

BASSENDAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.**Meeting Minutes**www.bpginc.info

Date: 13 May 2009

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:33 PM



Present: Maggie Amy, Carlle & Ted Bentley, Lynne Gaull, Claire Hall, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Ron Van Delft, Danielle Witham, and Don Yates.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (8-Apr-09): Carlle moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group meeting for the month of April. Seconded by Shirley. Carried.

3. New Members: None.

4. Bickies for the next meeting: Danielle.

5. Active BPG Projects

Action

5.1 Preparations for 2009 Plantings:

- Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council, supported by Town of Bassendean, the Swan River Trust and the Eastern Hills Landcare group is running a Landcare Health and Safety Training program from 7:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday 14 May at the TofB Seniors and Community Centre, 50 Old Perth Road.
- Carlle provided a cheque for the 50% deposit on the marquee. Don sent the vector graphic files and Canopy Outdoor has provided BPG the first draft artwork which has been circulated to the Executive Committee for review and comment.
- Mick and Ruth hosted a plant thinning session on 25 April. Steve collated the propagation actuals and recorded them in the BPG Planting Species Allocation spreadsheet ver 06. Numbers are down from anticipated due to complete failure of two species *Casuarina obesa* and *Eucalyptus todtiana* to propagate.
- Steve prepared a letter to TofB outlining the proposed areas, quantities and species for the 2009 BPG planting program. Copy sent to Kevin Bryant at DPI.
- Claire and Don met Mark Armstrong, Bob Dixon from Kings Park and quite a few members from Success Hill Action Group at Success Hill on Tuesday 12 May for an inspection and discussion.
- Steve has collected last year's receipts ready for the Treasurer.
- Tentative planting dates and locations are:

Approve final artwork.






Steve to talk to seed supplier. How about BPG ramp up our own seed collection program?











To Carlle.

Subject to approvals and rain! The latest info on planting days will be available on the BPG website.

Date	Location
14-June-09	Fairford Street Drain and Broadway Arboretum DRJs
28-June-09	Ashfield Flats, first half
30-June-09	EHPS Project at Jubilee (tentative)
12-July-09	Bindaring Park
26-July-09	Ashfield Flats, second half

<p>5.2 Teachers Environment Fund Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maggie's EHPS students are propagating and planting 125 natives with assistance from BPG. • About a third of these were to be Eucalyptus todtiana, of which only three propagated. Steve has asked TofB if Eucalyptus marginata and Acacia pulchella could be substituted. • TofB has allocated and will prepare an area at Jubilee Reserve B. This site is close enough for the EHPS students to walk on the day. 	
<p>5.3 The BPG Website Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to get 200-250 unique hits a month. 	
<p>5.4 Foreshore Restoration:</p>	<p>Drop for now.</p>
<p>5.5 Planting at Success Hill: On their meeting 12 May Claire and Don found the site had burned recently and the Veldt grass is thriving. Claire wrote a management plan for Success Hill in 1998 that was funded by BPG. The recommendations of the plan have never been carried out. TofB's ambitious plans for Success Hill appear to be stalled in controversy over sub-surface drainage and accessibility. In the meantime the native vegetation continues to deteriorate. Don, Ron & Steve agreed to develop and promote a revegetation program at Success Hill. The program will include TofB using selective herbicide in a multiyear spray plan for the first time ever to eradicate the Veldt grass in an area out of the way of whatever developments eventuate. BPG will undertake infill planting of dieback resistant species in coordination with the spray plan. Species suggested include Marri, Prickly Moses and of course Dieback Resistant Jarrahs, but the list is expected to expand.</p>	<p>Steve to provide a map and write the draft for program.</p>
<p>5.6 Fairford Street Drain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractors have chopped out problem weeds. Some are starting to sprout again. 	

<p>5.7 Dieback Resistant Jarrahs at Broadway Arboretum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve prepared the required 2008 Plantings status report for Alcoa. The report has been circulated to the Executive Committee and Don has put it on the web site. Survival rates are: DRJ 1%, B. attenuata 34%, B. grandis 0%. All were thriving through December, but by April with no rain the attrition has been staggering. Steve is discussing options for next year with TofB. These include a temporary irrigation system, contract landscape watering and use of DriWater slow release water. Info on DriWater has been circulated to the Executive Committee. Don moved a motion to spend up to \$500 pursuing a DriWater solution for next year. Danielle seconded. • Per the approved motion at last month's meeting, Steve has submitted an application form to Alcoa for 100 DRJs. Mark Armstrong has indicated his strong preference that BPG continue at Broadway. • The DRJs are planted in an area with a lot of uncontrolled fill, and the soil strata doesn't have the organic material and microbial activity found in undisturbed Bassendean Sands soil. Danielle suggested investigating mulchnet.com.au for free mulch to start building up the soil. The mulch must be certified dieback free. 	<p>Steve to pursue costs and availability of DriWater.</p> <p>Steve to check on mulchnet .com</p>
<p>5.8 Dieback in Bassendean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don is going to circulate information on a project to provide for bollards and signage at Success Hill to restrict quad bike traffic and educate the public. 	<p>Don to provide project info.</p>
<p>5.9 Implement the Vision at Broadway Arboretum: Ron proposes that the original WA Regions concept be restored and completed. To that end he is going to create brochures, undertake a letter drop and run tours to educate the public and generate support for the idea.</p>	
<p>5.10 Plant List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire has attended a seed gathering training program. The knowledge she gained would be useful if BPG starts a seed-gathering program. Claire is going to transfer that knowledge onto the BPG – Local species List. 	<p>Steve to send Claire the List with a column added for approximate dates to gather seeds for each species.</p>
<p>6. Correspondence Out:</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>a)  Brochure emailed around with details on the Safety Training to take place on 14-May-09. See item 5.1.</p>	
<p>b)  Letter to TofB regarding BPG's 2009 planting program.</p>	
<p>c)  Documentation on BPG's cleaning and sterilization measures to avoid spread of dieback. Sent to TofB as part of the support material for the planting program. Don has placed it on the web site.</p>	
<p>d)  2008 DRJ planting status report to Alcoa. Don's posted this on the web site, too.</p>	
<p>e)  .pdf'd application form to Alcoa for requesting 100 DRJs for the 2009 program.</p>	

f)  .pdf'd copies to the TofB EO of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009/10 Insurance Certificate of Currency. • Certificate of Incorporation. • ABN Notification Details. 	
7. Correspondence In: <i>SS</i> - Requires attention indicated	Action
a)  Brochures to hand out for the Landcare Safety Training.	Received.
b)  Invitation from TofB to a luncheon to celebrate National Volunteer Week. Postmarked 4 May with an RSVP cut-off of 8 May. Luncheon is 12 May.	<i>SS</i> - Steve to write to TofB explaining that volunteer groups don't turn correspondence around in 4 days.
c)  2009/10 Membership Renewal invitation from Conservation Council of WA. Don moved and Ron seconds that BPG renew membership.	<i>SS</i> - To Carlle.
d)  Letter from CCWA seeking assistance to protect the Kimberly Coast.	Received.
e)  Announcement from SRT that the RiverView newsletter is going virtual and will from the June onward be issued by email.	Received.
f)  TofB response for BPG's letter about use of cash-in -lieu funds from the Troy Street subdivision.	<i>SS</i> - Received.
g)  Minister for Planning; Culture & the Arts response for BPG's letter about use of cash-in -lieu funds from the Troy Street subdivision. Basically talk to TofB about it.	<i>SS</i> - Received.
h)  Accident and Health Certificate of Currency 1-Apr-09 to 1-Apr-10.	<i>SS</i> - Copy sent to TofB Environmental Officer.
i)  Don sent across a Form 7 from the SRT that he's used for permissions to conduct activities at Ashfield Flats.	<i>SS</i> - Received.
Mags moved to accept the Correspondence Out and In. Ted seconded. Carried.	
8. Treasurer's Report: BPG Inc \$ 9,835.74 Bank Balance \$ 9,835.74 Petty Cash \$ 18.50 Total \$ 9,854.24	Shirley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Lynn seconded. Carried.
9. Business Arising from Minutes and Other Business:	Action
9.1 Broadway Arboretum Loss of Species:	
9.2 Success Hill Reserve: This has reached project status with walk through at Success Hill with Mark, SHAG and Kings Park representatives, and imminent plans to do something.	New project item 5.5 raised Planting at Success Hill.
9.3 Ashfield Redevelopment Plan: Public submissions close on 25-May-09.	
9.4 BPG's Awards on Letterhead: Don suggested adding BPG's community awards to the letterhead.	Steve to pursue with Don.
9.5 Presentation to NRM: Don gave a talk to Natural Resource Management about BPG.	
9.8 TofB Local BioDiversity Project: Ron reports this committee has adopted a Local Biodiversity Strategy.	

9.9 Restoration of Victoria's Native Bush: Is this within BPG's Objects of Association?	Steve to seek advice from Greg.
9.14 Environmental Advisory Committee: Leah Pearson the ToFB EO has proposed the committee meet annually. In comparison, Ron's EAC in Armadale met initially monthly, but now every two months. Quarterly may be a reasonable compromise.	Don is going to get something going in Council on this subject.
10. Next Meeting: 10 June 2009	
11. Closure: The meeting closed at 9:35 pm	