

Friends of Wellard Environment Group

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 24 May 2010, 6.40pm to 7.40pm
Wellard Community Pavilion, Wellard Road, Wellard

Attendees	Organisation
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
Julie Robert (JR)	SERCUL
Erin Money (EM)	Creating Communities Australia, The Village at Wellard

Apologies

Kathleen Verrier (KV)	President, Homestead Ridge Progress Association
James Cleverley (JC)	Meeting Chair & Resident, The Village at Wellard
Michelle Garside (MG)	Resident, Homestead Ridge
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

Minutes

Item	Discussion
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to the 3rd meeting of this group.
2. Previous minutes and business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous minutes (12/4) accepted by Jenn Grahame, seconded by Jac Landuyt. <p>Carry over actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: SQ to send members copy of approved structure plan. Action: SQ to source local flora and fauna survey information from Coffey Environments. Also borehole monitoring data would be useful

- 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. Group Development
- Mini workshop to discuss the group's objectives, mission statement and vision.
 - Referring to notes from the previous mini workshop, the group came up with the following suggested objectives:
 - Support the provision of sensitive recreational opportunities within natural areas.
 - Assist with the restoration of the local environment.
 - Promote and raise community awareness of local natural assets.
 - Recognise and preserve local cultural heritage.
 - Educate the local community about its environmental assets.
 - Suggested mission statement:
 - Proactively promote, protect and manage our local environmental assets to ensure our community remains connected with and values our bush, reserves and wetlands.
 - Suggested vision statement:
 - To have local natural areas of interest regarded as prime examples of environmentally sensitive bush lands, wetlands and reserves. To ensure these areas are preserved using best practice approaches for all future generations.

4. Community projects
- Wellard Environment Day- Wetlands Walkabout**
- Held from 10am – 12noon, Sunday 16 May
 - Presented by Wellard joint venture partners, Peet Limited and Dept Housing in partnership with the Friends of Group and with support from Town of Kwinana.
 - Venue: Cnr Lambeth Circle and Lyndhurst Crescent (park area next to Henley Reserve)
 - A range of activities were on offer including: wetland tours, education stands, Friends of Group table, Council table, SERCUL table, tea/coffee, live reptile display, free native plant seedling, bush tucker.
 - Feedback from members was positive – well organised event. Attendees were also happy with the event and look forward to the next Wellard Environment Day in 2011.

5. General discussion / Updates
- Land Clearing in The Village at Wellard – June 2010
 - An email was distributed to members inviting them to participate in a fauna relocation activity on Wednesday 26 May; 8.30am; end of Spinner Lane, Wellard. Ryan Munro from Council will be attending.
 - Incorporation: JR suggested that the group remains unincorporated for the first 12 months. As a member of SERCUL, the group and its members will be covered. After one year, the group can reassess to decide if they want to incorporate. The only drawback to incorporating is that the group will need to arrange its own insurance, although once incorporated SERCUL will cover the first 12 months cost of insurance.
 - Training: group members may want to look into attending a bush / wetland regeneration course. There are grants available to cover these costs.

6. Next Steps
- Agreed next steps:
 1. Group objectives, mission, vision to be confirmed at the next meeting.
 2. The group's name will also need to be confirmed.
 3. Formalise group – roles and nomination of committee members to be determined (I.E. Chair, minute taker etc).
 4. Logo.

Action: Members to review the suggested objectives, mission and vision and come to the next meeting with comments.

Action: Julie Robert to bring information for new groups to the next meeting.

7. Next meeting

Date: **21 June 2010, 6.30pm at Wellard Community Pavilion.**

NB: Suggestion - meetings to be held on the third Monday of the month.

Julie Robert, SERCUL to be invited to next meeting.