



BRTB Draft Minutes October 2012

Meeting

Date: 23/10/2012

Meeting type: Ordinary

Attendees: D Wilmshurst, B Powyer, S Brett, W Goonan, J Reilly, A Williams, S Rees, D Upton, J Longton

Apologies:

Absentees: L Watson

Conflict of Interest: No

Agenda item/ R no. Discussion / Resolution

1.1 Welcome

The meeting was opened by D Wilmshurst as Deputy Chair while waiting for Chair S Brett to arrive

1.2 No additional items were added

1.4 Minutes of September and agenda for October

121001 No business arising from September meeting was identified to be added to the agenda

A Williams W Goonan ***The minutes of the September meeting were accepted without change***

2.1 Annual Report 2011-12

The draft Annual Report was discussed with a small number of items being clarified or corrected. The inclusion of a "Non-member Office Bearer" (M Cameron) beyond his resignation effective in Feb 2011 was questioned. Receipt of his resignation by Crown Lands Division will be checked.

The Board agreed that the Annual Report with the discussed correctoins and checks about grants and Board members details.

2.2 Coachwood weir

121002 S Brett reported the site meeting held at Coachwood creek weir with Phl Mithieux and Jon Breen. Correspondence from the latter was tabled. D Upton raised question as to responsibility if weir becomes a hazard

B Powyer A Williams ***The Board apply for funding for alternative safe crossing of Coachwood creek at or near the northern weir through the Community Building Partnership Grant or other sources as may be appropriate. Warning signs are to be placed appropriately advising of the unstable weir surface***

2.3 Loch Bruce

121003 D Wilmshurst described the dam wall at Loch Bruce, and expressed interest in its long term viability. A question was raised about the historical significance of the dam. S Rees mentioned similar structures on Great North Walk.

B Powyer D Wilmshurst ***The Board approach Castle Hill Historical Society to ask advice on the heritage values of Loch Bruce***

2.4 Endorsement of Volunteer

Agenda item/ R no.	Discussion / Resolution
121004	The Volunteer Coordinator will contact applicants before submitting applications for endorsement.
D Wilmshurst B Powyer	<i>That Shauna-Marie Wilson be endorsed as bushcare and honorary ranger volunteer for Bidjigal Reserve.</i>

3.1.1 Signage (bollards)

This item mentioned for information - no further progress

3.1.2 Signage (bushcare site)

This item mentioned for information - no further progress

3.2.1 Educational facility

When the letter is received from DTAC, council will be requested to meet to progress this project

3.3.1 Flood warning signs by SMCMA

There was no objection to the proposed locations for signs

3.3.2 SMCMA Plan for Sydney's liveability

W Goonan to attend LGA meeting, B Powyer to attend Community Groups meeting

3.3.3 Community Building Partnership Grant

See item 2.2 above

3.3.4 Leighton Contractors Biodiversity Offset plan

121007	S Brett and W Goonan spoke about the offer from Leighton Contractors to fund works in the reserve as part of their proposed biodiversity offset plan (M2 Upgrade). D Wilmshurst and J Longton drew attention to weeds in in the M2 corridor.
W Goonan D Wilmshurst	<i>That the Trust reply to Leightons Contractors expressing support in principle for the approach taken in the biodiversity offset plan, and requesting that the Trust be consulted on ideas for specific actions.</i>

3.3.5 Demountable buildings

See item 3.2.1 above

3.3.6 NRM Community Group Leaders meeting

This meeting, organised by SMCMA and to be held at Wolli Creek on the afternoon of the next Trust Board meeting, will introduce community landcare and bushcare group leaders to the new State Landcare Coordinator.

All volunteers to be invited to attend, J Brett to coordinate

3.4.1, 3.4.2 Work Safety Legislation and Insurance Covers for Trustees and Board

D Upton spoke about correspondence with Brian O'Neill and his own gap analysis of insurance cover for Board and Trustees, and risk management

The gap analysis will be completed, and a risk assessment begun (W Goonan and D Upton)

3.4.3 Trustee vacancies

S Rees reported that the applications for the Trustee and new representative for the BCC are now with the relevant Minister.

3.4.4 Training for Trust Board members

S Rees reported that a Crown Lands Division staff member is currently working on training opportunities for Trust Board members

3.5.1 and 3.5.2 Implementation Plan updates

B Powyer will distribute the implementation plan tables for updating by members

4.1 DPI report

S Rees reported that this year's PRMF and weeds and feral animal grant applications were awaiting ministerial approval. The question of adding the rifle range land to Bidjigal reserve is being considered by staff in Canberra, and the transfer of Dept of Planning land is being followed up also.

4.2 Chairman's report

No further report was offered by the Chair

4.3 treasurer's Report

121005

B Powyer spoke about the Treasurer's Report and Budget papers distributed prior to the meeting. A Budget committee of B Powyer, D Upton, W Goonan and S Brett will work on the budget for next year

B Powyer

W Goonan

That the Treasurer's Report and Budget Papers be accepted

4.4 Correspondence Report

J Brett will follow up on offer to do weed works from N Hulbert

4.5 Volunteer Activity Report

121006

J Brett spoke to her report as distributed and expressed the need for a bushcare site leader or two.

4.6 Bushfire Report

As tabled in Agenda

Signed as a true record by

Date