

Friends of Wellard Environment Group

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 12 April 2010, 7.00pm to 8.15pm

Wellard Community Pavilion, Wellard Road, Wellard

Attendees	Organisation
James Cleverley (JC)	Meeting Chair & Resident, The Village at Wellard
Kathleen Verrier (KV)	President, Homestead Ridge Progress Association
Michelle Garside (MG)	Resident, Homestead Ridge
Yvonne Kristel (YK)	Resident, Homestead Ridge
Jac Landuyt (JL)	Resident, Homestead Ridge
Jenn Grahame (JG)	Resident, The Village at Wellard
Steve Grahame (SG)	Resident, The Village at Wellard
Roger Cook (RC)	Resident, The Village at Wellard
Johan Van Niekerk (JVN)	Resident, The Village at Wellard
Ryan Munro (RM)	Environment Coordinator, Town of Kwinana
Susan Quay (SQ)	Creating Communities Australia, The Village at Wellard
Apologies	Tracey Robertson, Homestead Ridge
	Erin Borrett, Creating Communities (The Village at Wellard)

MINUTES

Item	Discussion
1. Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to the 2nd meeting of this group and to new attendees – Roger Cook, Michelle Garside and Johan Van Niekerk
2. Previous minutes and business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous minutes (3/3/10) accepted by Kathleen Verrier, seconded by Michelle Garside.

Carry over actions:

- Issue of fencing around the bush forever site prior to clearing in winter to continue to be flagged and monitored. Council will monitor through clearing approvals for the developer. KV suggested a fence at the end of Spinner Lane.
- RM to investigate if the Homestead Ridge drainage plans are available through Council and will either circulate to members or table at next meeting.

3. Mapping

- Residents can access high resolution aerial photography that is updated every 1 to 2 months through the Nearmap.com website.
- **Action: SQ to send members copy of approved structure plan.**
- **Action: JC /RM to overlay aerial map of Wellard with the Structure Plan. RM to see if he can provide GIS support to this or a GIS layer of the structure plan to JC.**
- **Action: SQ to source local flora and fauna survey information from Coffey Environments. Also borehole monitoring data would be useful.**

4. Developing a Friends of Group

- Mini workshop addressing questionnaire /checklist provided by Julie Roberts at SERCUL.
- See Page 4 for results of discussion

5. Community projects

Wellard Environment Day- Wetlands Walkabout

- 10am – 12noon, Sunday 16 May
- Presented by Wellard joint venture partners, Peet Limited and Dept Housing in partnership with the Friends of Group.
- Venue: Cnr Lambeth Circle and Lyndhurst Crescent (park area next to Henley Reserve)
- A range of activities will be on offer including: wetland tours, education stands, Friends of Group table, Council table, SERCUL table, kids craft activities, tea/coffee, live reptile display, free native plant seedling, bush tucker.
- Aim of event is to showcase the northern wetlands in the Village (Henley Reserve) and educate/engage the community. The intent is to run an environmentally-themed event each year with the Friends of Group.
- **Action: Fof G to have a stand or utilise space on PEET/TOK stand at event and to develop a registration sheet with an outline of purpose of FoG.**

6. General discussion/Updates

- Land Clearing in The Village at Wellard – winter 2010
- SQ - Friends of Group will be kept informed of clearing activity by Peet Limited in May/June.
- RM – informed everyone that illegal clearing had occurred on one of the R10 lots abutting Homestead Ridge. Council will be recommending a fine and legal action. Additional communication and enforcement measures will be applied by Peet Limited and the Town of Kwinana for new purchasers of these R10 lots.

7. Next Steps

- JC summarized the agreed next steps:
 1. Collate information gathered on developing a Friends of Group, circulate information, and gather feedback from members, wordsmith/edit

responses.

2. Wetlands Walkabout event on 16 May – members promote event to other residents, develop a registration sheet to promote the group on the day, the group will have a table on the day.
 3. Invite Julie Roberts to next meeting to finalise mission and purpose.
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8. Next meeting
 - Date: **late May (date to be confirmed)**
 - Julie Roberts, SERCUL to be invited to next meeting

**REFER TO NEXT PAGE FOR RESULTS OF WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING
A FRIENDS OF GROUP**

DEVELOPING A FRIENDS OF GROUP

Qn1. Why does a group need/want to form?

To:

- Protect the local environment.
- Promote access to the local environment.
- Facilitate access to grants/funding to protect and conserve the local environment.
- Connect people to the natural environment in our own backyard.
- Build a sense of community.

Qn 2. What would the purpose of the group be?

- Manage environmental issues and matters as they arise.
- Promotion of our natural environmental assets and access to them.
- Protect 'look after' the natural assets in our own backyard.
- Practical activities, e.g. revegetation, weed control.
- Connect people to the environment and build a sense of community.
- Education on how to protect our natural environment and also the local fauna and flora.

Qn 3. Where would the group work?

- Interface with Homestead Ridge (including bush forever site)
- Wetlands (Henley Reserve and Runnymede Reserve)
- Leda Nature Reserve

Q 4. Who is interested in forming the group?

- A core group of interested residents from The Village at Wellard and Homestead Ridge.

Qn 5. Who will help the group when they are formed?

- Town of Kwinana (Ryan Munro)
- SERCUL (Julie Roberts)
- Peet Limited (Creating Communities – Erin Borrett and Sue Quay)
- The Village of Wellard Community Environmental Reference Group
- Roger Cook MP – Member for Kwinana and local resident
- Local industry, e.g. Kwinana industrial strip
- Other local environmental community groups, e.g. Ngulla Community Nursery
- Dept of Environment and Conservation (Leda Reserve. NB: in future bush forever site may be vested in DEC)
- Longer term will include Kwinana Industry (eg. BHP)

Next Steps

1. Determine who the relevant stakeholders are for your group?

- Refer to Qn 5 response.
- Create an invite/brochure/leaflet to initiate community participation? Possible assistance from SERCUL and /or Peet/CCA.
- Start with registration of interest sheet with brief explanation of FoG at the Wetlands event on May 16th to generate interest and awareness.
- Confirm group's working title in start up phase as "*Friends of Wellard Environment Group*".
- Logo – in the near future. Possible assistance from SERCUL and/or Peet/CCA.
- Media/promotional support. Possible assistance from SERCUL, Peet/CCA and Town of Kwinana.
- Promotion leaflet - in near future. Possible assistance from SERCUL and /or Peet/CCA.

2. Determine your group's vision and plan.

- Meeting 12 April- commence mission setting and discussion on purpose of group.
- Meeting- late May – clarify mission and purpose of group with assistance from SERCUL.
- Action Plan – start developing an action plan once mission and purpose confirmed by group. Will be defined from collating responses within this document.

3. Attain the appropriate landowner permits/agreements

- Relevant stakeholders are represented either on the Friends of Group or Community and Environmental Reference Group.

4. Attain legal information, re incorporation, public liability cover and volunteer insurance.

- If the group decides not to incorporate as a group they will likely to partner with SERCUL and/or Town of Kwinana and Peet Limited to access/administer grants.
- Seek ToK/SERCUL's assistance.

5. Link to larger local NRM group

- Seek SERCUL's assistance and guidance.

6. Seek funding, training, technical expertise

7. Get to know your work area's catchment