

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Dino's House, Jandakot****19 September 2016 7:30 pm****Present:**

Colin Bramwell

Coco Franklin

Helen Pavitt

Ian Thurston

Dino Elpitelli

Dan Franklin

Apologies

Liane Lied-Cordruwisch

Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the Committee meeting of 8 August 2016 were confirmed.	
2.	Treasurer's Report	
2.1	Coco reported that the BRG has \$2149 in its bank account.	
3.	Richgro	
3.1	Several Committee members toured the Richgro site on 3 September and had clear recollections of what was seen and heard. An email summarising the Committee's understanding of the visit was sent to Richgro on 5 September, with copies to Merritt Loop residents and to Cockburn council. The Committee expressed its continued support for that email.	
3.2	The Committee noted receipt of a report about the Richgro operations by Dr Jaya Nair, an environmental scientist who lives in Merritt Loop.	
3.3	The Committee resolved that its understanding of Richgro's current operations and plans for the future is not consistent with Dr Nair's report and so it will not be able to assist with any initiatives based on that report.	
3.4	The Committee resolved to remain silent on the Richgro matter unless other circumstances arise.	

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4.	Warton Road Sand Mine	
4.1	The Committee was pleased that the EPA had decided to hold a public review of the proposal to open a sand mine at a 'Bush Forever' site at the corner of Warton and Jandakot Roads. However, it is not clear when that review will commence.	
4.2	The Committee resolved to write to the EPA welcoming the public review and asking when the public consultation would commence.	
5.	Water Mound	
5.1	Dan reported that he had attended the annual meeting of the Jandakot Community Consultative Committee on 15 September. The meeting was briefed on the management of groundwater abstraction from the Jandakot system.	
5.2	Minutes of the meeting will be published shortly by the Department of Water. Dan will circulate them and provide a commentary on some of the issues.	Dan 1 Oct
6.	Airport Representation	
6.1	With Malcolm Wilcox' resignation, the BRG has no representation at the Jandakot Airport Community Consultation Committee. The Committee resolved to email all BRG members residing north of Armadale Road asking if anyone would volunteer to attend the meetings.	Ian 1 Oct
7.	Improvements in Local Government Accountability and Reporting	
7.1	Ian proposed that changes to the Local Government Act Regulations might be sufficient to deliver meaningful performance measures and value for money reporting from local governments. He suggested a 300 word amendment to the Regulations that could be approved by the State Executive Council (the Governor plus 2 Ministers) and gazetted without being referred to the Parliament.	
7.2	The Committee saw merit in the suggestion and agreed that the changes to the Regulations should be put to candidates for the WA State parliament.	All 31 Dec
7.3	The Committee noted that public pressure for improvements in local government would be essential to get any changes realised. Committee members will reflect on how this might be achieved.	All 31 Dec

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8.	Revegetation Association	
8.1	The Committee thanked Liane for her \$100 donation for membership of the Revegetation Association.	
9.	Beenyup Streetscape Improvements	
9.1	Helen presented proposals by the City of Cockburn for improvements to the streetscape at the entry points into Banjup. These would include planting of massed Xanthorrhoea and a “Welcome to Banjup” sign.	
9.2	The Committee supported the proposals and asked that Helen liaise with Cockburn to get the proposals realised. She will ask Lou Vieira from Cockburn to attend the Bush Fire Preparedness workshop on 8 October in the Banjup Hall.	Helen 30 Sep
10.	Bicycle Paths in the City of Cockburn	
10.1	Coco and Dan reported that they had attended a community consultation by the City of Cockburn to determine needs for bicycle paths across the City. Dan noted that no paths had been proposed for Banjup and so made several suggestions. Coco and Dan will keep the Committee abreast of developments.	
11.	Next Meeting	
11.1	The Committee will meet next when circumstances require.	