Lagoon Update- Neil

Mark Greenhill has sent an update on the works of the successful treatment of the Mexican lilyand Caboomba. This has made the lagoon look clear of weeds within the water. There will be a community reference group to determine if it can be used for recreation purposes.

6. Treasury report – Mike

No change to our balance = \$455.59

\$150 to contributed to Conference.

General business.

Recreation

North face 100 event is coming up with the route going through a bushcare site with a management plan to state that it is not zoned for recreation.

The network discussed the details and decided we would like more information and believe there is a hole in the process that could be done better.

ACTION Mike will look into the best practice for recreation licensing.

Action: Neil to draft a letter about the damage to be done.

Standard format LEP – Neil

The network discussed the implications of moving from the local LEP to the Standard LEP.

Action: Neil to draft the network to write a letter to the Premier, Brad Hazard, GM, Councillors. Erin will circulate for comment.

CMA/ Local Land Services -Erin

They are in the process of working out their priorities and it is useful if anyone would like to have their say on the website to make sure Natural Resource Management issues get included.

Popes Glen Grant

Work has commenced on Popes Glen which includes woody weed control with stabilisation on the silt plug. The contract has been awarded to the Bush Doctor.

Meeting closed 8:32pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 4 June 2013 Lawson