

Landcare SJ Project Report

Management Committee Meeting

May 16, 2014

1.0 BIODIVERSITY / LAND

1.1 Reducing threats in the nationally significant Brickwood Reserve, Byford (\$10 000)

Funding Body: State NRM Office

Proponent: Landcare SJ Inc

Coordinator: Kristy Gregory

Description: Weed control and dieback treatment.

Actions:

- Dieback treatment completed.
- Final report submitted to and approved by the State NRM Office.

1.2 Control blackberry and arum lily and site revegetation on the Serpentine River, Serpentine (\$15,400)

Funding Body: State NRM Office

Proponent: Landcare SJ Inc

Coordinator: Kristy Gregory

Description: Control weeds and revegetate along section of River east of bridge at South Western Highway.

Actions:

- Site visit and photo monitoring.
- Fairbridge trainees booked for planting on July 10 and 11.
- Teele Worrell is coordinating National Tree Day event at this site

Future Actions:

- National Tree Day event.
- Follow-up weed control.

1.3 Healthy Habitats Stewardship Program

Funding Body: State NRM Program

Proponent: Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

Coordinator: Dr. Penny Hollick, Kristy Gregory

Description: Conservation of biodiversity on private property

Actions:

- Bus tour to members' properties.
- May newsletter.
- 2 new members.
- On-ground funding granted to member Diana Blacklock for 2 x cockatoo nest boxes.
- Site visit to property of member Linda Starcevich – weed control quote for funding by Healthy Habitats on-ground budget.
- Assistance to member Peter Jacobs in successfully applying to the DPaW for funding of dieback treatment and *camauldulensis* removal.

- Assistance to member Alan Elliot (\$20 000) and Val Thompson (\$9 500) in successfully applying to the DPaW for funding of dieback treatment.

Future Actions:

- Native Tree Health Field Day May 24, 2014.
- Update information flyer.
- World Environment Day presentation.

1.4 Feral animal control for increasing biodiversity on agricultural land in the Coastal Peel Harvey Catchment \$49, 315

Funding Body: State NRM

Proponent: SJ LCDC

Coordinator: Kristy Gregory

Description: Continuation of fox and rabbit baiting program in Peel Harvey including landholders in Shires of Harvey, Waroona, Murray and S-J. Partnership project with Shires of Serpentine Jarrahdale and Murray, Department of Agriculture and Food WA and Waroona Landcare Centre.

Actions:

- Autumn baiting season completed.

Future Actions:

- Pest Animal Control workshop June 14, 2014.

1.5 Weed Control for improving the health and resilience of TEC's in Serpentine Jarrahdale and North Murray \$49,605

Funding Body: State NRM

Proponent: Landcare SJ

Coordinator: Kristy Gregory

Description: Four seasons of weed control in five bushland Reserves including two threatened ecological communities in SJ and North Murray. Includes Brickwood Reserve, Mundijong Road and Duckpond Reserves, Wright Rd Rail Reserve - Serpentine, Myara Brook - Keysbrook and North Dandalup Primary School Reserve. Includes seed collection and revegetation. Partnership project with Shire of SJ, Keysbrook Environment Group, North Dandalup Primary School and Public Transport Authority.

Actions:

- Site visit to Myara Brook Reserve.

Future Actions:

- Autumn weed control in all of the reserves included in the funding.
- Planting in Myara Brook Reserve.

1.6 Planting calendar funding for 2014

Funding Body: SITA Community Grants 2014, \$5000

Proponent: Landcare SJ Inc

Description: This grant will cover ground preparation and planting at 5 small sites: Coffey Rd, Percy's Place, Beenyup Bk, Manjedal Scout Centre and Paul Robinson Reserve. All other planting sites are included separate larger projects.

Actions:

- Mulch ordered for Beenyup Brook planting site.
- Communication with Coffey Rd group re: spraying and planting this year.
- Emails with Neil Kentish re: ripping at Coffey Rd.

2.0 WATER

2.1 Dirk Brook Maintenance**Funding Body:** PHCC**Proponent:** Landcare SJ Inc.**Coordinator:** Francis Smit, Kristy Gregory**Description:** Leftover Rivercare funding from the PHCC has been transferred to SJ Inc to carry out planting site maintenance at Dirk Brook site 1 and 2 on Punrak Rd.**Future Actions:**

- Dirk Brook will not be planted this year.
- Weed control will be carried out in spring 2014.
- Planting at site 1 in 2015.

2.2 Peel-Harvey Rivers 2 Ramsar: Connecting River Corridors for Landscape resilience**Funding Body:** Biodiversity Fund Round Two**Proponent:** PHCC**Coordinator:** Johanne Garvey (PHCC), Francis Smit, Kristy Gregory (Landcare SJ)**Description:** Four year \$3.4M project. Improve resilience of landscape along Harvey, Serpentine and Murray Rivers. Control animal pests and weeds; reconstruct terrestrial and aquatic habitats to reconnect corridors increasing refuge, breeding and food sources for native fauna. Landcare SJ is coordinating activities in the SJ catchment area.**Actions:**

- Promotion for Heavenly Hectares and Property Planning Course.
- Site visit to a fourth Serpentine River property – weed control and revegetation.
- Manjedal Brook property – fencing.
- Karnup Creek property – weed control.
- Site visit along the Serpentine River with Craig Wansbrough (Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire) to identify areas for riffles/stock access – 3 sites identified.
- Control of woody weeds completed on 3 x Serpentine River properties
- Black Cockatoo Day Narrogin event – cockatube presentation and installation (five Cockatubes) through SWCC and PHCC
- Discussions re: further funding for reimbursement of costs for staff time on workshops.

Future Actions:

- Black Cockatoo Day Narrogin June 13
- Heavenly Hectares June 26.
- Property Planning Course Aug 2.
- Funding agreements with landholders.

2.3 Gooralong Brook restoration, Jarrahdale (stage 1 of 3) (\$15 000)

Funding Body: State NRM Office

Proponent: Jarrahdale Heritage Society (Landcare SJ as sponsor)

Coordinator: Vicky Kerfoot (Jarrahdale Heritage Society), with Landcare SJ assistance

Description: In partnership with National Trust of WA and Landcare SJ Inc., the intention of the project is to carry out weed control and revegetation with local native species along a 400m reach of the Brook, from the where it runs under Jarrahdale Road east to the Old Mill Manager's House, including signage.

Actions:

- Current weed control completed.

Future Actions:

- Site visit with National Trust and Vicky Kerfoot to determine site for track.
- Identify sites for planting.
- Book Fairbridge trainees for planting.
- Follow-up weed control.

2.4 Clean up and revegetation of Darling Downs Wetland (\$11 000)

Funding Body: State NRM Office

Proponent: Darling Downs Residents Association

Coordinator: Karen Hayes

Description: Weed control and revegetation with local native species along Birriga Brook and Darling Downs Wetland, including signage.

Actions:

- Communication with Karen Hayes re: division of responsibilities.

Future Actions:

- Awaiting Green Army project update
- Weed spraying around wetland
- No planting in 2014 (subject to green Army update)

2.5 Serpentine River Community Celebration

Funding Body: Peel Harvey Catchment Council, through Rivers to Ramsar Project

Proponent: Landcare SJ Inc

Coordinator: Teele Worrell (Volunteer)

Description: Community celebration on Serpentine River at the site of the Old Bridge School. Project to include food and refreshments, Noongar choir and musical entertainment. Project to collaborate with Serpentine Heritage Society (to open school) and other community groups. To coincide with site planting on National Tree Day July 27, 2014.

Actions:

- Unsuccessful application to Bendigo Bank, however they are covering the cost of food for the day.
- Peel Harvey Catchment Council has agreed to provide funds for the event, up to \$3,500.
- \$500 from Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire for sponsorship of community events.
- Trevor Senior from the Serpentine Historical Society has agreed to open the Old Bridge School on the day, and Turner Cottage.

Future Actions:

- Team meeting Thursday May 22.
- Promotion.

3.0 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Cockatube monitoring and repair**Funding Body:** Lotterywest**Proponent:** Landcare SJ Inc.**Description:** Application to be based on project progression since first Lotterywest Grant. Monitor and maintain early nestbox installations, develop marketing/business plan. Include component for salaries.**3.2 Tools and equipment grant****Funding Body:** Lotterywest**Proponent:** Landcare SJ Inc.**Description:** Update and replenish tools and equipment for office, meeting place, cockatube project and general Landcare activities.**3.3 IT replacement grant****Funding Body:** Lotterywest**Proponent:** Landcare SJ Inc**Description:** Update Landcare IT needs.**Actions:**

- Preliminary discussion with NEC IT representative

3.4 Serpentine River track and picnic infrastructure**Funding Body:** Lotterywest**Proponent:** Landcare SJ Inc**Description:** Develop public access track at Serpentine River/South West Highway Bridge to link east and west sides under bridge and install benches/bbq facilities and picnic tables.**4.0 FUNDING APPLIED FOR**

4.1 Byford Entry Statement planting (\$1500)**Funding Body:** Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/Bendigo Bank Community Grants**Proponent:** Byford Enviro-link**Coordinator:** Ruth Conway**Description:** Vegetation and ground preparation at Byford entry statement with endemic species.**Actions:**

- Project application submitted.