

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Neil's House, Banjup****10 March 2014 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Jemma Van Dongen

Caroline Rimmer

Ian Thurston

Coco Franklin

Brian Morton

Neil Raine

Stephen Thornton

Apologies

Colin Bramwell

Sebastian Scata

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 10 February 2014 were confirmed	
2.	Minutes of Annual General Meeting	
2.1	While recognising that the draft wording of the minute about feedback to the City of Cockburn was accurate, the Committee resolved that the minutes of the AGM should be silent about the Mayor's response.	
3.	Banjup Needs After the Fire	
3.1	The Committee endorsed the letters about Banjup's needs after the fire to Joe Francis and to the City of Cockburn.	
4.	Bush Fire Reference Group	
4.1	The Committee expressed its disappointment that Cockburn had rejected the BRG's application to join the Bush Fire Reference Group. Cockburn's position seemed to have little logic. Colin Bramwell was tasked with following up with Cockburn and Cllr Portelli.	Colin
5.	Cockburn's Biodiversity Grant Scheme	
5.1	The Committee endorsed sending a letter to Cockburn about changing the application dates of the biodiversity grant scheme.	
5.2	Committee members were concerned about what could be viewed as onerous conditions associated with the biodiversity grant scheme.	

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5.3	The Committee resolved to email members to ask who would be interested in obtaining several litres of Fusilade herbicide at wholesale price. Similarly, native seedlings at wholesale prices might also be obtained.	Ian
6.	Bunnings Fund Raising	
6.1	The Committee expressed its appreciation of Bunnings' offer to facilitate fund raising to assist recovery of fire damaged properties. It was estimated that 16 or so volunteers would be required for each of the 4 days proposed for a sausage sizzle. The Committee was not optimistic that sufficient volunteers would come forward to man the sausage sizzle stall.	
6.2	The Committee resolved to wait and see what other arrangements could be made to obtain herbicides and plants for the fire affected properties.	
7.	Verge Clearing	
7.1	The Committee resolved to continue to press Cockburn to clear Banjup's verges of fire hazards. Certainly, trees and other scrub less than 4 metres high should be cleared from the edge of the bitumen back 6 metres to the boundary of the road reserve. Specimen trees tended by adjacent homeowners would be exempt.	
7.2	Further, all verges should be sprayed for veldt grass by 31 August and all verge clearance work should be completed by 31 October every year.	
7.3	Stephen volunteered to draft a letter to Cockburn stressing the importance of the matter. The letter will be circulated to all Committee members for comment before dispatch.	Stephen
8.	Footpaths	
8.1	Coco reported that she had been invited to attend a meeting at Cockburn council in the week of 17 March to discuss alternative proposals for Banjup footpaths. Coco will advise the date and time so that other Committee members can attend also.	Coco

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9.	Other Business	
9.1	Jemma proposed that the BRG invest in PA system that can be used at general meetings. The proposal was supported by the Committee. Ian will investigate options.	Ian
10.	Next Meeting	
10.1	Monday 7 April 2014 at 7:30 pm at Caroline's house	