

# BASSENDEAN PRESERVATION GROUP INC.

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 February 2009

Held at the Activity Room #1 at the new Library

46 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Meeting Opened: 7:35 PM



**Present:** Maggie Amy, Carlle & Ted Bentley, Claire Hall, Steve McFarland, Shirley McManus, Ron Van Delft, and Don Yates.

**1. Apologies:** Elaine Newman, Greg Peterson.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (12-Nov-08):** 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 November. Seconded by Don. Carried.

**3. New Members:** Annie Woodlands, Vanessa Yeomans, Jane Forsey, Geoff Webb, Noreen Manning, Peter Brown, and John Buxton. Shirley moved they be welcomed, Don seconded. Carried.

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

### 5. Active BPG Projects

### Action

#### 5.1 Preparations for 2009 Plantings

- Steve has compiled the features from four selected Marquee vendors in a comparison spreadsheet. Next step is a quote and the decision.
- 28-Nov-08 Ted picked up a tonne of potting mix from Richgro in 33 x 30-litre bags. Mick is storing them.
- 3-Dec-08 Claire and Steve met with Simon, Mark, Christina and Leah at TofB to discuss the Volunteer Bushcare Guide and BPG Planting Program for 2009. TofB would like a members' list, insurance info and incorporation details, areas where BPG would like training, and a plan for our activities looking ahead several years. Don moved BPG not release the member's list to TofB. Shirley seconded. Carried 5 to 3. No interest in the offered training topics.
- 5-Dec-08 DPI donated a pallet of stakes, 32 bundles of 30 stakes. Ted picked them up and is storing them.
- 7-Dec-08 Stake-Out day was attended by Mick, Greg, Steve, Ted and Carlle. Despite the late rains, the ground was already too hard and it was tough going. However, BPG is set for the next several years on our own schedule.
- 10-Dec-08 Steve in consultation with Claire selected and purchased seed for 22 species from the BPG Plant List for the 2009 Planting Program. Maggie picked them up.
- 13-Dec-08 Mick, Maggie and Steve culled the damaged forestry tubes out of the 3,000 or so Mick has, and sterilized the first 125 for Maggie's Year 3 school project.
- Mick built 16 experimental soil tamper tools designed to ensure a uniform soil fill and pack of the forestry tubes.
- 10-Jan-09 Ted demonstrated his own design twin 99-litre capacity air-agitated auto-pot washers, and Ted, Carlle, Mick and Steve washed and then sterilized 2000 pots following nursery industry best practice.

Steve to get quotes for next month.

Ted & Don volunteered to compile a training manual tailored to the requirements of BPG volunteers. Steve to follow up with other items.

<p><b>Active BPG Projects (cont.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-Jan-09 - BPG volunteers seeded an incredible 2150 native plants at Mick &amp; Ruth's place.</li> <li>• Don moved and Ted seconded that Mick's contribution to the propagation effort be recognised and that he be reimbursed \$1200 for past expenses incurred that he is unlikely to submit receipts for. Carried</li> </ul>	<p>Claire to draft letter. Steve to finalize on BPG letterhead. Carlle to write check.</p>
<p><b>5.3 The BPG Website Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don tabled the site usage for the past month.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.4 Foreshore Restoration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Addison and Don to meet with SRT to discuss ways to reduce damage from bow waves.</li> </ul>	<p>Jeff &amp; Don to meet with SRT rep.</p>
<p><b>5.5 BPG website EFT Capability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don tabled a contract presenting VG's free offer to process BPG credit card transactions. This will save BPG from the considerable month-to-month expense of maintaining its own EFT capability.</li> <li>• Ron moved the contract be accepted, Shirley seconded. Carried. Signed by Claire for BPG and Don for VG.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.6 Fairford Street Drain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 60 plants representing 11 species were seeded for this project.</li> <li>• A weed contractor was to contact Claire to coordinate weed control prior to the BPG planting in June or July.</li> </ul>	<p>Claire to chase up the contractor.</p>
<p><b>5.7 Dieback Resistant Jarrahs at Broadway Arboretum</b> TofB is attempting to get some water on these, but the water tank got switched to a new cab chassis and is unavailable, and staff has left or gone on holiday. The Caltrop is back in a bad way and most of the plants have died of thirst. The tree guards look great though.</p>	<p>Before any more planting is attempted at Broadway, weed control and temporary irrigation will be necessary.</p>
<p><b>5.8 Dieback at Success Hill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of efforts to get signage going.</li> </ul>	<p>No update.</p>
<p><b>5.9 TofB Caring for Our Country Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apparently the government wants to focus on projects of national significance only, so this grant is unlikely to be funded.</li> </ul>	<p>Carlle with check with the TofB EO, Leah.</p>
<p><b>5.10 Plant List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some progress in filling out the extra two columns.</li> <li>• Feedback received from TofB on approved species. Mostly agrees with BPG's Local Plant Species List.</li> </ul>	<p>Ron will re-send the m<sup>2</sup>/plant data.</p>
<p><b>6. Correspondence Out:</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>a) ☎ Fax to TofB confirming Danielle and Shirley's attendance at "Thank a Volunteer Day" appreciation function on Friday 5 December 2008 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.</p>	
<p><b>7. Correspondence In:</b> <i>CS</i> - Requires attention indicated</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>a) ☎ one donation with resignation (moving out of area), and one renewal with donation/back dues.</p>	<p><i>CS</i> - To the Treasurer</p>
<p>b) ☎ Urban Bushland Council WA inc Notice of Annual General Meeting Tuesday 3-Mar-09, survey and notice of membership renewal.</p>	<p><i>CS</i> - Claire to fill out survey.</p>

c)  Invitation from Perth Region NRM (previously known as the Swan Catchment Council) to nominate a representative to attend NRM meeting	Ron moves, Don seconds that BPG participate. Don to attend.
d)  Survey and offer from Perth Region NRM for part-time Water Quality Project Officer to assist local environmental groups.	<i>SR</i> - Claire to fill out survey.
e)  Letter and Christmas card from Murdoch with results of the survey Claire completed.	Received.
f)  Sales brochure from Greenway Enterprises.	Received.
g)  Christmas card from the Mayor	Received.
h)  Water Forever Sustainability Assessment report December 2008 from Water Corp	Received.
i)  The Urban Bush Telegraph newsletter Summer 2008-2009	Received.
j)  Urban Nature Bushland News Issue 68 Summer 2008-2009	Received.
k)  Threatened Species Network TSN News Summer 2008	Received.
l)  The Greener Times magazine Summer 2008	Received.
m)  Associations Info Issue 4 December 2008	Received.
n)  CCWA request for donation to protect the Humpback whale. Don moved that BPG donate \$50 to CCWA. Steve seconded. Carried.	<i>SR</i> - To the Treasurer
o)  Copy of Volunteer Bushcare Guide and cover letter from TofB	Received.
p)  Swan River Trust River View Spring 2008 No. 47	Received.
Shirley moved to accept the Correspondence Out and In. Ted seconded. Carried.	
<b>8. Treasurer's Report:</b>	
BPG Inc	\$ 12,388.24
Bank Balance	\$ 12,388.24
Petty Cash	\$ 18.50
Total	\$ 12,406.74
<b>9. Business Arising from Minutes and Other Business:</b>	
<b>Action</b>	
<b>9.1 Broadway Arboretum Loss of Species:</b> An error in the planning documents resulted in Sand Plain trees being removed from Broadway to make way for a road. This is attracts a cash-in-lieu payment whose use is strictly controlled under state legislation and policy.	Ron to draft letter to TofB. Steve to copy onto BPG letterhead and mail.
<b>9.3 Tax Deductible Status for BPG:</b> There have been changes in the Incorporation Act. Don asked "Is BPG's incorporation still valid?".	Don to check.
<b>9.5 Earth Day:</b> The seven new members in Section 3 came from the Earth Day booth that Don organized.	
<b>9.7 Hames Sharley "Recommended Tree Species":</b> The list of allowable street trees may be broadened.	
<b>9.9 Restoration of Victoria's Native Bush:</b> BPG would like to assist in restoring the burned over forests, perhaps by donations to kindred local groups involved in on the ground work.	For further investigation in the months ahead.

<b>9.13 Acacia Saligna: Valuable Colonizer or Weed Menace?:</b> This actually appears on TofB's list of accepted species for Jubilee, so I think it's sorted.	
<b>9.14 Environmental Advisory Committee:</b>	Don to raise this with the TofB CEO.
<b>9.15 Year-End Wrap:</b> Set for 13-Feb, 7:00pm start.	
<b>9.16 New Meeting Times:</b> 7:30pm!!!	
<b>10. Next Meeting:</b> 11 March 2009	
<b>11. Closure:</b> The meeting closed at 9:20 pm	