

BASSENDAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.**Meeting Minutes**www.bpginc.info

Date: 12 August 2009

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:37 PM



Present: Maggie Amy, Claire Hall, Natasha Kepert, Mick Ireland, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Elaine Newman, Catherine Van Delft.

1. Apologies: Greg Peterson and Ron Van Delft.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (8 July 2009): 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 July. Seconded by Maggie. Carried.

3. New Members: None.

4. Bickies for the next meeting: Claire.

5. Active BPG Projects

Action

5.1 2009 Plantings Activities:

- 12 July 20 BPG volunteers quickly planted 572 natives at Ashfield Flats in perfect weather conditions, followed by Maggie's delicious BBQ.
- At this point the plant count remaining for the next planting at Bindaring was at about the 150 mark, hardly enough for the seasoned BPG professionals to show up. TofB kindly offered BPG an additional 285 to make a day of it.
- Claire spotted a plant sale at APACE and Steve consulted the Executive before ordering an additional 450 natives for Mick to pick up for the second Ashfield Flats planting day.
- 7 August an unexpectedly windfall arrived from TofB in the form of an additional 1045, mostly reeds and sedges. Mick and Steve sorted the allotment out between Bindaring and Ashfield and revised the planting program.
- 9 August 13 BPG members planted a record 1001 plants in less than two hours at Bindaring, again in perfect weather and followed by Maggie's BBQ, ably assisted by Yvonne.

The latest schedule is (always check the website):

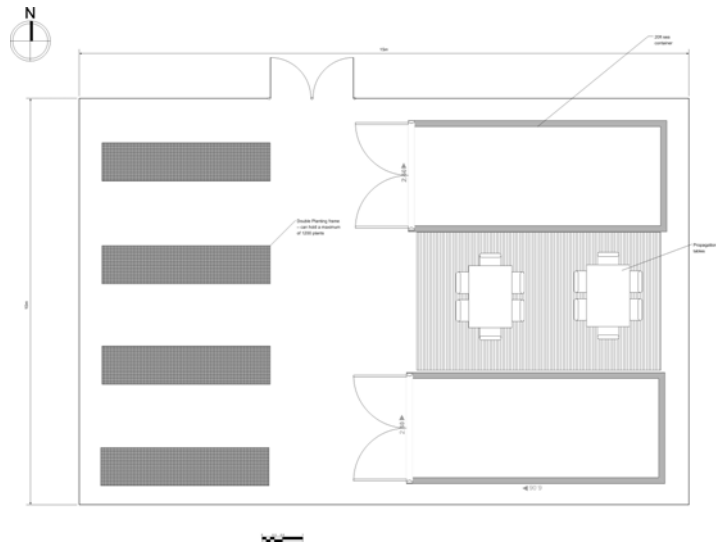
Date	Location	Planted on the day
28-Jun-09	Fairford Street Drain and Broadway Arboretum DRJs. Completed	350
1-Jul-09	EHPS Project at Jubilee completed	131
12-Jul-09	Ashfield Flats, first half completed	572
26-Jul-09	Bindaring Park re-scheduled to let TofB touch-up the preparation works	
9-Aug-09	Bindaring Park completed	1001
16-Aug-09	Ashfield Parade - DRJs	
23-Aug-09	Ashfield Flats, second half	

5.2 Teachers Environment Fund Grant:

- Done for this year. Maggie is preparing a proposal for next year.

5.4 BPG Grow Centre

BPG's planting activities have increased tenfold in recent years. The logistics of cleaning and sterilizing 1000's of pots, then filling them with soil, planting the seeds, watering, thinning and ultimately sorting out and tagging for distribution to the various parks and reserves on planting days are immense. It's too much to expect one person to accommodate this at their house and it's impractical to manage if geographically diversified.










With Mick's departure as host for the nursery, BPG needs a dedicated central compound where all members can undertake these activities. The sketch shows what this might look like. There are two 20' sea containers to store the plant and catering trailers, BBQ, trestle tables, Hamilton and Pottiputki tree planters, the marquee, four-wheel carts, soil bags, fertiliser, vermiculite, pots, bleach, trays, plant tags and all the rest. The four double racks hold up to 4800 plants, and there's room for another rack if required. Watering will be by automatic timed mist reticulation.

Councillor Don has asked for a report on the feasibility of siting the compound at the Bassendean Depot. Another option is to approach DPI about a site such as the disused BBCG site on Benara Road.

Mick proposed that BPG draft a letter to ToFB putting forward the proposal and that member feedback be sought on-line with an open ended "What do you want" style questionnaire. Elaine seconded. Carried.

Steve to draft letter. A volunteer is required to create and coordinate the on-line questionnaire with the webmaster.

<p>5.5 Planting at Success Hill: SHAG announced a planting day for 26 July at Success Hill. The event was thwarted at the last minute by a reported breakdown in the consultation process. One story is that a member of the Nyoongar Community felt left out of the process and called a halt. Another is that a local resident circulated a false rumour that genetically modified plants were going to be planted, threatening the genetic purity of the Success Hill vegetation community. The plants falsely referred to as GM are the ALCOA Dieback Resistant Jarrahs. The DRJs are ordinary Jarrahs that have been found to have a naturally occurring resistance to the Dieback fungus and have been propagated and distributed to community groups to see how they do in various environments. They are an important tool in the fight against Dieback, and Success Hill is an ideal environment for them.</p> <p>An 8-Aug-09 Echo Newspaper was tabled at the meeting. Pp 5 featured an article that in addition to repeating the GM lies offered the services of the newly minted Friends of Success Hill Reserve group to help "...move forward together". With "Friends" like that Success Hill is destined to continue to degrade for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Steve picked up the 126 DRJs SHAG was unable to plant at Success Hill.</p>	
<p>5.6 Fairford Street Drain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done for this year and will be removed from BPG Active Projects until next year. 	
<p>5.7 Dieback Resistant Jarrahs at Broadway Arboretum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price and product availability expected next week. 	
<p>5.9 Implement the Vision at Broadway Arboretum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website went live on 6 August. Check it out at: http:// www.broadwayarboretum.info • Ron is going to reschedule the Official Opening day at Broadway. Apparently the proposed 6 August date fell in the middle of Local Government Week. 	
<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)  Email from Claire in response to an email from TofB asking BPG to include an area next to the boardwalk in next year's planting at Ashfield Flats.</p>	
<p>7. Correspondence In: <i>RS - Requires attention indicated</i></p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>a)  A lot of membership renewals thanks to Don and Elaine's efforts to get the notices out.</p>	<p><i>RS</i> - To Treasurer.</p>
<p>b)  a completed Broadway Arboretum – Questionnaire.</p>	<p><i>RS</i> - To Catherine for Ron.</p>
<p>c)  Flier with a schedule of walks and talks in the Gosnells area.</p>	<p>Received.</p>
<p>d)  Tax receipt for CCWA membership.</p>	<p>Received.</p>

e)  Video on Swan Canning Tributary Foreshore Assessment Project July 2008.	Claire is having a look.								
f)  8 August copy of the Echo newspaper with article on Success Hill.	Ridiculous.								
Mick moved to accept the Correspondence Out and In. Natasha seconded. Carried.									
8. Treasurer's Report: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">BPG Inc</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 8,010.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 8,010.58</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 28.50</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 8,039.08</u></td> </tr> </table>	BPG Inc	\$ 8,010.58	Bank Balance	<u>\$ 8,010.58</u>	Petty Cash	<u>\$ 28.50</u>	Total	<u>\$ 8,039.08</u>	Steve moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Elaine seconded. Carried.
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9. Business Arising from Minutes and Other Business:	Action								
9.1 Fibre Jiffy Pots: The DRJ's are potted in peat AKA Jiffy pots. These are fast and convenient as they go straight into the ground and there're no dirty pots to wash and sterilize. Maybe BPG should find out more about them.	Steve to investigate.								
9.2 New EO for TofB: Steve McCabe is the new EO. The Steves set a meeting that will now be rescheduled to next Thursday 9:00am so Claire can attend.	Steves to reschedule.								
9.5 BPG Planting Tools: T7 Hammies arrived along with 40 pots. John and Steve tried it out and they work fantastically. John has since shifted at least 50 Flooded Gum volunteers using the T7 from a natural nursery area he discovered to more appropriate spots around the Flats.	Steve still to purchase the Pottiputski.								
9.6 BPG 2009 AGM: Scheduled for 9 September.									
10. Next Meeting: 9 September 2009 after the AGM									
11. Closure: The meeting closed at 9:00 pm									