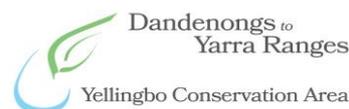


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Yellingbo Conservation Area Coordinating Committee



Meeting no. 14
Location Woori Yallock
Chair Anne Langworthy
Date 17 January 2017
Time 9.00am to 1.00pm
Secretariat Victoria Purdue (DELWP)

Member attendees Anne Langworthy (Independent convenor)

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| Stephen Thuan (PPWPCMA) | Dan Robertson (Melbourne Water) |
| Ben Cullen (Trust for Nature) | Bob Anderson (Community rep - Yarra Ranges) |
| Marianne Sawyer (Cardinia Shire) | Sue Tardif (Community rep - Yarra Ranges) |
| Dan Harley (Zoos Victoria) | Jeff Latter (Community rep - Cardinia) |
| Cr Jim Child (Yarra Ranges) | Peter Cooper (community rep-Yarra Ranges) |

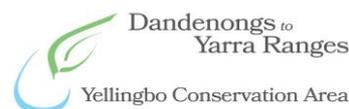
Apologies Merryn Kelly (DELWP) Craig Bray (Parks Victoria)
 David Renkin (CFA)

Guests Victoria Purdue (DELWP) Steve Hosking (Melbourne Water)

Item	Discussion	Presenter
	Introduction and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AL Acknowledged the traditional owners and paid respects to elders past and present. Al introduced Peter Cooper as the new community representative nominated by Yarra Ranges Council. Peter Cooper provided members with a brief background about himself and his interest in the Yellingbo Conservation Area. Apologies were noted. 	Anne Langworthy
1	Acceptance of previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was discussed that there needs to be improvement in the format of the minutes given that the minutes will be provided to the public on the YCACC website. The minutes will provide the decision reached and a brief rationale to the decision making process. The process for recording when a committee member abstains from voting was discussed. It was noted that there are no clear rules for recording this information in the minutes and it will be left to the individual to determine whether they want this information recorded. 	Anne Langworthy
Action: The minutes of committee meetings will contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an executive summary of the issue the final resolution/decision, reference to a briefing note and 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consistent language <p>Moved: Stephen Thuan Seconded: Sue Tardiff</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Action: When a committee members abstains from voting, it will be their decision whether they want this recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>Moved: Jeff Latter Seconded: Marianne Sawyer</p> <p>Carried</p>	
2	<p>Report from meeting with the Minister</p> <p>AL met with the Minister on 22 December 2016</p> <p>AL felt positive about the outcomes as the committee now has two new appointments, including a representative from the CFA.</p> <p>The Minister has since responded to AL via letter advising of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the short term, there will be no revegetation of the streamside areas within the northeast corner of the reserve until the bushfire management planning process has been undertaken. In the long term, revegetation of the streamside areas in the northeast corner of the Yellingbo Conservation Area will be restricted to a maximum of 10m from the top of bank. Two new members have been appointed to YCACC. One is an additional community representative, the other is a representative from CFA. <p>The committee discussed the implications of the restriction on revegetation in the northeast corner. Many expressed concern that this decision had been made independently of advice from YCACC.</p> <p>The committee determined to proceed with the spatial prioritisation process and determine whether there were any impacts to significant areas due to the Ministers decision.</p>	Anne Langworthy
	Action: None	
3	<p>Executive Officer update</p> <p>AL confirmed that DELWP will seek additional nominations for the EO role through an agency.</p>	Anne Langworthy
	Action: None	

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4	<p>YCACC Budget</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting</p>	
<p>Action: None</p>		
5	<p>Projects update</p> <p>DELWP is awaiting final approval to advertise for 3 positions to establish the project team.</p> <p>The bushfire planning process is underway. This process is beginning with Haining Farm and the Don Valley community. A working group is being set up to develop a concept plan for Haining Farm and prepare bushfire management recommendations for the broader Don Valley community. The Committee would like further clarity about the bushfire planning process and the costs being borne by the project budget.</p> <p>DELWP and Parks Victoria have discussed the concept planning process and recommend that the concept plan be led and branded by Parks Victoria and YCACC. It was noted that the DELWP project team will do a lot of the work.</p> <p>The briefing paper prepared by DELWP containing revegetation projects within the Yellingbo Conservation Area has been superseded by the Minister’s decision. It was confirmed that revegetation projects planned for outside the northeast corner can continue as planned.</p>	Victoria Purdue
<p>Action: DELWP to provide clarity about the bushfire planning project and the associated costs to be funded from the project budget.</p> <p>Moved: Stephen Thuan Seconded: Sue Tardiff</p> <p>Carried</p>		
6	<p>Other business</p> <p>It was noted that the committee needed to be made aware of meetings members were having regarding the implementation of the Yellingbo Conservation Area.</p> <p>The committee received an email from a member of the public with extensive fire expertise which contained a detailed review of the Community Investigation Report prepared by the Yarra Waterways group. The committee decided that the best use of this information was to ensure it was sent to the independent consultants and fire experts running the bushfire planning process.</p>	

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<p>Action: DELWP to provide a copy of the email to the independent consultants and fire experts for their review/consideration.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Jim Child Seconded: Dan Robertson</p> <p>Carried</p>		
7	<p>Spatial prioritisation</p> <p>The committee discussed the way areas are prioritised and decided to classify areas using a categorisation system, rather than a prioritisation system of high, medium and low. Four categories were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1a – Existing habitat for threatened species 1b – Proposed habitat for threatened species (eg Haining Park) 2 – Habitat linkages 3 – General habitat/conservation management <p>There was a lot of discussion about the characteristics of the land that should be considered for categorisation. These included the width of the streamside reserves, the existence of cultural heritage values, the presence of threatened species other than HeHo's and Leadbeaters, threatened EVC's, recreation areas and the size of the area of Crown land that should form a single category.</p> <p>A map will be prepared to identify categories based on the discussions and will be provided at the next YCACC meeting in February.</p>	All
<p>Action:</p> <p>Moved: Seconded</p> <p>Carried/not carried</p>		
Meeting Closed at: 1300		