

Drummond Natural Diversity Recovery Catchment

Proceedings of the DNDRC Steering Committee Meeting

16th March 2005
(Meeting 4)



DNDRC Steering committee at the Erickson Farm SGSL project site

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DNDRC Steering Committee Notes

Meeting 16th March 2005 at Bolgart

- Meeting opened: ~ 10:00 a.m.
- Present:
 - Mike Meinema (Chairman DCLM),
 - Bob Huston (Exec. Officer, Recovery Catchment Officer DCLM),
 - Matt Edmonds (Solomon Yulgan Catchment Group),
 - Sally Craddock (Toodyay Shire)
 - Frank Rickwood (AgWA),
 - Elizabeth Tierney (Community Landcare Coordinator – Observer)
 - Geoff Erickson (Shire of Victoria Plains),
 - Greg Keighery (CALM)
- Apologies:
 - Stephanie Clarke (Solomon Yulgan Catchment Group),
 - David Cale (CALM)
 - David Mitchell (CALM)

Field excursion to inspect the SGSL project site preceded the Steering Committee meeting in Bolgart.

1.0 Review of past Meeting Proceedings:

Members reviewed the document summarising the meeting on 31st March 2004 and endorsed it (and attachments) as an accurate reflection of proceedings.

2.0 Recovery Catchment Officer – Report

Bob Huston [Recovery Catchment Officer] presented a summary of the 15 on-ground projects that were completed for 2004 (Attachment DNDRC Project Profiles 2004), which culminated in planting 112,632 seedlings over approximately 64 hectares. In conclusion, Bob outlined the range of projects planned for 2005 (see attachment), which will see 94,000 seedlings being planted across 12 properties over total area of approximately 81 ha. The Remnant Vegetation Protection Scheme will provide fencing material to protect 34 ha of remnant woodland over four properties.

3.0 General business

Direct Seeder Machine

Matt Edmonds recommended that the recovery catchment invest in a direct seeder, as there is a lot of opportunity to use this method in revegetation projects. He suggested that the recovery catchment should purchase the Chatfield Seeder. One of Matt's recovery catchment projects

includes direct seeding and planting seedlings. Strength, of the Chatfield direct seeder is that it fits onto CALM's Chatfield tree planter enabling direct seeding and tree planting to occur all in the same pass. The cost of the seeder is approximately \$2,700 (inc. GST). The merits of the recommendation were discussed and received strong support. It was acknowledged that having the direct seeder would enable work to be undertaken to rehabilitate woodlands lacking understory vegetation and that direct seeding is a method the recovery catchment has yet tried. Bob Huston confirmed that the budget could accommodate purchasing the Chatfield direct seeder.

It was resolved that the recovery catchment would purchase the Chatfield direct seeder as soon as possible.

Meetings

Mike Meinema put it to the committee how often they would like to meet each year and after some discussion it was confirmed that the committee would meet at least once year (March) with the opportunity to meet more so on a needs basis. The support for half-day meetings was reaffirmed.

7.0 Next Meeting

March 2006.

Attachment DNDRC Project Profiles 2004

DNDRC Project Profiles 2003-04			
Site/property	Project type	Area	Seedlings
Clarke Nev	Saline creekline rehab and protection	5.00	10048
Edmonds Matt	Waterlogged/saline rehab	2.00	8000
Edmonds Matt	Sandalwood/wildlife corridor	2.00	5004
Erickson Geoff	Saline creekline rehab and protection	8.00	17900
Kennedy Dan	Saline/erosion rehab/wildlife corridor	3.00	6144
McGill Julian	Oil mallee/hydrology	2.00	25000
McGill Julian	Waterlogged saline rehab/ wildlife corridor	2.00	4000
McGill Julian	GP rehab	1.00	Seed balls
McGill Julian	Remnant protection	3.00	
McGill Julian	Remnant protection	1.00	
Martin	Corridor	2.00	6000
Piggott John	Waterlogged/drainage line	2.00	3500
SGSL	Saline waterlogged rehab and protection	15.00	4000
TALGA Stevens Eddie	Creekline protection and rehab	10.00	19456
Watson Neil	Waterlogged rehab	2.00	6080

Appendix 1: Drummond NDRC Steering Committee Members:

Name	Position	Organization	Role	Contact details
Mike Meinema	District Manager	DCLM	Chairperson	Perth Hills District Office Mundaring Weir Rd, Mundaring WA 6073 Ph: 9295 1955
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