

Batavia Coastcare Network (BCN)

Meeting Minutes

Vanessa McGuinness | Secretary



Meeting location: City Hive (184 Marine Terrace)

Meeting Time/ Date: 5:00pm 25th of May

Meeting Commenced at 5:09pm

Present: Mark Canny, Mike Dufour, Mic Payne, Heike Witt, Vanessa McGuinness

Apologies: Dave O'Meara, Sean Hickey (maybe), Mark Reid, Wendy Payne

Chair: Mic Payne

Secretary: Vanessa McGuinness

Guests:

1 Agenda

- Minutes from previous meeting
- Actions from previous minutes
- BCN Website Update
- Dune Signage
- ORV's
- Reports
- Correspondence
- General business

2 Minutes from previous meeting

Moved by: Accepted from previous meeting

Seconded by: Accepted from previous meeting

3 Actions from previous minutes

1. All: Desktop browse for examples and ideas of successful dune restoration signage
2. Heike to provide committee with SBCG Strategic Plan for perusal – Kept on file
3. Please provide a profile of yourself for the website. Photo optional.
4. Vanessa to investigate inclusion of an events calendar in the website - ongoing.
5. Mike D to provide a summary of areas where ORVs can legally/illegally go in Geraldton
6. Wendy P to write an article for the Geraldton Guardian regarding ORVs with photos (squished birds, crabs).

4 BCN Website Update

Official Mission Statement: *To foster a network of community and coastal managers for the planning, promotion and facilitation of sustainable management of the coastal environment in the Geraldton region.*

Official Logo:



Committee viewed the website and are happy with the result. Final touch-ups to be made before the website goes live. Website link: www.bataviacoastcare.com.au

The Facebook group is now live: Batavia Coastcare Network. All events from the Facebook group link straight to the website. Vanessa M is currently managing the group as an admin.

5 Dune Signage Update – ongoing

Sean H who has prompted the idea for signage on dune processes was absent from the meeting. The committee is happy to continue discussions and keep information/examples of signs on dune processes on file. The Chair has also called for a committee member to take this project on board when funding opportunities arise.

6 Off Road Vehicles

Update from Mike D: On private land it is up to the landholders to allow ORV access. Access on beaches varies between UCL and CGG owned land. CGG Rangers have the power to infringe unregistered vehicles.

Currently CGG local laws state that driving on CGG reserves beaches is prohibited unless you are authorised or signage states access. These areas are:

- Surf Patrol areas
- End of Francis Street
- Town Foreshore
- Separation Point
- Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club
- Point Moore (South)
- Drummonds (Vacant UCL)

Check city page for the ORVs access: <https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/live/my-environment/off-road-vehicles.aspx>

Prohibition of ORVs on UCL land has to go through a mystery committee

Reports

6.1 Chair

The main activities undertaken in the last month was confirmation of the final BCN logo and mission statements for the website.

6.2 Treasurer/Secretary

Website is almost ready to go live. Banner is being made.

6.3 City of Greater Geraldton Rep

- Olive street remediation will become public open space for recreation with a living stream. South Pipe will only discharge overflow water during heavy rain.
- Information from Point Moore: Information and signage on inundation will be put up with high markers and flood maps. Signs intended to provide information.
- Next CHRMAP meeting on the 8th of June
- Coastal Planting days: CGG can support groups by providing plants, some equipment, catering & supplementary advertising. Sunset Beach Community Group and others are already hosting an event.

7 Correspondence In & Out

Nil

8 General Business

- BCN has been approached by NACC to partner in a beach clean-up event in the near future
- Coastal Plant Pocket Guide App is out on iTunes and Google Play
- “How to run a revegetation event” video is out
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppg0ZzZw14o>
- National Tree Day funding <http://www.nacc.com.au/event/national-tree-planting-day-funding-opportunity/>
 - **ACTION:** Mark C: Enquiring if plants are available for a BCN planting day, if so then funding application may be submitted. Foreshore, Flat Rocks or Cape Burney suggested for locations. Also looking into Drummonds.

Meeting Closed: 5:59pm

Next Meeting: Thurs 29th of June 2017