

R E P O R T

10.3 Nursery

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the report;

and/or recommends to Council that:

2. xxx;

Purpose

To inform the Committee on progress of actions associated with the Barossa Bushgardens Nursery up to February 2018..

Discussion

Strategic Plan

Progress on actions within the Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan are provided below.

Key Result Area: To develop and maintain a sustainable resource that meets the growing needs of the region		
Action	By when	Status/Progress
Strategy: Create a regional Seed Bank		
Undertake Seed collection and storage	Ongoing	Seed collection is mostly completed from the Bushgardens site. Just a few Autumn ripening species to harvest and the 2017/18 season is complete. The majority of seed cleaning has been processed. Seeds which are dry and free of insect pests are bagged, weighed, data is entered into seed bank and alphabetically stored in cool room. This will take a few more weeks to complete and some 95 species have been done.
Undertake Seed Production and Propagation	Ongoing	Plantings on site in the past year has been to re-establish viable populations for seed collection of grasses, wildflowers and understory plants. Propagation for this season is almost complete, and stock take of thousands of plants will be done in the next few weeks. Unsold stock which is pot bound has been discarded. Orders are nearing

		completion, just Autumn plantings to go, mainly wildflowers and grasses. Orders are collected in May/June.
Investigate market opportunity for sales of seeds	December 2018	I have not experienced any enquiries for seed sales.
Strategy: Improve functionality of the Gardens, Community Centre and Nursery		
Ensure the effective management of nursery assets and plant production	Ongoing	Benches in Nursery reinforced with extra bricks to stop them bowing. Constant weeding of Nursery area. Monitoring plants in extreme weather on a daily basis.
Develop sales, reception/cashier area	December 2018	Cashier has been approved, but not purchased as yet. Sales area to be located by the front door and an all-weather plant bench needs to be found for outside entrance area.
Improve plant signage/information within the Nursery, and investigate option for QR Codes	Ongoing	Signage needs improving within the Nursery and on site. I will address this when seed collection and propagation stock take are completed. See what is left in the Budget.
Provide general interpretation/direction signage	December 2018	Needs discussion with Nursery Committee.
Increase shade and shelter across the gardens and nursery	June 2019	Rotary order/plantings will improve shade along the driveway entrance.

Key Result Area: To increase the capacity of our community to be better natural resource managers and champions		
Action	By when	Status/Progress
Strategy: Create and deliver community oriented training opportunities		
Develop a program of seasonal workshops	Ongoing	Ongoing working with volunteer training. No workshops planned for the community as yet.
Facilitate a workforce program with state and local service providers	Ongoing	

Key Result Area: To improve governance		
Action	By when	Status/Progress
Strategy: Maintain a strong financial framework		
Prepare a Wholesale and Retail Sales Policy and Process	June 2018	This needs discussion with Nursery Committee to be finalised.
Strategy: Maintain effective internal controls to reduce risk		

Identify and document processes to reduce threat of disease, animals and pests to plantings and gardens	June 2018	<p>Noisy Miners restrict small insect eating birds to the Bushgardens, resulting in a number of plant species being infested by lerp, caterpillars and borers. Just keeping the nursery free of rubbish and weeds removes habitat for snails, earwigs, almost removing the need for insecticide.</p> <p>Removal of old stock lessens the risk of disease spreading to new stock.</p>
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Other Matters

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10.4 Natural Resource Centre

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. **Receive and note the report;**

and/or recommends to Council that:

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Purpose

To inform the Committee on progress of actions associated with the Barossa Bushgardens Natural Resource Centre up to the month of February 2018.

Discussion

Strategic Plan

Progress on actions within the Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan are provided below.

Key Result Area: To increase the capacity of our community to be better natural resource managers and champions		
Action	By when	Status/Progress
Strategy: Increase involvement of the education sector		
Promote and conduct programs that align with key educational outcomes	Ongoing	Underway/In progress
Promote opportunity for universities and students to undertake Research and Development programs	Ongoing	In progress
Administer the NRC Program in line with the outcomes within the Service Agreement with NR AMLR	Ongoing	In progress
Strategy: Facilitate health and wellbeing programs		
Manage and facilitate the Bushgardens Disability Support program	Ongoing	In progress
Facilitate Nature Play events	Ongoing	In progress
Participate in external events that provide an opportunity to highlight the outcomes of the Barossa Bushgardens	Ongoing	In progress

Key Result Area: To recruit, train and retain productive staff and volunteers		
Action	By when	Status/Progress
Strategy: Achieve stable and sustainable pool of volunteers		
Assist Council's Volunteering Services with development and implementation of an internal volunteer management system including policies and processes	Ongoing	In progress

Other Matters

NATURAL RESOURCE CENTRE COORDINATORS REPORT

s41 Meeting 14 Feb 2018

MEDIA:

- Bi-monthly Leader article Feb 7th focused on summer priority of seeds - native plants and weeds
- Bunyip has a regular environment page – plan to discuss this option with Leader.
- Channel 9 TV segment put on TBC and Bushgardens website
- Trevor Waldhuter honoured in number of media outlets re Australia Day nomination

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Natural Resource Centre and Events

- Several tours (3-4) booked in next 3 months - Garden Groups mainly
- Drawing Workshop 8th April.
- Trees for Life Bushcare Workshop 18th April
- Gourmet Weekend event in prep, meeting 22nd Feb
- Maintaining contact with White Dog Focus Group, attending occasional meetings but not all.
- Liaised with Friends of Kaiserstuhl CP, Tanunda Woodlands Group, Williamstown-Lyndoch Landcare Group re bushcare mornings; Program of Bushgardens Goes Bush, Tuesdays 9-12, first one 20th Feb preparing site for Tanunda Woodlands Group before major planting on 24th March.
- Met with Dementia Friendly Community Group; next Meeting March; aim for MOU by April; schedule for year with development of DFC Garden (21st Oct Spring Launch;
- Updating pin-boards to cover Play Group, Upcoming Events, Weeds, Minutes of Sub-Committees tbc
- Merchandise options reviewed and to be ordered before Open Day
- Signage – final edits completed; expected installation early March
- Brochure – final edits nearly complete.
- Trevor Waldhuter nominated for Barossa Citizen of the Year, attended Australia Day Breakfast Tanunda

Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee Meeting Agenda for meeting to be held 14 February 2018

- NRC Sub-Committee Meeting and ongoing discussions Tuesdays and some Wednesdays – minutes prepared
- Ongoing discussions with PP re implementation of Open Spaces Grant.
- Landscaping and planting advice to community visitors
- Education: liaise with TW re Nuri High Special Ed Thursdays (Yr8-9, Special Ed, 1 wheelchair) and Faith College Tuesdays (Yr 11 11.30-12.30 arrive by bus and sign book as volunteers as a Community Service Subject); TW main supervision; ask other volunteers/ex teachers to assist.
- Research Project Ideas and co-supervision to be followed up.
- Attended Pinery Re-vegetation Recovery Meeting Gawler 17th Jan: Plans to donate 20,000 seedlings to effected landholders at Open Day 6th May; next meeting 8th March, YR attending
- Open Day, NRC Sub-committee discussed theme; EOI form ready for distribution; meetings planned with NRM and Pinery Committee
- Letter to Dorrien re engaging as a contractor for future large revegetation project
- Access Policy in progress (disability and emergency access)

Site

- Registered Clean Up Australia Day; organiser KW; see website to join Bushgardens event; walking perimeter collecting rubbish and removing weeds
- Suggested fees: Tours \$5/head or gold coin donation for NFP or pensioners; Venue Hire \$30 half day; \$60 full day; weekend \$120; evening \$40.
- Composting System: TBC now adding their green waste weekly, delivered by cleaner on Mondays
- Watering Gardens on and before hot weather; Bushgardens relies on hand watering.
- 2 top-notched pigeons found dead on top of shelf in outside nursery?
- Cleaner confirmed Mondays 12.45-2.15pm (1.5 hr/wk)

Volunteers

- Ongoing volunteer coordination; numbers stable; good attendance Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Reviewed Volunteer PD; recommend Wednesdays 9-1pm included in volunteer PD
- 1 new volunteer induction last 2 months.
- Volunteer offer for badges or motif on shirt (15 took up offer)
- Discussions re Heat Policy for TBC and Bushgardens; meeting with TBC Volunteer Coordinator 21st Feb
- Updating of Volunteer Office area with more resources and cupboards/slat wall on order
- Started Weed Diary for record of all weeding activities (e.g caltrop, couch, innocent weed, skeleton weed, wire weed etc and various methods, treatments etc)
- Purchased Flame Weeder (tried on weeds Nursery shade house)
- European Wasp nest found; TW organized TBC Pest Contractor; attended 2nd Feb.
- Labyrinth Group following through with site maintenance; Given blue key for access to tools in Nursery area

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- Final purchases from Insurance Claim and liaising with TBC; Quad Bike purchase outstanding as funds likely go toward Gator (discussed last s41 meeting).
- Key Audit – 12 of 17 located (outstanding - 1 green, 1 blue, 1 orange, 2 yellow); key holders to have own pin
- Magiq 2nd quarter reporting
- Reconciliation of receipts and petty cash.
- Wednesday meetings: Staff (1); Management Committee (1); s41 (apology)
- Alfie to relocate Emergency Evacuation Point to front of building, not quadrangle.
- OHS staff training needed

CADL SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Monday group going well; easier tasks as Group is ageing; numbers down but stable at ~7-8; discussing having new participants including women
- Updated PD for Mondays Supervisor AM with amended contract completed.
- AM filled in as staff member when YR and NR both away on Tues 23rd Jan.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 20th Feb Bushcare for Tanunda Woodlands Group 9-12
- 1st March Clean Up Australia Day Bushgardens Event Thursday 9-12
- 7th March Leader Article
- 8th March Pinery Revegetation Recovery Meeting Gawler
- 17th March Mt Pleasant Show
- 6th May Open Day – Environmental Field Day

RECOMMENDATION

- Volunteer days include Wednesday 9-1pm
- Open Day theme - Environmental Field Day for local businesses to showcase products and services around environmental land management.

CORRESPONDENCE

- AMLR NRM invite to participate in NRM marquee at Mt Pleasant Show 17Mar
- Emails from Rebecca Jenkinson NRM NRC Alliance Manager – visit 13th Feb
- Email from Glen Gale re Insurance Cover for LandCare SA Member groups
- Email from Glen Gale re visit 22nd Feb
- South Para Biodiversity Project meeting invite 16th Feb
- Letter from Chair Kaiser Stuhl Landcare Group thanking Bushgardens volunteers for weeding Monodenia (Nov, KS Conservation Park); cheque for \$60 donated in lieu of mini-bus hire
- Landholder (IG) provided contact for Krondorf Rd Revegetation Group (NRM District Officer Sth Para)
- Nuriootpa Police requested photos of stolen vehicles (7th Feb)
- Conservation Volunteers Australia invite for Bushgardens to host 300 volunteers on International volunteer Day 7th June; in discussion.

- Adelaide University Childrens University request to put Traditional Uses Brochure on website

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10.5 Site Management

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. **Receive and note the report;**

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Purpose

To inform the Committee on progress of actions associated with site management up to the month of February 2018..

Discussion

Strategic Plan

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Key Result Area: To develop and maintain a sustainable resource that meets the growing needs of the region		
Action	By when	Status/Progress
Strategy: Develop a 'master plan' for the ongoing management of the Bushgardens		
Prepare a master plan taking into consideration requirements for community land under the Local Government Act	December 2018	Not commenced
Manage and maintain all facilities on the Bushgardens site	Ongoing	In progress
Improve accessibility of the site, including requirements under Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan	June 2019	In progress
Acquittal of the Open Space Grant project	December 2018	In progress

Other Matters

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10.6 Tours

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

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Purpose

To inform the Committee on progress of actions associated with tours in the Barossa Bushgardens up to the month of February 2018.

Discussion

There were no Tours during this reporting period, but several have been booked for the near future.

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10.7 Partner Projects

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. **Receive and note the report;**

and/or recommends to Council that:

2. **xxx;**

Purpose

To inform the Committee on progress of project being undertaken by other community groups up to the month of February 2018.

Discussion

10.7.1 Barossa Community Labyrinth

Strategic Plan

Progress on action within the Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan is provided below.

Key Result Area: To increase the capacity of our community to be better natural resource managers and champions		
Action	By when	Status/Progress
Strategy: Facilitate health and wellbeing programs		
Complete and promote the benefits of the Labyrinth	June 2018	In progress

10.7.2 Dementia Friendly Communities Group

10.7.3 Seeding Natives

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11 General Business

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. **Receive and note the items raised under general business.**

and/or recommends to Council that:

2. **xxx;**
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Purpose

To raise other urgent business not listed on the agenda.

Discussion