

Landcare SJ Inc

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 26, 2014.

Documents tabled:

- Landcare SJ Inc. Minutes of Board Meeting January 29, 2014; and,
- Record of Management Committee Meeting March 14, 2014.

In Attendance: David Lindsay (Chair), Colleen Rankin, Mark Angeloni, Nancy Scade, Jan Star, Neil Kentish (arr. 9.25a.m.) and Francis Smit (minute secretary).

Meeting opened at 9.15 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Cr. John Rossiter, Chris Portlock and Alan Elliott.

2.0 Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting and business arising

Minutes of previous meeting January 29, 2014 tabled.

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting as true and correct.

Moved: Jan Star

Seconded: Nancy Scade

Motion carried.

No business arising.

3.0 Sub-board reports

3.1 Management Committee Meeting Record

Record of previous Management Committee Meeting March 14, 2014, tabled in meeting.

Moved: Colleen Rankin

Seconded: Nancy Scade

Motion carried.

Report included discussion of:

- Federal Government Green Army program and Darling Downs Residents Association project;
- Teele Worrell (volunteer) to meet Management Committee and Board;
- Offsets for Black Cockatoo habitat;
- UDIA publication – Debra Goostrey for article on Black Cockatoos;
- Annual leave liability and reduction strategy.

3.1.1 Finance Report

Motion to adopt finance report.

Moved: Neil Kentish

Seconded: Nancy Scade

Motion carried.

3.2 Timber and Polypipe Report

- Polypipe – some difficulties with regular and suitable supply;
- Reduced profitability in current financial year in comparison with 2012/13;
- Kingston Bridge in Welshpool a supply opportunity for pipe seconds, consider tax deductibility for donations.

3.3 Award applications – Cockatube project

One application pending.

3.4 Web site Update

Jane Brown is updating website which is now live. Tony Brown has been investigating optimal ways for us to use Paypal, to attract online donations and maximize crowdfunding opportunities.

3.5 Peel Biosecurity Group

Refer to Kristy's work report.

4.0 Cockatoo Survey

Great Cocky Count scheduled for April 6, 2014.

5.0 Landcare Vehicle

Vehicle now owned. Service due.

6.0 Shire matters

6.1 Shire MoU

Redraft old MoU for presentation to Shire.

6.2 SJ Land Stewardship Program

Bus tour to five member properties on Saturday – all welcome.

7.0 Human resources

Currently we have some regular volunteers working on administration type tasks. Teele Worrell has been doing a range of tasks including completing grant applications and also some on ground activities. Jane Brown is involved with web site building and business plan review, and Tony Brown has been investigating aspects of crowd funding and online payment systems.

8.0 Other business

8.1 Business Case – extra funding

Business case for extra funding prepared and sent to Shire Councilors and Alan Hart.

8.2 Business Plan summary

Francis, Kristy, Colleen Jane and Linda have been reviewing business plan. Workshopping Landcare SJ position in changing NRM and local government

environment. State NRM program not recognizing regional groups but funding organisations they know can deliver projects. Constitution may need to be revised after business plan review.

8.3 Peel Harvey Regional NRM Status

PHCC are presenting community consultation at SJ LCDC meeting for development of investment plan to support stand alone regional NRM status. Investment strategy will be assets based adopting systems approach. Kristy will be distributing information.

8.4 SJ LCDC

The SJ LCDC has endorsed a contribution of \$6000 to support cost of Kristy's employment

8.5 Department of Fisheries

Feral fish have been migrating up Wungong River. There is a point at which Swan Catchment links to Peel Harvey catchment. Concern indicated that fish will cross through branch link. Shire attempting to take action to close off branch between Wungong (west) and Birrega.

8.6 Rural Strategy

Statement regarding degradation of 2ha and 4ha lots indicated by DAFWA, that 2ha lots are less degraded than 4ha lots in developments.

8.7 Red Marri Canker

Murdoch University looking for 4ha lot for research plot into red Marri canker. Neil indicated interest.

8.8 SJ LCDC LLL series

Murdoch University students of Giles Hardy have indicated they will present doctoral presentations as part of LLL series. Nancy to follow-up.

9.0 Next meeting and close

Next meeting: Wednesday May 28, 9.00 a.m.
Meeting closed 10.55 a.m.