

**Minutes**  
**Blue Mountains Bushcare Network**  
**Mountains Community Resource Network Meeting Room Lawson**  
**7<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 6pm**

**Attendance:** Paul Vale, Ray Richardson, Margaret & Warrick Tafe, Neil McGlashan, Elizabeth Mitchell, Ivan Jeray, Susan Jalaluddin, Neil Stuart, Rob Agars, Elly Chatfield, Romola Hollywood.

**Meeting opened 6.10pm. Chair: Ray Richardson**

**Acceptance of previous minutes** by Ray & Paul.

Objections: regarding minutes changed – Ivan Jeray.

Mike Purtell suggested the Network Meeting Group should consider conveying a sense of unity and politeness when a Councilor is present at a Network meeting.

## **Special Item – Bushcare Network Conference**

Paul's Report and Discussion.

1. Movement has been slower than expected.
2. Contact has been made with all speakers, except Bill Dixon.
3. There are concerns with the timetable, regarding mainly the afternoon working group sessions.
4. More details are needed for group sessions in the afternoon. This needs more work.
5. Need time put aside for introductions and Q&A for presenters.
6. David King will not be able to attend the whole conference. He can begin with a Welcome to Country for Gundungurra People, and an acknowledgement of Darug People.
7. Someone from the Committee will need to confirm with Mayor Miles for his attendance at the conference. Paul has offered to do this.
8. Interest is strong for group conversations, working out potential funding opportunities.
9. Rob Agars presented ideas for the future of the big picture of Bushcare opportunities. Rob can provide copies for this.
10. Margaret suggested the involvement of Eric and Linda.
11. Suggestion to include more time in the schedule for presentations and discussion.
12. Clr Hollywood suggests groups discussing different levels and issues.
13. Margaret suggested to make the conference discussion sessions about participants creating the ideas, not being fed the ideas.

14. Facilitation officers should be matched to the different working groups according to their skill and knowledge set.
15. Maximum numbers for the conference venue need to be worked out.
16. Need to include a “time keeper”. Rob Agars
17. Catering will be organized by Pete and Warwick Tafe. One idea is to put out the call for volunteers/groups to bring morning tea nibbles and cakes.
18. MOTION: Contribute from Network funds \$250 for the conference. Deaneii contributes \$100 of that total.
19. Consider a space for displaying and sharing of pictures and stories.
20. Website Launch. Make a handout with instructions on how to blog on the group sections of the website.
21. Photography – Pete can take a couple of pictures on the day.

## Items arising from the previous minutes

### 1. Recreation, sport and fund raising events on bushcare sites

Neil drafted a letter which was edited by several Network members and sent to council for comment prior to the North Face Event. A Council officer agreed to meet Neil, Ivan and Paul on site to discuss changes to the route, however Ivan & Neil declined. Due to this, Paul had advised the Network by email prior to tonight’s meeting that he will put no further effort into this issue, at least for the time being.

**Action:** Michael Hensen to be invited to October meeting.

**Action:** Neil and Ivan to draft an invitation letter to circulate to the committee for approval/edit, prior to sending to council.

**Action:** Erin to circulate the meeting dates for the rest of the year.

### 2. Standard Instrument LEP and NSW New Planning Laws.

Councilor Hollywood informed the meeting that some items still have to be sorted out. She also noted that it is good to have the petition going for this. The effort is much appreciated. The Council report from a few meetings back explains the framework.

Paul presented copies of the White Paper and Metropolitan Strategy.

Question: What is the likelihood of splitting the Mountains for planning?

Consultants picked up strong community opposition to such a split. The natural boundary is the Nepean River.

### 3. Recreation, sport and fund raising events on Bushcare sites.

Ray expressed thanks for all the correspondence regarding this issue.

Ivan and Neil put together a letter.

It was suggested and accepted that the letter be circulated around the Network.

If the Network agrees, the letter will be sent.

Ivan questioned why Paul was not happy to send the last letter. Paul answered the question, and some discussion around the issue took place.

Elizabeth suggested the protocol for this process of agreement for correspondence. Letters sent with a minority agreement can leave the Network vulnerable.

Paul's answer suggested the letter requires conceptual agreement, and should not be sent if there are objectors.

Ray suggested the need for a clear protocol around this issue. People who are interested in working on protocols included Ray, Neil and Ivan. Minutes need to be clear in terms of decisions.

It was confirmed the letter asks for information to clarify process and protocol for the assessment of events.

Paul noted that there was a written response from Council in December 2012.

**Proposal by Ray:**

Neil will circulate the letter.

Time line for response will be clearly specified. 1 week from the proposed send date.

If there is no response, this constitutes consent to proceed.

If there are responses with issues, the letter is to be amended and re-circulated.

**This proposal was accepted with no opposition.**

**4. Input from David King regarding Item 3 above.**

David's letter was acknowledged by the meeting.

Ray asked Elly to pass on the Network's thanks to David for taking the time to contribute.

**General Business**

**5. Review of agreed procedures for correspondence and/or actions between meetings.**

This item was discussed in point 3, above.

## **6. Inclusion in our Network meeting structure of an acknowledgement of Traditional Owners.**

The motion to this effect was by Paul.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Elly thanks the meeting for passing this resolution.

Mike will provide a choice of words.

## **7. Mountain bike trails through bush land – expansion of facilities.**

Clr. Hollywood briefly explained plans to build a strategic plan with Federal funding – the 2010 Bike Strategy.

Ray suggests the network looks at the 2010 Bike Strategy, to be discussed at a future meeting. Clr. Hollywood provided the link below-

<http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/yourcouncil/policiesplansandstrategies#b>

## **8. Elizabeth Mitchell brings the issue of internal Council consultation/cooperation.**

Elizabeth provided an advanced written submission for the meeting to discuss the issue from.

The meeting suggests that it would be good to arrange for Bushcare site information to be more graphically visible to other sections at Council.

Questions-

Are there procedures in place for consultation with Bushcare from other sections of Council?

Can all active Bushcare sites be included in the mapping system?

Peter briefly explained how the GIS system and its mapping interfaces are used by other sections of Council. The Bushcare and Environmental Management sections are currently working together to integrate Bushcare mapping data into the Council GIS system more accurately, so it is more easily available to other sections in their work flow.

Elizabeth will submit a follow up to the CSR. The results will be discussed in a future Network meeting.

**Meeting closed 9:50pm**

**Next meeting – to be arranged.**