

# Panton Hill Bushland Reserves Advisory Committee Minutes

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**Date:** Thursday 7th June 2018  
**Time** 7.30 – 9.30pm  
**Venue:** Panton Hill Living and Learning, 18 Bishops Road, Panton Hill  
**Chair:** Cr Grant Brooker  
**Minute taker:** Lydia Heap

## Order of business

- **Welcome**

**Attendees :** Lydia Heap, Brad Tadday, Cr Grant Brooker, Cathy Giles, Melissa Anset, Helen Corney, Janice Crosswhite, Joe Emmanuel, Cr Jane Ashton, Rex Nivan, Suzie Penrose

**Apologies:** Kay Davies

- **Conflict of interest and Assembly of Councillor form**

*Conflict of interest provisions are contained in section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989, the Councillor's Governance Code, the Employee Code of Conduct and the Volunteer Handbook.*

*An Assembly of Councillor form must be completed at the meeting in accordance with section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989.*

No conflicts of interest

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minutes of previous meeting and business arising</b></li> </ul> | <p>Amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification - Phascogale workshop clashed with Eltham Land Sales protest.</li> <li>• Clarification - trail information from all trail sources, not just Parks Vic. PHBR need to be consistent with Nillumbik's signs.</li> <li>• Rodger's Road sealing needs to go back to council</li> </ul> <p>Moved: Cathy<br/>Seconded: Rex</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See table below</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Works Update (Brad)</b></li> </ul>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra funding from Conservation Futures project. – has enabled more woody weed control near the food, fibre, medicine garden gully. Included the adjoining down-stream private property owner and the Bakehouse Road reserve. Still a bit more funding for weed control of Wonga vine</li> <li>• Early Black Wattle control through the rest of Bunjil reserve through same funding.</li> <li>• Salters Rush Reserve further woody weed control also with Conservation Futures funding.</li> <li>• Rabbit control program through the priority reserves across Nillumbik, including Gawa, Bulwidj and Bunjil all in June. Ferreting and closing warrens.</li> <li>• Rosella Spider Orchid and Emerald-lip Greenhood work started for the re-introduction into the new orchid fence area. Also includes a few hundred pollinator food plans. Traps for Portuguese Millipedes as they are high threat to orchids. Roof tiles to collect the millipedes, then squash them. Paperwork for the introduction of the orchid in the reserves is with DELWIP. Will have an orchid seminar around the end of July. Cam Beardsell suggested more signage on the fence.</li> <li>• Boundary fence being put in at Wurrar reserve along Long Gully Rd, near Turning Rd.</li> <li>• Deer forums being held with adjoining councils to try to work through some of the issues about the deer control. Have put in a grant application for biodiversity round Sugar Loaf and Bend of Islands which includes a large amount for deer control.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trails Feedback</b></li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report forwarded to members by Brad.</li> <li>• Joe suggested that the Council Trail committee can look at as an example. It will be too detailed to implement same assessments across the Shire however could be used to inform Best Management</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <p>Practice with regards to trail maintenance requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that the report should have been forwarded to the group soon after it was completed. Brad commented that it was discussed soon after completion but was not requested by the group. .</li> <li>• Suggest going back and taking photos from the same site to track changes.</li> <li>• Some of the trail may not be in the best location, but they are where people created tracks that have been formalized. Changing the alignment may have done more damage and may not have been utilized.</li> <li>• Page 29, plate 28. Example of infrastructure that may cause people to create divergent trails.</li> <li>• Concern that the report is not later used to justify the closing of trails.</li> <li>• Intention of the report is to enable and prioritize maintenance works as defined in the introduction.</li> <li>• May be useful for getting grants or insurance money for maintenance.</li> <li>• Need to look at how we operationalise the trail assessment</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Activities / events update and feedback</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Men's Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Wurundjeri men, 10 community members and Brad. Seats were moved from Temple ridge chainsaw workshop.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reconciliation event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very good weather and nice location, Lenister Park, Eltham</li> <li>• Lovely event according to Jane</li> <li>• Totally different people from last year, including from Byron Bay</li> <li>• About 140 people attended, including Mick Woiwod</li> <li>• Uncle Dave was sick and not able to do his planned items.</li> <li>• Brad had to fill in and cope with the sudden changes. Helen says Brad worked extremely hard to pull it together.</li> <li>• Aunty Judy and others attended for possum skins cloak making.</li> <li>• Another Elder Uncle Joey (not Wurundjeri) also participated and talked and played the didgeridoo</li> <li>• Parking, toilets, disability access etc. was much better than Bunjil for a larger group</li> </ul> <p><b>Future events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powerful owl seminar. 29<sup>th</sup> June Friday evening. 45 min forest walk, not a spotlighting walk. Then 2 specialists to speak, and an example powerful owl hollow. Was advertised last night on Facebook and was full by 9am today, so has been closed. May need to split into groups to run it for more</li> </ul> |

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|   | <p>people. Committee members can still attend if they inform Helen. Will be at the PH Living and Learning Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orchid seminar – end of July. Not fully planned yet. Cross check with Bend of Islands when their seminar is to avoid clashing.</li> <li>• Planting day, more plants for the food fibre medicine area, something in the next 3 months.</li> <li>• Indigenous plant identification, possibly in spring like the end of September.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brad to arrange videoing of the powerful owl seminar.</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biodiversity on Ground Action grant project</b></li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged some volunteers to monitor the Phascogale nest boxes and Dunnart tiles.</li> <li>• Photos taken of all nesting boxes, so can see if the bedding is changed.</li> <li>• 3 sugar gliders found in three separate boxes</li> <li>• Some research suggests nest boxes may not be so good for fauna and that chainsaw hollows may be better: Trees recover well after creation of hollows. They get populated quickly and are thermally better. May have some more budget in BOGA grant to create some and compare habitation. Latrobe Uni put cameras in the hollows.</li> <li>• One set of Dunnart tiles on the west at Yanggai were very wet and may need to be moved.</li> <li>• May be able to repurpose some of the trees that are being cut down form Yan Yean Road duplication. There are some hollow trees in Nillumbik that have been artificially planted in concrete as habitat trees.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>Cath to look at circulating the article on chainsaw hollows or bring it to next meeting.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interpretation Concept Plan implementation (Joe)</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is seen as an important project and budget has been allocated to it by council for next year plus this year's budget carried forward. The main challenge has been resourcing project management. Also it is not known where it will sit within the organisation (eg Arts and Culture, Business, Tourism and Marketing, or other)</li> </ul>   |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project will be used as a pilot for signage branding within the organisation.</li> <li>• It needs strong project management leadership, and needs project partners from various groups within council.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jo to provide details at next meeting of resources, time lines, and identification of project manager.</li> <li>• Signage review by the new Business, Tourism and Marketing group - on hold until project manager allocated</li> <li>• Arts and Culture working on interpretive artwork project by end of financial year - on hold until project manager allocated</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other Business</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Rodger Road sealing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues with tenders still, needs to go back to council and residents.</li> <li>• Environmental assessment appears to have been done.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pick my project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants available to do local projects. \$20,000 to \$200,000 projects up to the value of \$30 million.</li> <li>• Not many environmental projects put forward in Nillumbik, but plenty of other projects</li> <li>• Some keywords would be “biodiversity” and “connecting with nature”</li> <li>• Money needs to be spent within 12 months.</li> <li>• Closing date is the 24<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>• Possibly chainsaw hollows, or something in collaboration with Wurundjeri people</li> <li>• May include Public Art for the entrance to the reserve</li> </ul> <p><b>Melbourne Water land sales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land has been offered to council. Council working with local groups to determine what to do with it. Council has not reached a final position yet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Green-wedge Management plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out for community consultation and two community meetings. 27<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30 – 8:30. Janice has one ticket but is not able to go.</li> </ul> |

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|   | <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jancie to look at completing a Pick My Project by the 24th</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Next meeting</b></li> </ul> | <p>Thursday 2nd August, 7:30 Panton Hill Living and Learning, 18 Bishops Road, Panton Hill</p>                                     |

### Actions from Previous meeting

| Action   | Status                                  |
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| <b>Events</b> - Brad to GPS the newest dunnart tiles.  | Outstanding                             |
| <b>Events</b> - Brad to organise the reconciliation event and invite Mick Woiwod.  | Done                                    |
| <b>Events</b> - Helen to coordinate the monitoring of tiles and boxes, not just in the PHBRS but in other Nillumbik reserves.  | Done                                    |
| <b>Interpretation Concept Plan</b> - Signage review by the new Business, Tourism and Marketing group by end of financial year. | On hold until project manager allocated |
| <b>Interpretation Concept Plan</b> - Arts and Culture working on interpretive artwork project by end of financial year         | On hold until project manager allocated |
| <b>Other business</b> - Membership - Grant to confirm with Jane if she will still be intending to attend the committee         | Yes                                     |