

Batavia Coastcare Network (BCN)

Meeting Minutes

Vanessa McGuinness | Secretary



Meeting location: City Hive (184 Marine Terrace)

Meeting Time/ Date: 5:00pm 26th October 2017

Meeting Commenced at

<u>Present:</u> Vanessa McGuinness, Mic Payne, Wendy Payne, Heike Witt, Sean Hickey, Mark Reid, Mike Dufour
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<u>Apologies:</u> Mark Canny, Dave O'Meara	<u>Chair:</u> Mic Payne
<u>Guests:</u>	<u>Secretary:</u> Vanessa McGuinness

1 Agenda

- Minutes from previous meeting
- Actions from previous minutes
- Reports
- Correspondence
- General business

2 Minutes from previous meeting

September's meeting did not occur due to lack of a quorum. Acceptance of minutes from August meeting

Moved by: Mic Payne

Seconded by: Sean Hickey

3 Actions from previous minutes

- 3.1 Mic P: Ask for a distilled version from WA Landcare Network on what membership for BCN entails.**
- 3.2 WP: Articles for the Geraldton Guardian - ongoing**
- 3.3 VM: Landcare Funding EOI for Marine Debris Project**
- 3.4 All: Dune Signage Update – ongoing**
- 3.5 VM: Send WP NACC Grants Application**

4 WA Landcare Network

Mic enquired what BCN membership to the WA Landcare Network entails. No response yet.

5 Articles in the Geraldton Guardian

ORV management: enquire to put ORV map in the Geraldton Guardian with supporting information and pictures on ORV care on the beaches.

Action: MD to send VM maps of one overall map of ORV zones and check with rangers to see if these maps are on the rangers section of the CGG website.

6 Landcare Funding EOI for Marine Debris Project

BCN to take the reins on the Big Beach Clean Up next year (around Oct 2018).

Action: MP to complete an EOI

7 Dune Signage

Action: WP to complete a NACC Quick Step Grant for the sign's design.

SH: Sign and materials from Jurien Signs: 600 x 450 = \$20, with composite aluminium cladding \$76-95.

8 Wind and Water Festival

Action: VM to look into it to see if BCN can host a stall or clean up to gain members.

9 Reports

9.1 Chair

No reply to request for further information from WA Landcare Network, they will be too busy with NLP2 applications. Speaking of which, NACC is in the process of developing its NLP2 funding application for 2018-2023 and so far there is little or no coastcare money available so NACC may not be in a position to assist coastcare in the future, although we are investigating all other options. Thanks for completing the survey NACC circulated, it provided some really good feedback on how NACC supports coastcare and will be used in our submission to the Federal Government.

I revisited the Cape Burney planting site, there is considerable erosion damage to most plants and sand trap fencing is catching sand in some places but scouring it in others (it was a howling westerly at the time). It is a very tricky rehab site where sand stabilisation is the priority so I recommend we revisit the sand trap fences in the next few months to do some tweaking of the design. Many of the Nitraria at the front of the dunes are hanging in there so it is worth keeping an eye on those.

Discussion: More sandtrap fencing needed in this highly mobile site for it to be successful. MD said that the city can provide equipment/materials to community groups for these types of on ground works.

Action: MP to send MD areas that need sandtrap fencing

Now for a prep talk, BCN is seen by organisations such as WALN, Coastwest and State NRM as an important coordinating group for Geraldton Coastcare with buy in from CGG and as such it is in a good position to attract funding to coordinate some good coastcare outcomes. State funding for coastcare is likely to become much more important in the future. There is lots of potential to grow the group membership but as a committee we need to organise more activities. How about an event for Clean Up Australia Day on the 4th March next year. It would also be good to pick another (easier) reveg site now so we can plan properly for planting next winter. We could also start thinking about Coastwest funding which will open around March next year, eg. we could seek funding to pay a group coordinator??

Discussion: Remote collecting for CUAD – perhaps flat rocks? Tetragonia removal at Cape Burney.

9.2 Treasurer/Secretary

Next meeting: Nov-Dec to host a BBQ for all members before the end of the year.

NACC is using a hashtag on social media called #coastcarematters to promote Coastcare as an important component in NRM for funding next year.

9.3 City of Greater Geraldton Rep

CHRMAP Community Consultation: 370 Responses, 80 attendees. Feedback will fit in to the consultants plan for the CHRMAP process.

10 Correspondence In & Out

10.1 Nil

11 General Business

The meeting concluded with a general discussion on the existing structure of BCN and its future direction. Broadly speaking, two potential structures were discussed, these were:

- BCN develops as a “traditional grassroots” coastcare group that compliments the activities of existing coastcare groups and focuses on addressing Geraldton-wide management issues. Under this structure, BCN would seek to expand membership, seek funding for targeted projects (eg interpretative signage, weed control, dune management, marine debris) and deliver those projects. The group could be a source of extra workforce available to other coastcare groups for their projects.
- Alternatively, BCN could act as a “higher” level management group that does not seek to recruit members but supports the City of Greater Geraldton, as the principal coastal manager, to develop and deliver strategies that help protect the entire Geraldton Coastline. This would require a more formal group structure and recognition by the City.

Many variations to these structures are possible. This will be discussed further by the management committee.

Meeting Closed: 6:05pm

Next Meeting: TBA