

<p><b>BASSENDAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.</b>  <b>Meeting Minutes</b> <a href="http://www.bpginc.info">www.bpginc.info</a>  Date: 14 October 2009  Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library  46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean  Meeting Opened: 8:38 PM</p>	
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<p><b>Present:</b> Maggie Amy, Carlle &amp; Ted Bentley, Claire Hall, Ruth Ireland, Natasha Kepert, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Elaine Newman, Greg Peterson.</p>	
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Mick Ireland, Joyce Archibald.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (9-Sep-09):</b> 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 September. Seconded by Maggie. Carried.</p>	
<p><b>3. New Members:</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>4. Bickies for the next meeting:</b> Carlle</p>	
<p><b>5. Active BPG Projects</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>5.1 2009 Plantings Activities Wrap-up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve planted the last nine Banksia littoralis from BPG's APACE order at Broadway Arboretum in consultation with Ron.</li> <li>• The DRJs (Dieback Resistant Jarrahs) at Broadway could use a good weeding. 25-Oct-09 set as tentative date to locate and weed.</li> <li>• On 12-Sep-09 Claire, Natasha and Steve attended the TofB Grant writing seminar organized by Audrey Bell, the TofB Volunteer Coordinator. There were representatives from Basso Seniors, SHAG, Basso Arts Council and Wings. Wendy Lamotte ran the proceedings, and by the end we were all ready to go out and ask for \$10 Million to fund an architect designed Arts, Disability and Nursery Complex utilizing the old Mason Hall property. In short according to Wendy the question appears to be not how to get the money, but how to narrow down the list of those trying to give it to BPG. A very informative morning.</li> <li>• In that spirit Steve submitted an application to the Volunteer 2009 Grant to cover the purchase of 5 No. 63 Pottiputkis.</li> <li>• The reeds BPG planted in the sand at Pickering foreshore appear to be doing fine with no sign of washing out.</li> </ul>	<p>Steve to confirm date and let Webmaster Don know.</p>
<p><b>5.2 Teachers Environment Fund Grant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still waiting on status of grant.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.3 The BPG Website Development:</b> Ted moves that BPG purchase a copy of Dream Weaver web management software. Claire seconds. Carried.</p>	<p>Maggie to seek out the best deal.</p>
<p><b>5.4 BPG Grow Centre:</b> After the grant writing seminar, Claire, Natasha and Steve took a drive up to 266 Lord Street, the old home of the BBCG. Google Earth shows the site still populated with transportables, but when we got there, they were gone. Cameron and Alex and the Beechboro West Swan Scouts Troop were tidying up leftover site debris in preparation to annexing it onto their existing Scout Hall property just north. They had written a letter to City of Swan</p>	

**5.4 BPG Grow Centre (continued):**

asking for the site and that was that. It was theirs.

Meanwhile back in Bassendean, BPG's formal request to the CEO for a 10mx20m compound at the TofB Depot has been refused on four grounds:

- o No space
- o Safety, insurance and security
- o Equity with other community groups
- o Out of hours access and space for vehicles

These concerns are easily addressed. BPG's proposal uses an existing space at the Depot that is already used informally for plant staging and storage, but is poorly laid out and utilized. BPG's proposal would assist TofB in organizing the space in the most efficient way, and bring it up to Industry Standard nursery hygiene.

BPG's proposal uses the existing Depot perimeter fence, and introduces an additional fence inside to form the compound. This reduces the thefts of plants that now occur from citizens picking up mulch, and improves the site security. Insurance is not a concern, as BPG's potting soil, Hammies and even Pottiputkis are of little value to thieves and will be locked in secure shipping containers.

While BPG may not be the only community group who wants space in the depot, we are the only community group that offers a mutually beneficial arrangement that complements the TofB's activities.

Out of Hours (Saturday and Sunday) access will be via the outer gate. BPG cars will park outside along Centenary Court. A pedestrian gate on the inside of the compound will allow foot traffic in to use the toilet block.

The TofB EO suggested BPG try Men of the Trees to see if an arrangement might be possible there. Steve McF had a lengthy conversation with the Nursery Manager Wayne. MofTT pots about 250,000 plants a year, and is at 100% capacity in December, when BPG usually pots. They are a commercial operation that uses the proceeds of the plant sales to fund their other outreach works. Owing to the volume MofTT is logistically unable to slot in outside groups for specific plantings. BPG could place an order, and could also volunteer, but there is little chance the plants potted on the volunteer days would end up being BPG's. Plus, Wayne is not keen on providing a space for a sea container to store BPG's supplies and tools. So it's not quite a fit.

Next DPI was approached. Peter Kane suggested the Lockridge Senior High School Farm across from Altone Park. They've got barns, pastures and livestock and a huge expanse of land that is probably under DPI's control.

Options for next steps:

- o Go back to TofB and address concerns?
- o Negotiate with Scout group for a look in?
- o Throw in with Cyril Jackson Senior Campus?
- o Or Lockridge High School Farm Program?
- o Hampton High?
- o John Forrest High School?

Ruth is going to pursue the Cyril Jackson and Lockridge options.

<p><b>5.5 Planting at Success Hill:</b> The new TofB EO Steve McCabe gave BPG's Claire, Maggie and Steve and SHAG's John and David a tour of Shenton Park Bushland on 20-Sep-09. In 7 years this site has been transformed from a Veldt Grass infested illegal tip to an incredibly beautiful bush environment. We saw a dozen types of orchids in flower and a wonderfully diverse array of natives. The theory is that by reducing the weed load, plants like the orchids that you would never be able to source at a nursery recover and populate the environment. This doesn't work on bushland like the areas of Ashfield Flats that have been cleared for years. But it is effective on degraded bushland that still has some remanent natives, like Success Hill. The key is reducing the weed load to give the natives some breathing space. Steve McC will be working on a plan for Success Hill following the same steps that produced the outstanding results at Shenton Park.</p>	
<p><b>5.7 Dieback Resistant Jarrahs at Broadway Arboretum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another email received promising price and product availability of DriWater soon.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.10 Plant List:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of compiling best seed gathering dates on BPG – Local Species List.</li> </ul>	<p>Claire is still pursuing.</p>
<p><b>6. Correspondence Out:</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>a) </p>	
<p>b)  Email to Volunteer Grant 2009 with .pdf grant attachment for \$1615 to cover 5 x No 63 Pottiputkis plus shipping.</p>	
<p><b>7. Correspondence In:</b> <i>GR</i> - <i>Requires attention indicated</i></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>a)  Letter from TofB CEO in response to BPG's letter seeking a compound at the TofB Depot.</p>	<p><i>GR</i></p>
<p> Invitation from Swan River Trust to attend a presentation of results from the Investigation into the Effect of Wash of Boats and Wind Waves on the Swan River. Post marked 9-Sep-09 for an RSVP of 14-Sep-09. This report is on the SRT web site.</p> <p>Ted noted that the report's emphasis on reducing boat speed is misguided, as even at very low speed certain hull designs can create destructive bow waves. Cr Don emailed that the Swan River Trust appears to have found some \$40K (maybe with 50/50 Town support) for river wall rebuilding at Sandy Beach, to be discussed by Council on the 27-Oct-09. Apparently Ron made a report at some point in the past on action of bow waves on foreshore erosion.</p>	<p>Ruth to email Ron to obtain the waves report.</p>
<p>b)  Brochure from the Bassendean Volunteer Centre.</p>	<p>Received.</p>
<p>c)  Bushlandnews Urban Nature Spring 2009 Issue 71 newsletter.</p>	<p>Received.</p>
<p>Natasha moved to accept the Correspondence Out and In. Greg seconded. Carried.</p>	

<b>8. Treasurer's Report:</b>		Shirley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Maggie seconded during AGM. Carried.
BPG Inc	\$ 8,640.95	
Bank Balance	<u>\$ 8,640.95</u>	
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 18.50</u>	
Total	\$ 8,659.45	
<b>9. Business Arising from Minutes and Other Business:</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>9.5 BPG Planting Tools:</b>		Grant application has gone in for 5 Potties. See item 5.1.
<b>9.6 BPG 2009 AGM:</b> Conducted 14-Oct-09 just prior to this meeting.		
<b>10. Next Meeting:</b> 11-Nov-09.		
<b>11. Closure:</b> The meeting closed at 9:35 pm		