



Gundduwa Regional Conservation Association Meeting Minutes

Venue Perenjori Community Resource Centre (CRC)

Date 14/05/2015

Time 10:00am

Participants	Luke Bayley	Chair GRCA/Bush Heritage Australia
	Jess Sackmann	Proponent
	Ben McLernon	Proponent
	Gordon McNeill	North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group
	Richard McLellan	Northern Agricultural Catchments Council
	Leah Bell	Ninghan Station
	Jude Cusworth	GRCA – Business Manager

Apologies Peter Waterhouse (Shire of Perenjori) Raul Valenzuela (Shire of Yalgoo)

Distribution Gundduwa Regional Conservation Association

Chair: Luke Bayley

Item	Section	Action By
1.0	Introductions - Summarised the agenda and introduced the Management Committee. Round table introductions. Thank you to the Management Committee for taking on the role for the next 12 months.	Luke
2.0	Election of Positions Natural Person nominated and elected by Proponent: Ben McLernon Natural Person nominated and elected by Proponent: Steve Churchill/Jess Sackmann Nominations for Chair: Richard McLellan Nominated Luke Bayley Seconded by Leah Bell Accepted Nominations for Vice Chair: Luke Bayley Nominated Gordon McNeill Seconded Richard McLellan Accepted Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer: Luke Bayley Nominated Ben McLernon Seconded Gordon McNeill Accepted	Jude
3.0	Project Discussion & Approval Small Project Grant Round 1 Projects have all been delivered. Final written reports will be sent out to members. Small Project Grant Round 2 Future Project suggestions: Judging sheet for Management Committee. Section for In kind funding, budget breakdown, amounts of funding being sourced by other funders. Total Project Funds \$156,000. • Shire of Morawa & Perenjori \$20,000	Luke

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	<p>Part of project being delivered on CDR. Well set out application. Requires budget break down. Approval pending budget breakdown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group \$10,000. Follow on from last year’s project. Training volunteers on monitoring to the National Standard. Contribution to the National monitoring Malleefowl unit. Approved – Unanimous</p> <p>Central Wheatbelt Declared Species Group \$24,400 Approach CWDSG to get a better insight into the facilitation to develop a regional pest animal management plan. GRCA is not prepared to fund a dog control person as it is seen as a State Government responsibility. Focus on planning an integrated and holistic approach for biodiversity and what has already been researched - latest science. Approved funding of \$12,400 pending changes (see above). Resubmit application</p> <p>North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group, Bush Heritage, Australian Wildlife Conservancy & Ninghan Station \$30,000 Good partnership project that provides relationship with key stakeholders. Approved - Unanimous</p> <p>Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group Inc \$30,000 Comes under the increased productivity in collaboration with land managers in our vision statement with on ground activity. Links in with the Malleefowl monitoring. Approved – Pending subtraction of \$1000 for conference. Pending the ongoing monitoring of site for the next 5years. Discussion with NCMPG regarding the monitoring of malleefowl sites. GRCA is acknowledged in any media release.</p> <p>School of Veterinary Sciences, Murdoch University \$20,000 Contact Dr Newsome for more information, pass on contact for MWDC to investigate other projects in the region. Contact community groups to discuss their involvement. Eg Ninghan Station, CDR, Local Governments. Query budget \$11,000 accommodation, meals, vehicle hire. Give an example of projects that have been completed. Recommendations and investigation, more detail in application required. Pending more information needed (see above). Resubmit</p> <p>Conservation Council WA \$21,600 Exciting project needs some clarification on budget, in kind contributions & administration costs. Approval pending the monitoring, maintenance and ownership of the equipment. Resubmit application.</p> 	
	<p>Project – Included in correspondence sent to projects of outcome of application and guidelines for reporting. All projects funded by GRCA be made aware of the origins of the Association. Environmental Offsets of Ministerial Statement 753 funded by the Proponents. Clarify across all projects on equipment funded through Gunduwa projects. Gunduwa to be acknowledged through all media releases.</p>	Jude
4.0	<p>Business Manager Position Work Plan to be developed for the Management Committee to approve at next meeting – until then current arrangements remain.</p>	Luke/Jude
5.0	<p>Guest Speaker – June Meeting Richard McLellan – Northern Agricultural Catchments Council</p>	Richard

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6.0	<p>Media Gunduwa - tell our story. Inclusion & acknowledgement of Proponents, stakeholders, members & projects – draft up Media Releases. Guardian, Midwest times, Social Media.</p>	Luke/Jude
7.0	<p>General Business & Late Items Letter – North Midlands Agricultural Society Inc. Asking for donation for award sponsorship and art exhibition. GRCA not aligned to sponsoring. Not our core business. Declined</p> <p>Timing of Funding Grant Round – Can project grant funding be open year round. Discussion that this meeting was called to grant approval for the next round of funding. The intention was to keep the momentum flowing. Further discussion to be held in next meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting – Agenda Items To identify the priorities of GRCA. Projects Update Business Plan. Investigate the option of paying a consultant to do an audit on historical research in the Gunduwa region.</p>	Jude
13.0	<p>Meeting Closed –12.20 pm Next Meeting – To be held 19thJune 2014 10.00am @ Paynes Find 10 – 12pm Management Committee 12 – 2pm Lunch - Guest Speaker - Open Meeting</p>	