

<p>BASSENDEAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC. Meeting Minutes www.bpginc.info Date: 8 July 2009 Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library 46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean Meeting Opened: 7:40 PM</p>	
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Present: Maggie Amy, John Buxton, Claire Hall, Mick Ireland, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, and Ron Van Delft.

1. Apologies: Elaine Newman, Greg Peterson, Danielle Witham, and Don Yates.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (10 June 2009): Maggie moved that the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Bassendean Preservation Group meeting for the month of June. Seconded by Mick. Carried.

3. New Members: None.

4. Bickies for the next meeting: Steve.

5. Active BPG Projects

	Action
<p>5.1 2009 Plantings Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 June Steve met with Mark and Bronwyn from TofB and went over BPG's planting program for 2009. Had a run out to Broadway and also looked at the location for Maggie's EHPS planting project at Jubilee Reserve B. • The marquee arrived in time for use on Ron's Broadway Discovery Tour on 13 June. More on Ron's efforts in Item 5.9. • Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council, supported by Town of Bassendean, the Swan River Trust and the Eastern Hills Landcare group ran an Action Planning Workshop on Sunday 14 June. See item 5.5. • Steve met with Mark, Bronwyn, Dave, and Brian from TofB and John the spray contractor at Ashfield Flats on Thursday 16 June to discuss the spray plan. Kevin from DPI has approved the cost and will pick up the tab. • On 25 June Steve picked up a load of regular Jarrahs seedlings for planting at Broadway that were surplus to ALCOA requirements. • 28 June the first planting day after the long wait for decent rains. In a little over two hours 11 BPG volunteers planted 47 under storey plants at Fairford Street Drain led by Claire, and 84 DRJ's in the Southern Jarrah Forrest area and 210 regular Jarrahs in the Northern Jarrah Forrest area at Broadway Reserve led by Mick. This was followed by a BBQ catered by Maggie and good soaking downpour after everyone went home that settled the plants in nicely. • 1 July Maggie and the EHPS kids assisted by Don and Steve completed their Teachers Environment Fund Project at Jubilee. More in Item 5.2. • John completed the Ashfield Spraying on Friday 3 July at the first opportunity when there was an extended period without forecast rain. He's going to check late this week to ensure it is starting to act, otherwise he will come down on Sunday 12 July and confirm the area he sprayed. 	

This is the planting schedule as at 8-Jul-09. Please check the website for updates:

Date	Location
28-Jun-09	Fairford Street Drain and Broadway-Arboretum DRJs. Completed.
1-Jul-09	EHPS Project at Jubilee. Completed.
12-Jul-09	Ashfield Flats, first half.
26-Jul-09	Bindaring Park
9-Aug-09	Ashfield Flats, second half (if required)

5.2 Teachers Environment Fund Grant:

- Bronwyn sprayed an area in Reserve B in preparation for the plant out.
- 1 July the EHPS First Annual Natives Propagation and Plant-out was successfully completed. Following an early shower and threatening skies the day fined up and Maggie led about 60 EHPS students in planting 131 natives with the loan of 6 Hammies and the four-wheel cart from BPG. Help was provided by Steve and especially Don who also furnished hot coffee and bickies for the grown-ups.

5.5 Planting at Success Hill:

Members from SHAG attended the Action Planning workshop and as a demonstration of the S.M.A.R.T. (Simple, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely) principle worked with Steve to form an Action Plan for Success Hill. A lot of contentious issues came up like access roads, die back, sacred site status, indigenous consultation, development plans and weed control. However we kept returning to what was A. R. and T., and agreed to park all that necessary work for later and concentrate on revegetating one small area that burned this year. SHAG drafted the resulting Action Plan items and Steve polished it up and contributed a copy of the map prepared for Success Hill for just such a project. They are going to start with a small area of several hundred m², and go from there.

5.6 Fairford Street Drain:

- 47 Species planted and plenty of room for more next year.
- Couch and Kikuyu is growing vigorously and is likely to choke out the natives. WAWA is hesitant to broadcast spray because of erosion fears on the drain walls, but a selective spray application will be necessary to ensure the natives have a chance.
- The soil is still dry along the side of the drain, especially against the building wall that creates a rain shadow.

Consider using the line marking paint to locate 1m² circles for the targeted spray program.

<p>5.7 Dieback Resistant Jarrahs at Broadway Arboretum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downes Nursery over east is closing out their supply of DriWater quarts re-badged as Rainbird Irrigation Supplement. Rainbird handled DriWater for a while in Australia but has dropped it. DriWater recommends a use-by date of 1 year. Downes has been asked to provide the “best by” details for their remaining stock. • Steve met with Mark and Bronwyn 11 June who OK'd Ron's suggestion to plant DRJs in the Northern or Southern Jarrah Forrest areas at Broadway Arboretum. Also received permission to plant some surplus ALCOA Jarrahs there as well. Planting at Broadway completed 28 June for 2009! Steve found a local supplier for DriWater and tabled a sample quart. No price info yet. 	<p>Downes reported that DriWater said that as long as the contents remain in gel state the product is good to use.</p> <p>Steve to report back when pricing info is received.</p>
<p>5.8 Dieback in Bassendean: Claire provided a photo of the dieback signage TofB has installed at Success Hill.</p>	
<p>5.9 Implement the Vision at Broadway Arboretum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron conducted a total of four tours on 13 & 14 June. 40 people in all attended. ALCOA presented an opportunity to begin to implement the vision by donating 5 trays of 42 each regular Jarrahs. Ron has created a website to promote and educate the public about the arboretum. It's not quite on the air but will be soon at: http:// www.broadwayarboretum.info. Ron demonstrated the website on his laptop at the meeting. Developing the site took at least four full working days. Ron is proposing the Mayor, Councillors and members of staff join him and BPG to launch the website and new signage at Broadway on Thursday 6 August at 4:30pm. When the site is up and running, Ron will report on viewing history and patterns using Google Analytics. The subject of links to contact local government from the website was discussed. BPG decided in the spirit of keeping the website focus informational and impartial a general link to TofB's website is preferred over links to specific Councillors' websites. 	<p>Claire moved that Ron be recognized for the hard work and time he's invested in promoting and organizing the tours and website to realize the Restore the Vision project at Broadway Arboretum. Mick seconds. Carried.</p>
<p>5.10 Plant List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of compiling best seed gathering dates on BPG – Local Species List. 	<p>Claire is pursuing.</p>
<p>6. Correspondence Out:</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>a)  Letter to TofB CEO Bob Jarvis regarding the details of the Broadway website launch with a CD of the draft website.</p>	
<p>b)  Brochure emailed around with details on the Action Planning workshop to take place on 14 June. See item 5.1.</p>	
<p>c)  Email with .PDF of SHAG's final Success Hill Action Plan.</p>	

7. Correspondence In: <i>☞</i> - Requires attention indicated	Action
a) ☞ Eastern Reporter 7-Jul-09 with an article on the EHPS Yr 3 planting project pp 3 and BPG's recognition at the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Cities Awards pp 7.	☞ - Received.
b) ☞ Three membership renewals.	☞ - To Ron for Treasurer.
c) ☞ Four completed Broadway Arboretum – Questionnaires.	☞ - To Ron.
d) ☞ Email from Landgate providing permission for Ron to use the aerial photos of Broadway Arboretum on his website.	Received.
e) ☞ Flier inviting a response on the Gnangara Sustainability Strategy, closing 31 August. Electronic copies are available at http://www.gnangara.water.wa.gov.au . There are also four public forums. If you would like to attend you must RSVP on the website before 13 July.	Received.
f) ☞ Email from Audrey Bell responding to BPG's request for more time to respond to RSVPs.	Received.
g) ☞ AssociationsInfo Issue 5 June 2009 newsletter.	Received.
h) ☞ Greens Senator Scott Ludlam Newsletter Winter 2009.	Received.
i) ☞ Bushlandnews Issue 70 Winter 2009 newsletter	Received.
j) ☞ The Urban Bushland Telegraph Winter 2009 Newsletter	Received.
k) ☞ The Greener Times Winter 2009 magazine	Received.
l) ☞ 2009 product catalogue from Greenway Enterprises	Received.
Shirley moved to accept the Correspondence Out and In. Maggie seconded. Carried.	
8. Treasurer's Report: BPG Inc \$ 7,987.58 Bank Balance \$ 7,987.58 Petty Cash \$ 28.50 Total \$ 8,016.08	Mick moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Shirley seconded. Carried.
9. Business Arising from Minutes and Other Business:	Action
9.4 BPG's Awards on Letterhead: Complete.	
9.5 BPG Planting Tools: Steve confirmed the Executive approval to purchase some additional planting tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aborline P/L makes a T7 Hammie that is optimized for relocating volunteer natives out of the way of mowers. They also have a limited supply of T7 pots to match. • John would like a T7 to relocate natives for his own use. • BPG plants out a number of natives each year that are grown in smaller pots than our usual 50mm forestry tubes. Steve has trialed a No 63 Pottiputki and recommends BPG buy one as they are useful for rapidly planting out natives in these small pot sizes. 	Steve to purchase 3 of T7 Hammies, two for BPG and one for John and some T7 pots. Also one No 63 Pottiputki for BPG.
9.6 BPG 2009 AGM: Scheduled for 9 September.	Steve to send out email announcement.
9.8 TofB Local BioDiversity Project:	Ron's going to find out what they're up to.
9.14 Environmental Advisory Committee: The TofB Council have voted this down.	
10. Next Meeting: 12 August 2009	
11. Closure: The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.	