

UPPER TORRENS LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT

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Draft AGENDA
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 12 February 2015
9.30-11.30pm

Mt Pleasant Natural Resource Centre
132 Melrose Street, Mount Pleasant

1 Attendees (Hardcopy of Agenda Papers will available at the meeting):

- 1.1 **Steering Committee members:** Councillor Michael Seager and (TBC), Councillor Malcolm Herrmann and Steve Brooks (AHC), Rick Gladigau, Bronwyn Mudge, Julianne Troup (Chairperson), Graeme Donaldson, Martin Philcox, Ken Craig (Chairman GGRP Technical Steering Committee), Stephen Anderson [Community/URTLG] and
- 1.2 **Project Staff:** Gerry Butler [Project Manager], Kim Thompson and Andrew Fairney [Project Officers]
Minute Secretary: Kim Thompson
- 1.3 Invited Guests: Mike Williams and Piers Brissenden (DEWNR)
- 1.4 Apologies: Ian Baldwin (TBC) and Bryn Troath (Adelaide & Central Hills NRM Operations Manager)

2 Declaration of interest:

Committee

3 Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes of the UTLMP meeting 27/11/14 & Action Items.

- 3.1 Amendment to minutes:
3.2 Business Arising:
3.3 Review of Action Items: (see attached)

4 Correspondence Incoming and Outgoing (list to be tabled)

- 4.1 Incoming
4.2 Outgoing
4.3 Business arising from Correspondence

5 Budget

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- 5.1 Financial Statements to 31/1/15 and proposed budget for 2014-15– summary provided by AHC (to be attached).
5.2 Approval to order the Project vehicle for 2015-2017 delivery July 2015 following the review of 3 quotes as per The Barossa Council Procurement Process (Paper attached) **Committee**

6 UTLMP Committee Governance:

GB

- 6.1 Confirmation of Committee members and Induction process



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YOUR NRM LEVY AT WORK

Australian Government Biodiversity Fund
The Upper River Torrens Landcare Group,
The Barossa Council - The Adelaide Hills Council

- 7 Local Catchment Groups and other projects** **K Thompson**
- 7.1 Project Officer Report – [report attached].
- 7.2 Friends of Cromer and Porter Scrub Conservation Park 2015 programme
- 7.3 Activities for Committee involvement.
- 7.4 Roadside Fuel Reduction Project – status of the 8 sites.
- 7.5 Other Community Engagement Programmes:
- 8 Project Management Working Group** **Gerry Butler**
- 8.1 Followup to the recent facilitated workshop held on 20/11/14 proposed for 19/3/15
- 8.2 Project Manager's report – (report attached)
- 8.3 Proposal to install security system in the "Jimmy Dunn Shed"
- 8.4 On-ground works AMLR NRM Board 2014-15 (spreadsheet to be tabled)
- 8.4.1 **Fallen tree across River Torrens in Birdwood (Clifton property)** **GB/KT**
- 8.4.2 **Progress on Pat Leopardi's watercourse issues** **MH**
- 8.4.3 **Watercourse Erosion Control progress and new projects (Pinchbeck)**
- 8.5 Status of 2014-15 Service Level Agreement
- 8.5.1 **Report for the 2nd Quarter due February – in progress** **GB**
- 9 Grassy Groundcover Restoration Project** **Andrew Fairney.**
- 9.1 Project Officer Report – [report attached] including Minutes of TSC 22/10/14
- 9.1.1 **Presentation from the Native Grass Workshop in Victoria Nov 11-14.**
- 9.2 Seed Production Areas including Barossa Bushgardens
- 9.2.1 **Placement of Species name plates on SPAs – progress**
- 9.3 Progress on seed inventory and on-ground works
- 9.4 Trials and research status on PRM and Cromer MU3 – Monitoring report
- 9.5 Completion of milestones for Australian Government MERIT reporting – Due 26/2/15.
- 10 Staff matters and Governance:**
- 10.1 Performance Partnering sessions with Ian Baldwin **GB/IB/JT**
- 10.2 Training proposed: KT: Environmental Education and Aspiring Women; AF: Ecological restoration processes; and GB: Administrative processes.
- 11 AMLRNRM Issues:** **Bryn**
- 11.1 Ongoing District Officer/Compliance Officer partnership and Incident Reports (WAAs and Declared plants (Coolatai – Mt Pleasant and Caltrop -Mt Torrens)
- 11.2 Weed control issues – Weed reports, mapping and communication strategy
- 11.3 Communications of a compliance nature with Upper Torrens landholders
- 11.4 Central NRM Community Connections news and views **JT/GB**
- 12 Other Business:**
- 12.1 The use of BlazeTamer in fire control - Bob Myers scheduled for 10.30am
- 12.2 Biodiversity and Fires – Emily Moskwa (UniSA) interviews with selected members after the meeting
- 13 Next Meeting/s:**
- 13.1 Steering Committee (normally 2nd Thursday of even months):
- Thursday 9th April 9.30-11.30am; Venue Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre
 - Thursday 11th June 9.30-11.30am; Venue Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre
 - Thursday 13th August 9.30-11.30am; Venue Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre
 - Thursday 15th October 9.30-11.30am; Venue Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre
 - Thursday 12th December 4.00-5.30pm; Venue to be advised followed by the End of Year Celebration
- 13.2 Project Management Working Group (normally 3rd Thursday of odd months):
- Thursday 19th March 3.00-5.00pm; Venue to be advised.
 - Thursday 21st May 3.00-5.00pm; Venue to be advised
 - Thursday 23rd July 3.00-5.00pm; Venue to be advised

- Thursday 17th September 9.30-11.30am; Venue to be advised
- Thursday 19th November 9.30-11.30am; Venue to be advised

13.3 GGRP Technical Steering Committee:

- Thursday 26th February 3.00-5.00pm; Venue Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre

14 Meeting proposed close at 11.30am

Agenda Item 3.3

Review of Action Items

3.3 – Item 3.2 **Action GB:** contact Michael Cusack and Councils about the Dirt Bike tracks on private properties

3.3 – Item 8.2 **Action GB:** to facilitate meeting with appropriate stakeholders re fallen tree on Clifton property across the River Torrens

5.2 **Action GB:** finalise arrangements for the Project vehicle to be supplied in July 2015

8.1 **Action GB:** Contact Kim Krebs to undertake a follow-up facilitation programme with the PMWG on March 19th.

8.3.1 **Action GB:** to bring the stakeholders including SA Water, NRM Board, landholders and the UTLMP together for a meeting in the New Year to discuss a strategy to resolve this issue.

9.1.1 **Action GB:** Andrew to present his paper delivered at the Victorian Native Grass workshop

11.4 **Action:** Julianne to make her paper available to the Committee.

Agenda item 5.2

Procurement Process for the UTLMP Project vehicle 2015-17

At the meeting on 27/11/14 I presented to you the indicative quote for the Project vehicle for 2015-17. At that meeting you agreed that it was appropriate to go ahead and secure the necessary arrangements.

Subsequently I have sought 3 quotes for the vehicle as required under the Barossa Council Procurement Policy. The 3 quotes for a Ford Ranger 2015 4x4 is:

Lynas Ford Tanunda	\$40,698.53;
JarvisCars Tanunda	\$40400.00; and
Maughan Thiem Mt Barker	\$48949.90

The discussion about finance has now become a key factor in the selection of the preferred supplier from the 2 competitive suppliers (Lynas and JarvisCars) and I have sought quotes on finance from these dealers, which will be confirmed once I determine what the residual price under the current finance is and what we anticipate the residual would be after 2 years in July 2017.

JarvisCars are keen to secure our business and have offered a finance interest rate of 4.9% and a trade-in price on the current vehicle of \$21,000 (after detailing). I have yet to receive the same detail from Lynas and hope to have that for the meeting.

I have been concerned about the cost of finance as Lynas were not prepared to give us the 2013 advertised rate of finance of 1.5% or 2.9% when we did this transaction in 2013 and it transpired that we were charged 8.25%, as they said we had already received discounts.

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10/2/15

Agenda Item 7.1

**Kim Thompson
Local Catchment Group Project Officer Report
Upper Torrens Land Management Project
Feb 2015**

Roadside Fuel Reduction Initiative

Bob Myers (with Ken Craig) has written the report based on the summary of RFRI from May 12 to Dec 14.

This was presented to Ian Baldwin TBC, AHC Councillor Linda Green and Tim Piper (Finance Manager AHC) late January, 2015.

Meeting with RFRI partners on Thursday 5th Feb, 2015 to discuss report. Some amendments were made to the recommendations and at present Bob is finalising these changes so the report can be presented to AHC Councillors and Management soon (date to be advised).

<http://www.ahc.sa.gov.au/Community/built-natural-environment/roadside-fuel-reduction-initiative>

GGRP

M&E to be undertaken:

Cromer MU3, Lindsay, Cook, Hawkins, Kemp, Formby Road Cemetery & surrounds, Cromer Cemetery

Photo Points to be set up:

Levy, Dawson, Veljkovic, Roskhill

OGW completed

Levy – fenced off 5Ha remnant vegetation - Restoration

Dawson – fencing off 4 Ha revegetation (to be done) site & 3 Ha restoration (weed control)

Veljkovic – fenced off 2.5 Ha revegetation site adjacent Dawson property

S/V – Roskhill Wed 11/2/15

NRM Activities

2nd quarter report delivered Tue 3/2/15. Met most of the targets as per table, exceed some and fell short with a couple:

Delivery Activity	Target Nos/Kms/Ha	Achieved	Properties
Property Visits	25	31	Levy, Cox, Dawson, Veljkovic, Saint & Sinner, Stevens, Guthrie, Watkins, SAFGA, Mardling, Rosenberg, Sibelco, Horsfall, Highet, Bakker, Kowald, Sanders, Ferguson, Clifton, Livingstone, Ashton, Keatley, Bradley, Cornish, National motor Museum, Philcox, hacker, Radford, Edwards, Sollart, George
Property Plans Developed	2	5	Levy, Highet, Cox, Keatley, Dawson, Veljkovic (GGRP)
Property Plans Implemented	2	8	Bradley, Ferguson, Keatley, Cox, Levy, Oster, Fawcett/Young, Highet
Fencing (riparian veg)	.25	.35	Staunton & Rudd
Fencing (remnant veg)	.25	0	
Fencing (revegetation)	.5	0	
Fencing (shelter belts)	.5	0	
Fencing (Landclass)	1km	.3	Levy
Weeds in Rem Veg	10 Ha	12.5	Highet (5); Oster (4); Fawcett & Young (3.5)
Pest Animals	10 Ha	0	
Revegetation (habitat reconstruction)	1 Ha	0	
Erosion Control Works	1	5	Planning (Kowald, Bakker, Sander, Ferguson, Cornish); OGW (Kowald, Cornish)
Alternative Watering Points	5	3	
Nos. of Properties	2	3	Ferguson (1 tank), Cox (, Levy (1 trough)

Funding agreements out for signing:

Bakker
Rob & Trish White
Ashby

Funding agreements to be developed:

Roskhill – weed control, fencing, rabbits
Foletta – weed control (herbicide only)
Bogers – revegetation in riparian zone
Dierickx – pest animal control (in progress)
Hallam – soil tests & property planning, pest animals, water infrastructure

No funding agreement but support offered:

Horsfall – property planning, setting up photo points, etc.

Property visits:

Ashby – to look at fire scar, discuss funding agreement
Hallam – to look at fire scar, discuss potential involvement
Sibelco South – set up photo points

Porter Scrub CP Volunteer Working Group 2015 (to be confirmed)

Sunday 19th April
Sunday 17th May
Sunday 21st June
Sunday 19th July
Sunday 16th August
Sunday 20th September
Sunday 18th October

Cromer CP Volunteer Working Group 2015 (to be confirmed)

Sunday 26th April, 2015 (Anzac Day is Saturday and I don't believe there is a long weekend!)
Sunday 31st May, 2015
Sunday 28th June, 2015
Sunday 26th July, 2015
Sunday 30th August, 2015
Sunday 20th September, 2015 (Bay to Birdwood 27th Sept)
Sunday 25th October, 2015

Kim Thompson 09/02/15

Agenda Item 8.2

UTLMP Project Manager's report to the UTLMP Steering Committee 12 February, 2015

Project Management Working Group (PMWG) report:

The PMWG has not met since November 2014 and following the resignation of David Bradley the subcommittee needs to continue its team building programme with Kim Krebs and the involvement of some new members.

Of particular note:

- Progress on Grassy Groundcover Restoration Project is on track.
- A significant number of properties, which have or are currently involved with the UTLMP, have been burnt in the Sampson Flat bushfire.
- The 2015 Rural Land Management course commencing on February 11th is fully subscribed with many participants from the Sampson Flat fireground.

Projects underway:

NRM OGW

- The 2014-15 Grant Agreement with the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board is now 50% complete and the half yearly report is in preparation.
- Kim and I have provided you with the table of inputs as per the half yearly report (see attached) and entered them into the AMLRNRM reporting system, required in the Funding Agreement:
 - Engagement Activities
 - Fencing
 - Pest Control
 - Revegetation
 - Erosion Control Works
 - Perennial pasture
 - Soil Testing
 - Alternative Watering Points.
- We have just undertaken a rabbit control programme on 2 properties using pindone carrots, with good success and involvement from the landholders (Sollart -Mt Torrens and Dierickx -Gumeracha). Many thanks to Steve Hearn from Willunga Natural Resources AMLR office for his assistance in making the baitlayer available. A subsequent project will commence on March 16th in several regions as there are significant complaints coming from areas where we are undertaking the GGRP.

GGRP

- Site preparation and maintenance of Seed Production Areas using contractors including ERA, Envirogroup, Paul Cooke, Ellen Krahnert who have undertaken their additional work;
- Simon Carroll has continued labelling and packaging seed in the Seed bank and the inventory has been prepared and 135 species are available to contribute to the seed mix for each plant association;
- Simon has just undertaken a rabbit control programme on 2 properties (Rosenberg and Edwards (Pipiriki Homestead) using pindone carrots, with good success.
- URTLG Seed Production orchards – additional SPAs are to be established over the next couple of months.
- Barossa Bushgardens –The planting is continuing and a site map and signs are being prepared to identify species. Technical Steering Committee identified the need for work on the irrigation system replacing T pieces before they fracture. ERA to do this work.

G Butler 12/2/15

Agenda Item 9.1

GGRP Progress Report 12/02/2015

Andrew Fairney

Seeking discussion and subsequent approval for project officer personal vehicle use with kilometre reimbursement as a cost effective solution to the need for an appropriate dedicated work vehicle.

GGRP Priorities:

- Seed collection of summer species
- Simplify seed database and seed record keeping
- Determining Trial site management treatments
- Site management plans/ site visits

Trial Sites:

- Photographic monitoring of the PRM trial sites is still a monthly event
- Silt fences have been damaged beyond simple repair, predominantly wind damage
- The GGRP Technical Steering Committee will discuss future management of the trial sites, as we have the required data for the questions originally posed
- A site management question needs to be posed and trials developed to test the possibilities for broad acre site management

MU3

- Chemical fallow on management units 10-13, started early July 2014 and is ongoing
- Crown land adjacent to the ABC quarry in Cromer may become available to the GGRP through DEWNR as the lease to a private landowner is being revoked.
- Burning and seeding may be undertaken in 2015, dependant on DEWNR and climatic conditions

The Broad acre:

- A dry Spring caused an abrupt end to our sowing season. Some remaining sites prepared will be dry sown before 'the break' 2015 and others sown after the opening rains 2015
- A management regime for *Pentascistis* on the Mardling property began in September 2014 in accordance with direction from Flora Base (Western Australian flora, WA Department of Parks and Wildlife) and chemical companies CropCare and Sumitomo. The recommendations have not eradicated the mature *Pentascistis* plants.
- The 2015 phase of broad acre land owners are being identified and site visits implemented

- The implementation of a rapid site assessment is used to determine which category(s) a property will fit into (restoration, reconstruction and threat abatement)
- Management plans for each property are being developed.

Landholder SPA's

- SPA harvesting has reaped a total of kg so far and still harvesting.
- A variety of C4 grass species are being propagated in the nursery for planting at Ken Craig's SPA and David and Julianne Troup's SPA
- The Troup SPA will be the largest community SPA in the project, 3150m²
- All materials are at the Troup property
- Earthworks at the Troup SPA will be conducted by Hunter Brothers earth movers to remove 50 – 100mm off the site with a scraper
- The Craig SPA has been planted with 2000 *Bothriochloa macra* seedlings and a further 1000 seedlings are growing in the nursery to be planted in the coming weeks
- The Carroll / Featherstone SPA site has had a further 1000 *Microlaena* planted (provided by Anthony Abley and Will Hannaford)

BBG:

- Bryn Troath located enough besser blocks from DEWNR at no charge for the completion of our foam box nursery and the NRC nursery in Mt Pleasant. Blocks delivered 😊
- The first *Vittadinia* harvest produced over 20 kg of seed
- 800 *Brachyscome parvula* plants, a species of special interest, is producing a large quantity of seed.
- Blue Devil plants are mature and ready for harvest.
- Descriptive signs have been made for each species in seed production including BBG and Community SPAs.
- ERA are assisting with harvesting and undertaking maintenance
- More species are being planted

Seed:

- Simplifying the seed record keeping is a priority
- All harvested grass seed has been weighed, bagged and stored in the seed room
- Currently working through the other species collected
- Seed collection has been undertaken by Andrew Fairney, ERA, BBG personnel (volunteers paid for by GGRP), and Ken Harrington

Andrew Fairney 09/02/15