

<p><b>BASSENDAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.</b>  <b>Meeting Minutes</b> <a href="http://www.bpginc.info">www.bpginc.info</a>  Date: 10 February 2010  Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library  46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean  Meeting Opened: 7:45 PM</p>	
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**Present:** Maggie Amy, Carlle & Ted Bentley, John Buxton, Claire Hall, Ruth Ireland, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Elaine Newman, Greg Peterson, Don Yates.

**1. Apologies:** Joyce Archibald, Kara Collins.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (11-Nov-09):** Shirley moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group meeting for the month of November. Seconded by Carlle. Carried.

**3. New Members:** Cr Kara Collins Family, and Ally. Steve moved they be welcomed, Greg seconded. Carried.



**4. Bickies for the next meeting:** Claire.

**5. Active BPG Projects**

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<p><b>5.1 2009 Plantings Activities Wrap-up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark at TofB provided BPG with slow release water (98% water in 2% vegetable gum) for use at Broadway. Steve wrote up pictorial instructions on how to use for posting on the BPG website.</li> <li>On 28-Nov-10 Ted, Steve, Shirley, Lisa, Ruth and Natasha were joined by TofB Cr Don to water the DRJs (Dieback Resistant Jarrahs) and regular Jarrahs at Broadway. Ted's vehicle was out of commission so the 240L water tank was missing in action. Slow release water was installed on the surviving DRJs (Dieback resistant Jarrahs). Cr Don made multiple trips to fill up the available bottles and tubs. The futility of hand carting water in an attempt to keep these natives alive in the driest summer in over twenty years was clearly demonstrated. Cr Don continues to press Council for status of the installed Broadway Arboretum reticulation layout and functionality, or alternately for a combined faucet and drinking fountain.</li> <li>The reeds BPG planted in the sand at Pickering foreshore continue to grow with still no sign of washing out.</li> <li>Natasha continues to visit Broadway regularly and reports the soil is bone dry and the DRJs count is down to single digits, although the regular Jarrahs are fairing a little better. The slow release water seems to be just sitting there, maybe there are no soil microbes to breakdown the gel and release the water???</li> <li>Don has a study saying tree guards boil plants.</li> <li>Steve McCabe has invited BPG to attend a meeting Thursday 18-Feb at 7:00pm at Council Offices to discuss activities for the coming year.</li> </ul>	<p>Steve McCabe provided Steve a definitive document called:  <i>Using rushes and sedges in revegetation of wetland areas in the south west of WA</i> February 2001 Report No. RR 8.</p> <p>Don to provide reference.</p>

<p><b>5.2 Teachers Environment Fund Grant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maggie's proposal has been to have the EHPS (Eden Hill Primary School) kids plant 300 Marris in 2010. Marris have a big kid-friendly seed and it is the only species EHPS managed to propagate in their 2009 program. However Steve McCabe the TofB Environmental Officer has advised that Marris can be planted at no greater density than 10 per hectare, and has withdrawn all Bassendean Reserves from consideration. A hectare is 100 ares, and an are is 10mx10m. That's roughly 32m between seedlings.</li> <li>• Efforts are now directed at permission to plant at the DPI/SRT managed Ashfield Flats so that the project can proceed this year.</li> </ul>	<p>Suggested additional species to consider are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casuarina obesa</li> <li>• Hakia prostrata</li> <li>• Kennedia prostrata</li> <li>• Hardenbergia comptoniana</li> <li>• Acacia saligna</li> </ul> <p>Greg to source some Casuarina obesa seed</p>
<p><b>5.3 The BPG Website Development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maggie's still working on the Dream Weaver 8 software purchase, which is the software Don currently uses to maintain the website.</li> <li>• The option to use Inview free software came up.</li> </ul>	<p>Ruth to investigate Inview to see if it is suitable for maintaining the BPG website.</p>
<p><b>5.4 BPG Grow Centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beechboro West Swan Scouts have filed a formal objection with DPI to sharing their newly acquired site on Lord Street with BPG.</li> <li>• Kevin at DPI is still looking for another site for us on DPI land.</li> <li>• Steve is working on a draft plan for the centre.</li> <li>• More discussion required on the drivers for the Grow Centre.</li> </ul>	<p>Working Party to discuss direction Tuesday 23-Feb at John's place and re[port back to general meeting.</p>
<p><b>5.5 Planting at Success Hill:</b> Steve and Natasha attended the Dieback workshop held by TofB at Success Hill on Saturday 5-Dec-09. The event was hijacked by a well-known Success Hill identity who ended up yelling at the presenter and blocked the demonstration application of Phosphite from proceeding. Later the presenter conducted a walk through to show first hand the ravages of Dieback and pointed out three Banksias in close proximity, one dead, the next succumbing to Dieback and the last as yet untouched. The presenter explained how Phosphite inhibits the bloom of the Dieback spores as they kill their current victim and breaks the cycle of infestation, bloom, spread and infestation that was so graphically evident on the walk through. The Success Hill identity and her party would not participate in the walk the message was lost on them. Steve McCabe is going to engage subject matter expert Murdock University Professor Giles Hardey in an attempt to refute some of the misconceptions expressed on the day. Ruth put Steve McCabe in touch with Bevan Carter.</p> <p>A fire started at Success Hill 29-Dec. A 3.5m firebreak will be debated in Council 23-Feb.</p>	

<p><b>5.7 Dieback Resistant Jarrahs at Broadway Arboretum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterlog slow release water was installed on either side of each surviving DRJs.</li> <li>• TofB is about to move a motion for cash in lieu for two drinking fountains with secure water taps for Broadway. Possible May/June time installation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.10 Plant List:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of compiling best seed gathering dates on BPG – Local Species List.</li> </ul>	<p>Claire will definitely have it by next month.</p>
<p><b>6. Correspondence Out:</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>a) ☐ Copy of email that Ruth sent to Graeme Haggart at TofB.</p>	<p>Executive to vet correspondence prior to sending whenever possible and to be copied in.</p>
<p><b>7. Correspondence In:</b> <i>☞ - Requires attention indicated</i></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>a) ☐ A Family and individual membership application.</p>	<p>☞ to the Treasurer.</p>
<p>b) ☐ Article announcing the “Our Page in History Project”.</p>	<p>Received.</p>
<p>c) ☐ Email request from the state Library of WA for permission to archive the BPG Website into Pandora.</p>	<p>Greg moves, Carlle seconds that BPG grant. Ruth to fill out form.</p>
<p>d) ☐ Email from Cr Don announcing that Council had passed a motion to engage a consultant to develop a plan for Broadway Arboretum.</p>	
<p>e) ☐ Email passed along by Claire from Friends Forum 21/2/2010.</p>	<p>Forwarded to BPG email group.</p>
<p>f) ☐ Renewal notice for Urban Bushland Council WA.</p>	<p>☞ to the Treasurer.</p>
<p>g) ☐ Remittance Advice for the successful grant proceeds to buy Pottiputkis for BPG. See Item 9.5.</p>	
<p>h) ☐ Greeting card from Cr Collins thanking BPG for the good work in 2009 and anticipating more in 2010.</p>	
<p>i) ☐ Letter from TofB announcing that there was a meeting held at Success Hill on 5-Dec-10.</p>	
<p>j) ☐ TofB Greeting Card from Tina Klein.</p>	
<p>k) ☐ Urban Bushland Telegraph newsletter Summer 2009-2010.</p>	
<p>l) ☐ Greener Time magazine Summer 2009.</p>	
<p>m) ☐ Bushland News Issue 72 Summer 2009-2010.</p>	
<p>n) ☐ Letter from CCWA seeking donation.</p>	
<p>o) ☐ Report on Citizen Science for Ecological Monitoring in Western Australia from CCWA</p>	
<p>p) ☐ Invite from TofB to the “Thank a Volunteer Day” function held Saturday 5-Dec-09 at 9:00am this year. No takers from BPG and conflict with the Dieback workshop (see item 5.5)</p>	<p>Steve sent Regrets to Audrey, the TofB Volunteer Coordinator.</p>
<p>q) ☐ Letter from CCWA with AGM results.</p>	
<p>r) ☐ Another letter from CCWA seeking donation.</p>	
<p>s) ☐ Reminder from the ATO to lodge BPG tax returns for financial years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.</p>	<p>☞ to the Treasurer to sort with ATO.</p>

t)  AssociationInfo Issue 6 November 2009.	
u)  Resource Recovery Update flyer from EMRC Sep/Oct 2009.	
Ted moved to accept the Correspondence Out and In. Shirley seconded. Carried.	
<b>8. Treasurer's Report:</b> BPG Inc                                 \$   8,671.53  Bank Balance                             \$   8,671.53 Petty Cash                                 \$     33.50 Total   \$   8,705.03	Claire moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ruth seconded. Carried.
<b>9. Business Arising from Minutes and Other Business:</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>9.5 BPG Planting Tools:</b> • Remittance Advice (see Item 7 c) has arrived.	Steve to purchase the Pottiputkis.
<b>10. Next Meeting:</b> 10-Mar-10	
<b>11. Closure:</b> The meeting closed at 9:25 pm	