

Blue Mountains Bushcare Network

Minutes

Wednesday 13th August

6:00 - 8:30pm

Lawson Community Hall (the Mechanics Institute), 284 Great Western Highway, Lawson

Apologies: Neil Stuart; Elizabeth Mitchell; Clive Barker; Jenny Hill; Barbara Harley; Margaret & Warwick Tafe.

Attendees:

Paul Vale (Bushcare Network Convenor; Popes Glen Bushcare, Garguree Swampcare); Neil McGlashan (Glenbrook Lagoon); Mike Purtell (Else Mitchell; Deanei Reserve); Ray Richardson (North Lawson/Homeschoolers); Maeve Dunnett (Minnehaha Bushcare); David King (Garguree, Gulunga, Gibbergunyah; Lilypond); Elly Chatfield (Garguree, Gulunga, Gibbergunyah, Lilypond).

1 Confirmation of last minutes

Corrections: Ray Richardson was omitted from the attendees list.

Need to add a dot pt - resolved to review the BC procedures manual (RR edit).

With these amendments, the minutes were confirmed. Paul moved, Maeve seconded.

2 Actions arising from May meeting

- previous minutes - Paul advised he's checked for missing records of meetings held in 2013 and reports that he can't locate minutes from the meeting held June 2013. Requires further check on whether June is missing and which others need confirmation.

ACTION - Monica to check Bushcare Office Files and Paul to follow up.

- WHS audit - Monica to get copy of hazard checklist to all groups. - done.
- Birdwood Rock engraving management. Monica reports that an initial AHIMS search shows 10 sites recorded in the Birdwood Gully area, and that Council's mapping also indicates cultural heritage sites are located in the reserve. The question about this site demonstrates the need for Aboriginal cultural heritage training to be provided. Monica reports that Bushcare is hoping to be able to offer training and will keep the Network informed of progress.

ACTIONS:

MN to continue following up with Office of Environment and Heritage for more detail.

MN to obtain copies of Bushcare with Care (CMA/LLS publication).

- Bushcare for singles. No further information regarding this matter to report. Monica will continue to pursue.

- Gecko message to co-ordinators re: Bushcare Network - MN to include reminder in next monthly bulletin.

3 Community Conservation Review

Paul Vale will make submission on behalf of BCN re: need for improved communication between Council programs.

4 Community Education Project - Maeve, Neil

Maeve reports that plans for post fire recovery Bushcare are proceeding in conjunction with Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre (WNC); Tues or Thurs - Aug, Sept, Oct. Morna is the community Development Worker at WNC. Plants are available and it is proposed to hold a planting session, volunteers to bring their own tools and need to register with WNC for Insurance cover.

Linda Thomas could provide support for post-fire workshops on private lands

ACTIONS:

- I. Monica to invite Linda Thomas to the next BCN meeting;
- II. Maeve to confirm date and plans for WNC event.

5 Greater Sydney Landcare Network - Paul attended the inaugural meeting and reports that a new Network has been formed. Paul nominated himself to represent BM Bushcare Network and all gladly accepted and thanked him. In addition to sharing information, one important goal of the new network will be to stop unnecessary competition for funds.

6 Network Conference report & plans

Plans for the 2015 Conference:

Lawson Community Centre (Mavis Woods Hall) is booked for 29 August 2015. After discussing the benefits of holding it at Blaxland it was decided that the more central location at Lawson would facilitate attendance by more members, and it may help to maintain continuity by holding the conference in the same location.

A Conference Organising Committee was decided: Mike, Ray, Neil, David, Paul, Monica. Mike offered to contact Margaret & Warwick; will also

Paul has already approached Margaret Baker to present, and she has agreed present her "fire talk"

ACTIONS:

- I. locate email register for last conference
- II. promotions: post an advance notice in Gecko

Treasurer's report: BMCC has invoiced \$150 to BCN for the 2013 conference (paid); Current account balance is approx. \$500.

7 Other business arising

- I. Bushcare Network aims & objectives to be reviewed next meeting (see email from Ray R)
- II. Susan advises that update of Living with the Bush is still in progress and apologises for the delay in progress - DLEP has taken priority.

- III. Monica reports that the Bushcare's Major Day Out is proceeding on 7th September at Benoit Park in Valley Heights and that Margaret Baker is leading an interpretive session.
- IV. Disability awareness training - this item was inadvertently omitted from tonight's agenda. Monica reports that Maeve has formulated a one-day training package specifically aimed at assisting Bushcare groups enable people living with disabilities to attend in safety and comfort wherever possible. Meeting agreed that an invitation should be extended to all Bushcare network / co-ordinators to attend. Maeve will confirm details of the training to be held at the end of October.

Actions Summary table:

item	action	who
Minutes	Monica to check Bushcare Office Files and Paul to follow up.	Monica
Birdwood Gully Rock engraving management	MN to obtain copies of Bushcare with Care (CMA/LLS publication).	Monica
Rock engraving management	MN to continue following up with Office of Environment and Heritage for more detail.	Monica
3. Community Conservation review	Draft submission	Paul
4. Community Ed project	confirm date / plans	Maeve