

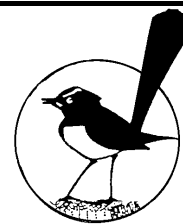
**BASSENDAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.****Meeting Minutes Rev. 1**

Date: 8 March 2006

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

35 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:40 PM



**Present:** Amy Cowdell, Claire Hall, Val Humphrey, Mick Ireland, Steve McFarland, Jane Mulcock, Colleen Murphy, Greg Peterson, Ron Van Delft.

**1. Apologies:** Don Yates, Catherine Van Delft, Mags Amy, Martin Forsey and Paul Bridges.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (8 February 2006):** Mick 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 Jane. Carried.

**3. New Members:** None.

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

<b>5. Correspondence In:</b> <i>ℳ</i> -further action or attention indicated	<b>Action</b>
a)  EcoNotes brought in by Claire with advice on creating and running a community environmental group.	<i>ℳ</i>
b)  Renewal notice for the PBG POB due 31-Mar-06.	<i>ℳ</i> For the Treasurer.
c)  Core Consultative Committee on Waste 3C Newsletter 3/2006 February 2006.	Received.
d)  Invoice from Aradlay Insurance Brokers P/L for public liability insurance cover 1-Apr-06 to 1-Apr-07 due 1-Apr-06.	<i>ℳ</i> Ron moved to pay. Claire seconded. Carried. For the Treasurer.
e)  Letter requesting that the questionnaire from the Summer 2006 edition of EcoPlan News (Issue 56) be returned.	Jane to follow up.
f)  Letter from TofB inviting BPG participation in the consultative process for the preparation of engineering designs to address erosion issues along the Swan River adjacent to Ashfield Parade.	<i>ℳ</i> See item 8.3.
g)  Application form for the 2007 Swan Alcoa Landcare Program grant.	<i>ℳ</i> Ron is going to follow up on this.
h)  Invoice from TofB for Room hire.	<i>ℳ</i> Val moved to pay. Amy seconded. To Treasurer.
i)  The Greener Times magazine February 2006, including CC of WA Bulletin February 2006, and a flier on events for Conservation Week 2006.	Received.
j)  The Web Threatened Species Network Summer 2006 Newsletter.	Received.
k)  Natural Heritage magazine No. 26 Summer 2005( <i>sic</i> ).	Received.
l)  RiverView Summer 2006 No. 38 newsletter.	Received.
<b>6. Correspondence Out:</b> None	<b>Action</b>
Val moved to accept the Correspondence In and Out, Mick seconded. Carried.	

<p><b>7. Treasurer's Report:</b>          BPG Inc          LandCare          Bank Balance                     \$        -          Petty Cash          Total                                 \$        -</p>	<p>No report this month.</p>
<p><b>8.0 Business Arising from Minutes and Other Business:</b></p>	
<p><b>8.1 2007 Swan Alcoa Landcare Program Grant:</b> Suggested projects for the Grant include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadway Reserve: There's Caltrop that should be referred to Parks &amp; Gardens for maintenance. A week-end day walk is proposed to look at what areas could use planting.</li> <li>• "T" Fishing Boardwalks: This would relieve pressure on the reeds but permissions would be difficult.</li> <li>• A minor grant to fund the annual planting supplies for BPG.</li> <li>• Town of Bassendean may have projects that BPG could participate in that would tie in tot the grand money.</li> </ul>	<p>Ron to email invites.  Colleen to investigate.</p>
<p><b>8.2 Success Hill update:</b> Colleen informed the BPG that recent indigenous consultation regarding activities within Success Hill reserve has resulted in an agreement that Council will not utilise any chemical means of weed control within the reserve, with the exception of grassed areas within the recreation zone. This affects the ability of Council to control weeds in the reserve, as non-chemical means are not considered appropriate nor effective in controlling the weeds in the area. Concerns were expressed by group members that this effectively dooms Success Hill to regular intense burns that destroy any attempts at native revegetation. How does NW Catchment Group go with Bennett Brook? Marion Cahill would know.</p>	<p>Colleen to chase up the consultation report and provide a further update.  Ron to compare notes with Marion.</p>
<p><b>8.3 Ashfield Parade Stream Bank Restoration:</b> Syrinx Consultants has come up with a management plan to slow erosion with "soft" treatments. Council has budgeted money and it has been matched by the RiverBank program. There is a 10:30 to noon briefing Friday 10 March for environmental groups. Jane is a possible starter, and Greg will contact Paul, Ted and Carlle.</p>	<p>Greg to notify Paul, Ted and Carlle about TofB briefing.</p>
<p><b>8.4 Planting Update:</b> Mick's plants are doing well. All have germinated and will need to be separated in a month or so. Meanwhile, its time to start planning for this year's coordinated spray and planting program in cooperation with the TofB.</p>	<p>Steve to provide an aerial photo of Ashfield Flats. Mick to mark-up the proposed planting area. Greg to approach Simon for stakes to mark planting area.</p>

<p><b>8.6 Jubilee Reserve Remnant Bushland:</b> Greg toured Jubilee in November with Anne, the previous ToFB EO. Colleen advised that a report is to be tabled at the March Standing Committee meeting to consider the allocation of funds toward select weed control activities in the Town's bushland reserve, which would include eradication of Veldt grass and African Love grass within Jubilee Reserve. There are orchids that would be affected because they are part of the Monocotyledon family that is affected by the grass specific herbicides like Fusillade. There are also infestations of Japanese Pepper, Buffalo grass and Red Cap gum.</p>	<p>Greg to put letter together.</p>
<p><b>8.7 Future of NE Catchment Council:</b> Swan Catchment Council now dispenses National Heritage Trust Funds grants for big metropolitan wide projects. People put in expression of interest to manage these projects. NE Catchment Council represents a vast store of local knowledge but will disappear if they don't get one of these projects.</p>	<p>Ron to talk to Marion Cahill at NE Council.</p>
<p><b>8.8 Bassendean City Farm:</b> Jane is across this and will keep us informed.</p>	
<p><b>8.9 New Sources of Funding:</b> BPG to seek \$500-600 from ToFB Council to support BPG's efforts within the community.</p>	
<p><b>8.12 Compensating Basins and Drains:</b> Colleen is looking into this. Still active at prioritising the sites and sourcing funding and will seek our help when appropriate.</p>	
<p><b>8.16 Attempts to block river access:</b> It has been reported that trees have been piled in the river in what may be an attempt to inhibit fishing. Val said on a recent visit, regrowth is visible in clumps of reeds. Suggests a boardwalk as a long-term future solution. Council has installed a baffle board and planted a number of Casuarina Obesa that have done well.</p>	
<p><b>8.19 Membership renewals:</b> Carlle is going to deliver a renewal request to each member in June.</p>	
<p><b>8.20 Streamlining Chapman Street Drain:</b> A Management Plan has been written by Syrinx Consultants.</p>	
<p><b>8.21 Bilbarin Planting:</b> Heather has sold the farm and upped stakes to move to Applecross. Greg would like to do one more follow-up planting 8 &amp; 9 June probably.</p>	
<p><b>8.25 Efforts to Involve Members:</b> Jane rang the local community newspaper. They have a calendar that we can post our meetings on. Jane will work on a series of articles focussing on various sites. Claire created a draft survey to canvass members' impressions and expectations of PBG. The questionnaire was discussed and minor revisions suggested.</p>	<p>Jane to work on submissions to the local community newsletter. Claire to incorporate suggestions from the meeting, and then members will carry out the survey.</p>
<p><b>9. Next Meeting:</b> 12 April 2006</p>	
<p><b>10. Closure:</b> The meeting closed at 10:05 PM</p>	