



**GUNDUWA**  
Regional Conservation Association

## Gundduwa Regional Conservation Association Meeting Minutes

**Venue** Teleconference

**Date** 29/04/2020

**Time** 1.34pm

Participants	Name	Organization
	Luke Bayley	Bush Heritage Australia (BHA)
	Troy Collie	Proponent (Mount Gibson Mining)
	Joe Stephens	Australian Wildlife Conservancy (Mt Gibson Sanctuary)
	Milton Milloy	Midwest Employment & Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation (MEEDAC)
	Katherine Allen	Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC)
	Ashley Bell	Ninghan Station IPA
	Carol Dowling	Badimia Bandi Barna Aboriginal Corporation (BBBAC)
	Wayne Ennor	Proponent (Extension Hill Pty Ltd)
	Jude Sutherland	GRCA – Business Manager (Non Committee Member)

Apologies: Jessica Stingemore, Heidi Nore

**Distribution** Gundduwa Regional Conservation Association

**Chair:** Luke Bayley

	Section	Action By/ Deadline
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Introductions and Welcome</b>	
	<b>1.1</b> Everyone welcomed existing and new members to the meeting. Acknowledge the traditional lands on the land that we are meeting on. Important meeting to decide on future funding for Gundduwa to invest in.	Luke
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>	
	<b>2.1</b> The member must disclose the nature and extent of the interest and be made as soon as the member becomes aware of it. The disclosure must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. <b>Declaration of Interest</b> A Bell – BBBAC Application C Dowling – BBBAC Application K Allen – NACC invested in a current project and partner in current application from ECU University. L Bayley – Bush Heritage Australia invested in current application from Murdoch University as a partner. <b>Action:</b> 1. Send out Annual Declaration Form to new Management Committee members.	Jude
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	
	<b>3.1 Minutes were presented to Management Committee</b> Luke summarised the minutes for all new committee members. Acceptance of previous Management Committee Minutes 13/02/2020	Jude

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	<p><b>Moved:</b> Troy Collie <b>Seconded:</b> Carol Dowling</p> <p><b>3.2 Matters arising from Previous Minutes</b>            Actions outlined by J Sutherland            Nil matters arising</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>4.1 In:</b>            Nil</p> <p><b>4.2 Out:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PhD Research Support Letter</li> <li>2. BBBAC Support Letter</li> <li>3. Tungsten Mining Letter</li> </ol>	Jude
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Finance Report</b>	
	<p><b>5.1</b> Financial Report ending 31st March 2020 presented by J Sutherland            Our aim is to invest in activities in our region and provide support for highly valued projects which will benefit the Gunduwa region.  <b>Moved:</b> Milton Milloy <b>Seconded:</b> Katherine Allen</p>	Jude
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Governance</b>	
	<p><b>6.1 Bank Authority</b>            All signatories have been updated. Luke Bayley, Jessica Stingemore and Heidi Nore are the current signatories, with Jessica and Heidi currently authorising payments through Bendigo Bank.</p> <p><b>6.2 Term Deposit</b>            A minimum deposit of \$5,000 with interest rates calculated daily and paid on maturity of the term selected. No set up fees. Bendigo Bank as at 29/04/2020 have offered the following rates:            3 Months at 1.1%            5 Months at 1.35%            7 Months at 1.4%            12 Months at 1.45%            Recommendation – To assess projects and follow up at next meeting. To continue to investigate options, it would help cover small admin costs for Gunduwa RCA, depending on amount to be invested.  <b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bendigo Bank – Term Deposit, rates for next meeting &amp; investment amount</li> <li>2. Follow up at next meeting</li> </ol>	Luke
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Environmental Offset Agreement</b>	
	<p><b>7.1 Mount Gibson Mining Project Update and Environmental Discussion</b>            2020 mine operations, rehabilitation and closure plan for site. Snap-shot of the operations of Mount Gibson Site. The low grade material became a saleable product for a period of time in 2019-20. Most rehabilitation will be completed by the end of 2020, although future surveys and closure monitoring will carry on. MGM also provides other ecological offsets and this has been a pleasing result for the rehabilitation process. Once last shipment has left port, and Biodiversity Offset Agreement has been executed, final payments will be processed as outlined in the agreement.</p>	

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	<p>Gunduwa Committee Members expressed their interest in visiting the rehabilitation site as a group. Invitation from MGM for Gunduwa RCA to hold a meeting at site later in the year.</p> <p><b>7.2 Biodiversity Offset Deed</b> Finalise and execute the agreement before the committee reconvenes for the next meeting. <b>Action:</b> 1. Troy to finalise the Biodiversity Offset Agreement and put forward for signing.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Gunduwa Research Applications</b>	
	<p><b>8.1 Overview of Gunduwa</b> Focussed on small grants for the first few years, started under \$25,000 which was raised to \$50,000 for larger projects. We are now focussing on larger PhD Research Projects to increase high level investment into the region and commit to supporting the local Badimia People to develop a Healthy Country Plan to protect and care for Badimia Country both culturally and sustainably for future generations.</p>	Luke
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Gunduwa Project Applications</b>	
	<p><b>9.1 Edith Cowan University (ECU)</b> A much tighter application after receiving responses from Committee. Supported by the RTP Scholarship through ECU. <b>All in favour:</b> L Bayley, T Collie, W Ennor, A Bell, M Milloy, C Dowling, J Stephens Successful <b>K Allen – Conflict of Interest (Abstained from voting)</b></p> <p><b>9.2 Murdoch University</b> Postpone the decision on this project, provide feedback to Murdoch University. Feral Cats taskforce should be involved in the project. Could reconsider later in the year, consider other funding such as State NRM Funding. This project partly falls outside of the Gunduwa region. <b>Not able to be funded at this time.</b></p> <p><b>9.3 Badimia Bandi Barna Aboriginal Corporation (BBBAC)</b> <b>Healthy Country Plan</b> Accessed an office space at the Shire of Dalwallinu which is very important for the continuation of BBBAC in this region. 2 Rangers based at MGM Sanctuary, developing MOU's with support organisations. Mining companies are making contact with BBBAC. This would help solidify the BBBAC in the region to develop a Healthy Country Plan. Board meetings are held on country and Gunduwa committee are welcome to attend meetings. Consultant was contacted down south for costing who has extensive knowledge in this area. Gunduwa would value the opportunity to support the BBBAC, a belief in how this would benefit the region. <b>All in favour:</b> T Collie, M Milloy, W Ennor, L Bayley, K Allen, J Stephens Successfully Funded <b>Conflict of Interest: C Dowling &amp; A Bell (Abstained from voting)</b> C Dowling sincerely thanked the Gunduwa Committee for supporting BBBAC in this project. Now the work begins.</p>	

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	<b>Action:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft letter to all organisations with assessment outcomes</li> <li>2. Provide contacts to ECU and BBBAC and work closely with the organisations</li> <li>3. Media on new projects</li> <li>4. Logo's</li> </ol>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>General Business and Late Items</b>	
	No General Business	Jude
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Meeting Closed &amp; Next Meeting</b>	
	<b>11.1 Meeting Closed</b> at 3.48pm <b>Action:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Next meeting to be held in July</li> </ol>	Luke

**Signed as a true and correct record of proceedings:**

Chair: Mr Luke Bayley

