

Maclean Flying-fox Working Group
Meeting Outcomes from 11 August 2015

Attendees:

Linda Wright (Valley Watch) (LW)
Gillian Bennett, (Bat Historian/Yamba resident) (GB)
Rod Wright (Clarence Valley Council) (RW)
Andrew Petroeschovsky (Trade & Investment – Crown Lands) (AP)
Cat Smykowsky (Bush Regenerator) (CS)
Greg Bell (NSW Health) (GJB)
Robert Perl (Principal – Maclean High School) (RP)
David Robson (Acting School Education Director – Department of Education and Communities) (DR)
Rosalie Neve (OEH)
Sue Hedges (OEH)

Apologies:

Imelda Jennings (Wildlife SOS) and Ron Phillips (School Education Director – Department of Education and Communities)

General Business and discussion points:

Meeting Start

- Rosalie Neve opened the meeting at 1:00pm.
- LW advised the chair of discrepancies in previous minutes. Noting that Bob Perl represented Maclean High School and not the whole of the Department of Education and Communities.
- It was noted that David Robson was attending on behalf of Ron Phillips as the representative for the Department of Education and Communities.
- Action items from the previous meeting were reviewed. Updates and new actions arising are included in the summary table below.
- Detailed discussion points follow.

Batpack

- GJB advised that letters had been forwarded to OEH and copies were on the website.
- BP advised that pamphlets were given out to new children on induction to the school. Other general educational material was to be kept for certain classes. Both matters completed.
- BP has presently 200 pamphlets in stock, however would like to stock at least 500 for this year and next year's enrolments. BP asked members who is responsible to reprint educational material. Further clarification needed.
- LW/IJ to check balance of pamphlets if there are already some printed.

Letters

- Letters are still being drafted.
- BP advised that Sarah Armstrong is the President of the P & C and to send the letters via Maclean High School and they will forward them on.

- No contact person was known for TAFE. It was noted that TAFE were undergoing a restructure at the moment. It was discussed that a letter be prepared for TAFE requesting representation and to send the letter to RP for forward to TAFE contact.

Educational materials

- Follow up with IJ. Have made a range of changes and have they been sent through to her?
- Email changes to GB for the educational materials.

Signage

- RW and AP met and no issues with the signage location.
- Need to move forward with design of the sign and erecting signage. Circulate to members for comment out of session then forward to RW.
- IJ to send out content for signage for members comment re graphics.
- LW to update IJ.
- To be finalised out of session. LW to send to members then send to RW for erection.

DET offset planting

- Always going to be an issue of maintaining the land.
- School has limited knowledge of upkeep of the rainforest.
- RW talked to Grant McDonald (DEC Assets) about the ongoing maintenance of the walkway since opened.
- General discussion around maintenance issues. If funds not available to get TAFE or Green Army to assist.
- RW suggested to revisit original agreement with OEH re maintenance.
- RP - Maintenance issue in some locations are beyond the current capabilities of the school maintenance staff.

Fence Repair

- BP advised that fence has been repaired and now complete.

Maintenance activities

- BP advised there will always be an issue with lawn mowing. However, very conscious of disturbing FF colony during the day. Detrimental to both school and colony.
- RW advised that council now has an awareness of when pruning trees etc.
- No other issues – complete.

Camp management submission

- DY completed action and advised it is up on website.

Terms of reference and code of conduct

- GB advised that this is progressing.
- Group discussion around who is responsible for media releases and group spokesperson.
- Needs to be reflected in terms of reference for getting factual information out to the community. Needs consensus of group for media releases.

General business

- AP advised that Maclean Rainforest Reserve Trust has managed to receive \$10,000 for Public Reserve weed control in the reserve for the next 12 months.
- GJB reported some issues with public re Hendra virus. (fact sheet attached). A lot of educational issues with community and vaccine. GJB tabled a pamphlet on BAT STATS from Wildlife Health Australia (copy attached).
- David Robson (Acting School Education Director-Department of Education and Communities) advised his email address is david.a.robson@det.nsw.edu.au for future correspondence to be emailed to him.
- Confirmation of next meeting 10 November 2015 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Meeting ended at 2:00pm

Action Items

Item	Responsibility	Timeframe
Meeting Dates - Meeting reminder to be circulated the week prior all future WG meetings	OEH	ongoing
Batpack (induction packs for Yr 7) / Student Pack (all Maclean High School) - Letter from NSW Health to be provided for inclusion - NSW Health letter updated with 'an initiative of the MFFWG' - High school to be contacted re Batpack and materials amended as per comments received - Information sheet emailed to DY - Who is responsible for reprinting brochures/education material LW/IJ to check balance of pamphlets if there are already some printed	GJB GJB OEH IJ LW/IJ	Complete Complete Complete Complete Nov 2015
Letters - Letters to P&C (via BP), Yaegl, Nungera and TAFE to be prepared - Letters re mowing to High School and Essential Energy to be prepared	OEH OEH	Nov 2015 Nov 2015
Educational Materials - Email to GB and IJ for comment - Require amendments based on comments received.	OEH OEH	Nov 2015 Nov 2015
Signage Viewing Location - check tenure with Crown Lands and their agreement to place sign there - prepare content - signage comments to IJ - seek funds from Valley Watch once project advanced further - assist with design - check with RMS re willingness to fund Osprey sign in this location - information on fly-out observation location to be added to CVC website	RW/AP IJ and GB All LW OEH IJ RW	Ongoing to be completed out of session

<p>DET Offset Planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crown Lands to be contacted re repairs required to fence - Advice re fence damage and repairs/replacement needed - School community attitude to scope to increase area if plantings - Investigate Green Army/TAFE to maintain plantings 	<p>RW</p> <p>BP</p> <p>BP</p> <p>BP</p>	<p>complete</p> <p>complete</p> <p>Nov 2015</p> <p>Nov 2015</p>
<p>Communication Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter to DET re principles for maintenance work to minimize FF impacts given incident with mowing recently 	<p>OEH</p>	<p>Nov 2015</p>
<p>Camp Management Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OEH website to be updated to include WG submission 	<p>OEH</p>	<p>Nov 2015</p>
<p>Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct for Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original TOR and Code to be emailed to LW and GJB for review re chair and spokesperson - OEH to prepare draft for comment at next meeting 	<p>GB/ LW</p>	<p>Nov 2015</p> <p>Nov 2015</p>

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting 10 November from 1 to 3pm at CVC to be confirmed with RW if room available