

**18th MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA & WESTENPORT
Biosphere Research Committee meeting
to be held on Friday 8 August 2008 from 9.00 am – 11.00 am
Venue: Chisholm TAFE, Conference Room, 1st Floor, 2 New Holland Drive**

PRESENT:

Dr. Terry Coates	Mr. Eligio Bruzzese
Mr. David Nicholls	Mr. Garrique Pergl
Dr. Sharron Pfueller	Mr. Ian Stevenson
Mr. Peter Woodgate (Convenor)	

Observers:

Mr. Jim Kerin	Prof. Kim Lowell
Mrs. Jane Inall (Minute taker)	

Apologies:

Ms. Cecelia Witton

DRAFT AGENDA

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| 1. | Apologies, Welcome and welcome Observers | Convenor |
| 2. | Minutes of previous meeting | Convenor |
| 3. | Actions arising from previous meetings | Convenor |
| 4. | Report on Foundation Board | Convenor |
| 5. | Research Activities (standing report on all projects): | Convenor/DN |
| 6. | Endnote Database | S. Pfueller |
| 7. | Draft annual report | Convenor |
| 8. | Presentation by Mr. Garrique Pergl, Mornington Peninsula Shire | |
| 9. | Education strategy (no report) | Convenor |
| 10. | Funding sources – grant application procedure | All |
| 11. | Any other business | Convenor |
| 12. | Next meetings: originally Friday 7 November
(now needs to be re-scheduled to early December – please bring your diaries!) | |

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For info	YES
Decision	

ITEM 2 & 3: Minutes from the previous meeting and action list

1. PURPOSE

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2008.

2. ISSUES

None.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That approval be given to the minutes.

Prepared by: Peter Woodgate, Convenor
Cleared by:

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DRAFT Minutes of the
17th MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA & WESTENPORT
Biosphere Research Committee meeting
held on Friday 2 May 2008 at 9.00 am
Venue: Chisholm TAFE, Cranbourne

PRESENT:

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Mr. David Nicholls
Dr. Sharron Pfueller
Mr. Peter Woodgate (Convenor)

Mr. Garrigue Pergl
Mr. Ian Stevenson

Observers:

Ms. Cecelia Witton, Executive Officer, Biosphere Foundation
Mrs. Jane Inall (Minute taker)
Mr. Jim Kerin
Mr. Stuart Hall

Apologies:

Dr. Terry Coates
Prof. Kim Lowell
Mr. Jack Krohn, Company Secretary, Biosphere Foundation

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular Mr. Stuart Hall, currently assisting the Cardinia Shire with some research mapping work.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2008 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action 2: Social survey (Cecelia Witton/Sharron Pfueller): To date, 16 responses have been received to the survey outlining the current research projects being undertaken by the Biosphere. It was agreed to run this survey for an additional month. The final results will be tabled at the next Research Committee meeting.

It was agreed to circulate the survey to distribution lists to be provided by Mr. Stevenson.

ACTION 1: IS/CW/SP

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Action 8: Dr. Pfueller advised the meeting that one of her internship students had made significant progress in updating the database containing all research that has been undertaken in the Biosphere area. It was agreed that:

- Dr. Pfueller will continue to use internship students (where appropriate) as they become available to continue this work.
- Dr. Pfueller to talk to Jane Jobe and her own university IT staff about the best way forward with the database regarding access to it online and any IP issues.
- Dr. Pfueller to send a copy of the database to the Convenor and to give an overview demonstration of the database at the next Research Committee meeting.

ACTION 2: SP

- The Convenor to contact Barbara Porter to provide her with an update on the recent database work and invite her to attend the next Research Committee meeting.

ACTION 3: PW

The Committee thanked Dr. Pfueller for her work to date on the database and asked that she also pass on the Committee's sincere thanks and gratitude to the student for his efforts during his internship.

Action 9: Convenor to contact Dennis Williamson re making contact with Mr. Stevenson.

ACTION 4: PW

Action 11: Mr. Perrgl to make a presentation to the next Research Committee meeting on Friday 8 August.

ACTION 5: GP

Action 15: Convenor to contact Greg Hunt to invite him to the next Research Committee meeting on Friday 8 August to make a presentation on Greenhouse impacts and adaptation and to discuss the Mass Balance proposal.

Mr. Kerin to send out to the Convenor the outcomes from his meeting with Greg Hunt during w/c 5 May. This document will be circulated to Research Committee members for discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION 6: JK

4. REPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION BOARD

- Logo Concept – 3 colour concepts of a logo were presented at the meeting. Some enhancements were suggested and final concept in conjunction with new letterhead was circulated to board members for comment.
- The Board agreed that branding as UNESCO Biosphere remain an integral element
- Reade Smith made a verbal presentation on the Madrid Congress and his written report will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

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- Ministers approval sought for reappointment of Rob Gell as Chair and Jack Krohn as the Ministers representative.
- Sustainability Indicators – Application for funding to develop a model of sub regional sustainability indicators has been submitted. Frankston City Council as lead accord council, City of Casey as 2nd council with support from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Cardinia City Council, PPWPCMA and WPGA and Biosphere.
- Biosphere office is moving on 16th May 2008 to Shop 4 37-41 Victoria Street Hastings Mornington Peninsula Shire require our current office for their staff. They have provided generous assistance with the move.
- ‘Taking it to the Streets’ funding application was unsuccessful.
- A meeting with the Economic Development Officers from each council is being arranged in order to provide them with an overview of the Biosphere, its activities and future collaboration opportunities.
- The Chair of the Foundation Bound raised the issue of Biosphere twinning with another Biosphere overseas and referred this matter to the Research Committee. The benefit of doing so with special consideration given to migratory birds was noted and the Convenor will make contact with Birds Australia and UNESCO (via Reade Smith) to progress the issue.

ACTION 7: PW

5. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

5.1 Mass Balance project

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the proposal’s CSIRO lead author, Dr. Graham Turner and those Council representatives identified in the meeting papers. The Convenor and Research Committee members will also be invited to attend this meeting. The principle of the meeting with CSIRO and its purpose will be presented to the Council representatives at its next meeting with the Biosphere.

ACTION 8: CW

The purpose of the meeting with CSIRO will be to address the issues raised recently by Mr. Stevenson. These are:

- to convey an understanding of the proposed methodology to lead managers from each of the Councils
- to canvass the potential relationship with existing activities across the Biosphere to ensure no duplication
- to learn of similar projects operating elsewhere in Victoria and in particular the Castlemaine project and the statewide work.

These issues will be supplied to Dr. Turner for his preparation for the meeting.

5.2 South Brown Bandicoots

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It was agreed to provide a paper to the Foundation Board on the need to preserve the wildlife corridors and the SBB. Messrs. Nicholls, Bruzzese and Stevenson will collaborate on this report.

ACTION 9: DN/EB/IS

The Committee endorsed Mr. Nicholls' role as the main project leader on this project, for the next 12 months.

Mr. Nicholls advised that the final report from the SBB Public Day workshop will be presented to Foundation Board members, presenters and a CD to participants and a PDF version on the Biosphere website.

6. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

It was agreed that a wider call for articles would be circulated for the next newsletter edition, to include distribution lists to be provided by Mr. Stevenson.

ACTION 10: CW/Jane Jobe

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kerin tabled a copy of the DSE Green Paper on "Land and Biodiversity at a time of climate change". The Committee members agreed that as many community groups and individuals as possible should make submissions to this initiative.

Caring for Country – Coast Care projects are likely to remain at a similar level of funding save that broad scale integrated projects will be considered for the first time. A Western Port-wide project to protect Wader birds was offered as one example. The Biosphere has an opportunity to lead a consortium of partners; it is these funds that are the primary source of funds for the Biosphere. The counter opinion was offered – namely that we must complete the project we have before starting too many new projects. D Nicholls has advice from Denis Cox and Biosphere members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.15 am.

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ACTION NO.	DESCRIPTION	PERSON RESP.	DUE DATE	STATUS REPORT
MEETING NO. 17 – FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2008				
1	It was agreed to circulate the survey to distribution lists to be provided by Mr. Stevenson.	IS/CW/SP		Done.
2	<p>Re: research database:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pfueller will continue to use internship students (where appropriate) as they become available to continue this work. • Dr. Pfueller to talk to Jane Jobe and her own university IT staff about the best way forward with the database regarding access to it online and any IP issues. • Dr. Pfueller to send a copy of the database to the Convenor and to give an overview demonstration of the database at the next Research Committee meeting. 	SP		Done.
3	Convenor to contact Barbara Porter to provide her with an update on the recent database work and invite her to attend the next Research Committee meeting.	PW		Done.
4	Convenor to contact Dennis Williamson re making contact with Mr. Stevenson.	PW		Done.
5	Mr. Perrgl to make a presentation to the next Research Committee meeting on Friday 8 August.	GP		Done.
6	Mr. Kerin to send out to the Convenor the outcomes from his meeting with Greg Hunt during w/c 5 May. This document will be circulated to Research Committee members for discussion at the next meeting.	Jim K		
7	Convenor to make contact with Birds Australia and UNESCO (via Reade Smith) to progress the issue.	PW		
8	Arrange a meeting with the proposal's CSIRO lead author, Dr. Graham Turner and Council representatives. The Convenor and Research Committee members will also be invited to attend this meeting.	CW		Ongoing.
9	Provide a paper to the Foundation Board on the need to preserve the wildlife corridors and the SBB. Messrs. Nicholls,	DN/EB/IS		

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	Bruzzese and Stevenson will collaborate on this report.			
10	Wider call for articles to be circulated for the next newsletter edition, to include distribution lists to be provided by Mr. Stevenson.	CW/JJ		Done.
MEETING NO. 16 – FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2007				
11	Jim Kerin to liaise with Prof. Williamson regarding sharing some of his students’ material on the Biosphere website.	JK		Underway with Jane Jobe.
12	Re: “Biodiversity Hotspots” project: Res. Com.members and Obs requested to update list with contact information and other possible participants for proposed meeting, for forwarding on to Graham McLennan. Jack Krohn to identify a suitable DSE representative to attend this meeting.	ALL JK		On hold. Pending
13	Accreditation: JK and PW to approach stakeholders who are expert in accreditation.	PW/JK		Done
14	- Provide discussion paper on a proposed climate change forum. - Circulate an email to Res.Com.members re feedback on suggested website content.	JK JK		
15	Invite Greg Hunt (Greenhouse Coalition) to make a presentation to the Research Committee at a future meeting.	PW		Done.
MEETING NO. 15 – FRIDAY 25 MAY 2007				
16	Draft new application to Ross Trust for funds to cover the appointment of a coordinator for the Bandicoot project. David to advise Terry that this is being done.	JK/DN		In progress; draft available with JK & EO

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ITEM 4: Report on Foundation Board
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1. PURPOSE

A brief written report from Cecelia Witton, Executive Officer, Biosphere Foundation Board, is attached.

2. ISSUES

None.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Research Committee to note.

Prepared by: Cecelia Witton

Cleared by: Convenor

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**Report to Research Committee meeting 8th August 2008
From Cecelia Witton
Date 1st August 2008**

Summary of outcomes from board meeting 17th July 2008

Meeting was held in our Victoria Street office for the first time even though furniture was a bit basic.

To promote the office relocation photos were taken for an article in the local paper.

Reappointment of Chair

Confirmation received from Minister Jennings for reappointment of Rob Gell as Chair he was formally appointed by the Board.

AGM planned for 12th of October and suggested that Minister Jennings be invited to attend, proposed program to be developed and include launch of Bandicoot Recovery Report and updates on Watson Creek.

Policy

The Executive adopted, as an interim position, policies on Advocacy Policy Position in relation to Bandicoots and Logo use these are to be circulated to the Board for review.

Future Funding and Profile

Need to secure core funding to enable further development and implementation of the role Biosphere Foundation is recognised and an Extraordinary Board meeting to be held on 4th September to finalise business plan and strategy to actively seek corporate and philanthropic funds. This will be a primary focus for the next six months. Caring for Country Grants applications prepared for Watson Creek and Bandicoot and Feral animal control project. Development of logo and arrival of lapel badges featuring a representation will be useful in lifting the profile of the organisation. A Banner is being designed for use at functions, donation from Rob is paying for this. A small brochure is being worked on. Further discussions to be held with Tourism Victoria re road signage for the The Biosphere, and discussion with councils re incorporating signs with existing.

Mass Balance – presentation planned for 5th August was postponed as target council representatives would be unable to attend. Further consultations planned following general support expressed at the initial meeting on 18th June. Casey Council, Balla Balla Environment Group and other stakeholders to discuss possible implementation of the Watson Creek model for a project on Langwarrin Creek.

Presentation by Jack on his visit to Fitzgerald River Biosphere Reserve in Western Australia.

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ITEM 5: Research Activities

1. PURPOSE

To receive an update on the research projects.

2. ISSUES

Issues for consideration by the Research Committee:

- 2.1 Verbal report from David Nicholls on the Landscape Species workshop held on 22 July 2008.
- 2.2 Update on the Mass Balance workshop with CSIRO and local government representatives.
- 2.3 Forthcoming meeting on 4 September with the Biosphere Board to develop the plan for securing significant additional funding for all Biosphere activities.

Please find attached summary report by David Nicholls on all of the Bandicoot activities, together with a funding reconciliation summary. Please also find attached a report by David Nicholls, Ronnie May, Gillian Collins, Greg Ashby entitled “An inventory of the perimeter fence of the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve”. This is attached for your information.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee to discuss.

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ITEM 6: Endnote Database
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1. PURPOSE

To receive an update from Dr. Sharron Pfueller on the database.

2. ISSUES

For discussion.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

Prepared by: Convenor

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ITEM 7: Draft Annual Report

1. PURPOSE

To provide Committee members with a copy of the draft report provided by the Convenor for the 2006/07 Biosphere Foundation Annual report.

2. ISSUES

For discussion.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

Prepared by: Convenor

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DRAFT BIOSHERE RESEARCH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2007 – 2008

The Research Committee has had another active year. The Committee has met regularly during the year, usually once a quarter. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

The Biosphere was awarded two Envirofund grants for bandicoot conservation works worth \$52,000, including a Landscape species grant worth \$5,000 for mapping and planning and a Threatened Species Network Community grant worth \$15,000 for fox control.

Substantial improvements were made to the existing database of resource material that was originally prepared by Ms. Barbara Porter. The updates were compiled by Mr. Joseph Mungere, a Masters student of Dr. Sharron Pfueller's at Monash University. The Biosphere is grateful to both Mr. Mungere and Dr. Pfueller for this excellent work. It is now available on the Biosphere's website.

The Committee continued to improve its Strategic Plan in response to the changing needs of the Biosphere Foundation. The Strategic Plan now covers the Southern Brown Bandicoot, energy and greenhouse, biodiversity, modelling of key species, environmental indicators, accreditation, revisiting the Shapiro study and social research. We have had important presentations on biodiversity opportunities (Ms. Gidja Walker) and landscape assessment (Mr. Dennis Williamson), to improve our Strategic planning.

Under the leadership of David Nicholls and Terry Coates, the Research Committee has continued to give a high priority to activities that support the sound management of the Southern Brown Bandicoot. These included publishing, in book form, the papers from our major workshop on the Bandicoot of November 2006, and completing a paper for the Victorian Naturalist by Terry Coates on its distribution in southern Victoria. Much effort has gone into researching the present conservation status of the bandicoot. The grants support on-ground conservations, an activity that has required extensive practical works, community engagement and cooperation with government agencies (at all three levels) and NGOs involved with bandicoot and biodiversity management, thereby giving substance to the role of the Biosphere in bringing people together.

The Committee welcomed three new members to the Research Committee: Dr. Sharron Pfueller, a leading social researcher from Monash University; Mr. Garrigue Pergl, Environmental Planner with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council; and Mr. Ian Stevenson, Manager of Sustainability at Cardinia Shire Council. These join the existing members of: Mr. El Bruzzese, former Director of the Keith Turnbull Research Institute; Dr. Terry Coates (Royal Botanic Gardens); and Mr. David Nicholls (Chisholm Institute). All are to be thanked for their continuing support for the Biosphere.

The Committee would also like to thank: the Biosphere's Executive Officers, Ms. Cecelia Witton, Mr. Graham McLennan; the Chairman, Mr. Rob Gell; the Foundation Board;

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Ms. Yvonne Reifenberg, the Biosphere's Administration Officer; and Chisholm Institute for their great support and help during the year.

Finally, the Committee would like to thank the dedicated efforts of Mrs. Jane Inall for her minute taking, preparation of meeting papers and handling most correspondence for the fourth year in a row.

Peter Woodgate
Convenor
Biosphere Research Committee

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ITEM 8: Presentation by Mr. Garrique Pergl
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ITEM 9: Education Strategy
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1. PURPOSE

This is a standing agenda item and is included here to remind the Research Committee that in due course, it should initiate the preparation of an education strategy.

2. ISSUES

There is no education strategy and no work has been undertaken in developing it. Consideration needs to be given to the priority for the development of an education strategy.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

For the consideration of the Research Committee, at this meeting, time permitting.

Prepared by: Peter Woodgate, Convenor

Cleared by:

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ITEM 10: Funding sources – grant application procedure
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1. PURPOSE

To discuss any issues relating to funding sources and to review the attached final draft of the proposed application procedure.

2. ISSUES

Refer attached form and list of funding sources. This list is maintained by the Convenor, Peter Woodgate. Please feel free to advise Peter at any time of updates to this list.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

All Committee members to maintain an active interest in keeping the list of funding sources up to date.

Prepared by: Convenor
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Biosphere Research Project Proposal Form

This form is to be used by anyone who would like to suggest a new research project for consideration by the Biosphere Foundation. Advisory notes to help complete this form and provide guidance on the approvals process are given at the end of this document.

Project Leader:
Project Title
Project Number:
Commencement Date:
Completion Date:
Project Participants

**Budget Request from
the Biosphere
Foundation**

Year 1 \$
Year 2 \$

Project Summary:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Background:

Succinctly state the nature of the proposal,

Objectives:

Description - *list the objectives of this work*

Strategic fit - *describe how each objective fits with the Biosphere Foundations Living Strategy Plan*

Benefits to the Biosphere Foundation – *describe where possible/practicable*

Demonstration– *how will the successful outcomes be demonstrated?*

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Outcomes (Deliverables)

Describe what the project will produce.

Key Assumptions & Risk Analysis

Risk Analysis - *identify these and indicate relative degree of risk (high, medium, low)*

BACKGROUND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Identify any background IP being brought to the project

- From Project Participants
- To Be Acquired From Other Sources

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PROBLEMS

PART B: PROJECT PLAN

PROJECT MILESTONES

Task - describe in detail the work to be undertaken.

Milestones - define milestones for each quarter of the proposed duration. These must be discrete events and include minimal subjective or qualitative evaluations.

Deliverable - define milestones for each quarter of the proposed duration. These must be quantifiable achievements and include minimal subjective or qualitative evaluations.

Task	Milestone	Deliverable	Participant				
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.						•	
2.						•	

● Denotes Milestone and Quarter at which Deliverable is required.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BIOSPHERE FOUNDATION

Project Budget	Year 1, Qtr 1	Year 1, Qtr 2
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Salaries	
Travel Equipment	
Total	

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS
(PERSONNEL)**

Resource	Start Date	End Date	% of time utilised

DATA ACCESS & EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

Resource	Start Date	End Date	% util	Agreed With

STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNICATION

Stakeholders	How Affected	Method Of Communication

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ADVISORY NOTES

Rationale:

To set up a *due diligence* process for the appraisal of:

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- Applications to the Biosphere by other organisations and individuals to conduct research in or with the Biosphere;
- Applications to the Biosphere for an endorsement or badging of an activity / entity as “Biosphere approved”.

Further, to provide a brief project pro forma / application form.

Draft application protocol:

- Obtain & complete the research project pro forma
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- BRC will review and provide comment on the proposal.
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- The BRC will send a copy of these reviews to Foundation Board via Chair’s report / minutes
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Draft Research Project Application Process & Pro Forma

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Pro Forma:

- Title
- Abstract (100 words);
- Outcomes (100 words);
- List of investigators and affiliations;
- Timelines of major components;
- Source of funding sort

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Easygrants Report July 2007
Opportunities for EV

Grant making Body	Contact Details	Closing Date	Amount Generally Funded	Priority Areas	EV Project Suitable
Adobe Software Donation Program	1300 550 205 http://www.giftsinkind.org/resources/software.asp https://adobeprograms.giftsinkind.org/app_international.pdf	<i>ongoing</i>	In kind – up to 4 software licences	To provide schools and non profits with the tools they need to provide digital technology and visual literacy to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Schools ◆ Affiliates ◆ EV
ANZ Staff Foundation Grants	03 9273 2701 1800 808 910 http://www.anz.com.au/aus/aboutanz/Community/Programs/StaffFound.asp	<i>15 Jan 2007</i> 15 July 2007	Max. \$30,000	Includes: assist communities to conserve resources and protect the environment – priorities to projects including ANZ staff involvement of some sort.	◆ Affiliates
ANZ Charitable Trusts - William Buckland Foundation	http://www.anz.com.au/australia/charitabletrusts/guNam.med.asp#WillBuck 1800 808 910 03 9273 2701	1 Jan 2007 <i>1 April 2007</i> <i>1 July 2007</i> 1 Oct 2007	prefer not less than \$10,000	public scientific and public education (but not schools and preferably agriculture related) get half of the money	◆ Affiliates
George Alexander Foundation	http://www.gafoundation.org.au/	<i>1 Febr 2007</i>	various	To prevent irreversible damage to the environment and	◆ Affiliates

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	03 9650 3188	<i>1 May 2007</i> 1 Aug. 2007 <i>1 Nov. 2007</i>		encourage the maintenance of biodiversity	
Andrews Foundation	9793 4722 http://www.andrewsfoundation.org.au/	3 Mar. 2007 2 June 2007 3 Nov 2007	various	To support the local South-East growth corridor community (Pakenham to Est Gippsland, but includes Mornington Pen). Prefer one-off capital works	◆ Local Affiliates
Australia Post Community Development Grant - Landcare	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=9 (02) 9412 1040 1800 151 105	31 May 2007 14 Sept 2007	\$3,300 max.	To fund work, tools/equipment, awareness for local environment projects	◆ Affiliates
BHP Billiton Corporate Community Program	http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bbContentRepository/SustainableDev/Community/SupportGuidelinesFoundation/Guidelines.pdf Nicole.Crook@bhpbilliton.com (03) 9609 3341	<i>1 Mar 2007</i> 1 Aug 2007 <i>1 Nov. 2007</i>	Min \$50,000 Max. \$200,000	To provide sustainable long term social and environmental benefits. Will support multi-year projects up to 3 years.	◆ could be any program
Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund – Landcare Australia	02 9412 1040 1800 151 105 https://wic004tv.server-secure.com/vs154616_secure/resources/Bundy_Grant	ongoing	Min \$1,100 Max. \$5,500	To assist landcare and community groups tackle water quality projects	◆ Affiliates doing work with creeks, wetlands, etc

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Caltex Sponsorship Program	http://www.caltex.com.au/community_spo.asp	ongoing	Various	Focus on community groups near major Caltex facilities. Environmental aspect might include: research, community education, air/water quality, wetlands	◆ Local Affiliates
City West Water – Community Support Program	enquiries@citywestwater.com.au http://www.citywestwater.com.au/	ongoing	\$5,000 max.	Environmental and community focussed projects in City West’s suburbs of operation	◆ Affiliates in local area
Coles Group Community Grants Programme	http://www.colesgroup.com.au/library/AboutUs/Community_grant_Guidelines.pdf (03) 9829 4434	31 Aug 2007	\$5k to \$50K from a pool of \$100K	Environment is one of four categories. Gives money to community around a Coles store	◆ Local Affiliates
Corangamite Shire Council – Environment Grants	Environment Project Officer (03) 5593 7100	31 Aug 2007	Up to \$2,000 on a dollar for dollar basis	biodiversity protection, revegetation with indigenous species, waste and recycling initiatives, energy conservation, water conservation and educational activities.	◆ Affiliates in local area
Envirofund – Natural Heritage Trust – Round 10 Coastal and Marine	http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html http://hermes.erin.gov.au/ciurf/env10/index.shtml	20 July 2007	Max \$50,000 from pool of \$4M	To help communities undertake local projects aimed at protecting our coastal catchments, ecosystems and the marine	◆ Affiliates

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	1800 303 863 envirofund@daff.gov.au .			environment	
Equity Trustees	http://www.equitytrustees.com.au/pdf_files/Guidelines_EQT_Discretionary.pdf http://www.eqt.com.au/philanthropy/trusts.asp 03 8623 5379	31 July 2007	\$7M in pool of all categories	“Preservation of natural flora and fauna or the preservation of our natural heritage” is one category	• Affiliates
Alfred Felton Bequest – ANZ Charitable Trusts	1800 808 910 http://www.anz.com.au/aus/fin/Trustees/guNamed.asp#Felton	<i>31 Mar. 2007</i> <i>1 Sept 2007</i>	Various	Primary focus on physical and emotional health of women and children	◆ Walking programs
Hewlett-Packard Grants	By mail to: The Philanthropy Coordinator Hewlett-Packard Australia Ltd 3 Richardson Place North Ryde NSW 2113 http://hp.com.au/hpinfo/philanthropy.asp	ongoing	Mainly in-kind	Grants of computer products and systems to support education	◆ Affiliates ◆ Schools ?
IBM On Demand Community	http://www-8.ibm.com/ibm/au/community/on_demand.html	ongoing	In kind and labour	IBM fosters volunteerism among its workforce and retiree population. Will provide support if have a	◆ Affiliates

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	Applications are an IBM internal process			member in community group	
Junior Landcare Grants Program - Mitre 10, Bi-Lo, Australia Post and Landcare	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6 1800 151 105 9662 9977 Rebecca Millard	23 Febr. 2007 18 May 2007 3 Aug 2007 19 Oct 2007	Av. \$500 from a total pool of \$200,000	for schools and youth groups wishing to participate in environmental projects	♦ could be used by affiliates ♦ Schools
Junior Watercare Grants Program – Melbourne Water	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6 1800 151 105 Rebecca Millard	3 Aug 2007	Max. \$2,000	for schools and youth groups wishing to participate in river health projects – includes water quality, signage, reduce litter.	♦ could be used by affiliates ♦ Schools
Mercy Foundation - Environment Grants for Schools	http://www.mercyfoundation.com.au/pf_applying.htm#time John Dacey (Grants Off) projects@mercyfoundation.com.au or (02) 9699 8726 http://www.mercyfoundation.com.au/seg.htm	15 March 2007 <i>1 Sept. 2007</i>	\$1,000 Max.	For environment rehabilitation and education	♦ EV affiliates ♦ Schools
Microsoft - Unlimited Potential Software Donations	12 30 58 http://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizen	ongoing	Not cash - Gives Microsoft software	Group needs to use the facility to provide IT training for under served individuals	♦ EV affiliates

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	ship/citizenship/giving/programs/up/grants.msp			(eg volunteers) – public access	
The Mullum Trust	Ms Simone Mitchell 9208 7000 simitchell@deloitte.com.au	ongoing	\$100 - \$10,000 from a pool of \$40,000	‘to support and engender projects that have a significant, ongoing or catalytic environmental outcomes’	◆ affiliates
Operation Backyard – Westpac with Landcare	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=7 (02) 9412 1040	Ongoing	Av. \$3,500	To help complete environmental projects in local communities – funding and labour	◆ Local affiliates
Our Community	www.ourcommunity.com.au	Ongoing	Various	This website contains free information on improving the performance of boards, advice on fundraising, a policy bank of pre-prepared policies covering issues such as sponsorship and fundraising etc. There is provision to list ourselves for the purposes of receiving donations.	◆
Project AWARE Foundation Grants	http://www.projectaware.org/americas/english/grants.asp info@projectaware.com	15 Mar 2007 15 June 2007 15 Sept 2007	Max. \$2,500	‘To conserve and preserve the aquatic environment and its resources’ – includes grass roots programs and public education	◆ Affiliates

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	au	15 Dec 2007			
RACV Foundation Grants	http://www.racv.com.au/wps/wcm/resources/file/e7fe202abb655b/2007%20guidelines.pdf Executive Off, RACV Foundation 9944 8706	4 May 2007 2 Nov 2007	Max \$5,000 Av. \$4,000	'Conservation, Environment and Heritage' is one of 6 categories	◆ Affiliates
Reichstein Foundation	http://www.reichstein.org.au/info@reichstein.org.au (03) 9650 4400	Ongoing	Max. \$20,000	Social justice, advocacy, community education	◆ Innovative approaches and issues ◆ Land use issues ?
Renewable Energy Support Fund – Sustainability Victoria	info@sustainability.vic.gov.au (03) 8626 8700	Ongoing	Up to 20% of capital cost	To fund and facilitate innovative renewable energy projects that contribute to reducing Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions.	◆ Affiliates
R E Ross Trust	9690 6255 information@rosstrust.org.au http://www.rosstrust.org.au/	ongoing	Median about \$10K no max or min	Includes 'environmental needs and problems'	◆ Affiliates ◆ Healthy Rivers
Arthur B Schultz Foundation	http://www.absfoundation.org/guide.html http://www.absfoundation.org/	ongoing	Various amounts	four objectives – one is 'promoting healthy wildland ecosystems and wildlife habitat, including supporting	• Affiliates

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	info@absfoundation.org			research and advocacy'	
Helen Macpherson Smith Trust	9662 1951 www.hmstrust.org.au http://www.hmstrust.org.au/apply.htm Mr Darvell M. Hutchinson	31 Jan 2007 30 April 2007 30 Sept 2007	\$500 to \$250K \$3M pa in total	Environment is one category	• Affiliates
State Trustees Grants Program (Elizabeth Kucera Memorial Foundation)	http://www.statetrustees.com.au/index.cfm?pageID=168&pageREF=69& 9667 6444	31 Aug 2007 (usually)	\$500-\$5,000 from a pool of \$40,000	projects that directly support the elderly and the disabled, and enabled them to become more integrated with their community.	◆ Elderly and disabled mobility projects
Telstra's Kids Fund	http://202.12.135.148/dir148/tfweb.nsf/webdocs/TK~ApplicationGuidelines?opendocument 1800 208 378	28 Sep. 2007 March 2008 June 2008	\$1,200 max	funds organisations and activities that the " <u>children</u> " of Telstra employees are involved in – environment, education, sport and recreation are some of these	◆ Affiliates
Ray and Joyce Uebergang Foundation	Donald Aitken Tait Taylor lawyers 03 5560 2124	10 Mar 2007 10 June 2007 10 Sept 2007 10 Dec 2007	\$500 to \$5,000 Pool of \$100,000	Includes 'public scientific'	• Affiliates
Westpac / Landcare – Operation Backyard	David Hehir david@landcareaustralia.com.au	<i>Ongoing</i>	Av. \$3,500 Max. 50% of the cost of the	To help provide both volunteer labour and financial resources to support the	◆ Affiliates

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	(02) 9662 9977		environmental materials	successful completion of environmental projects in local communities.	
Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants	admin@nwf.org.au (03) 9650 3188 Ms Therese Reidy http://www.nwf.org.au/guidelines.html	<i>30 Mar 2007</i> <i>29 June 2007</i> 28 Sept 2007 <i>29 Dec 2007</i>	Max. \$10,000	research, education and recording of all aspects of the natural living environment	◆ Affiliates

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**LIST OF FUNDING SCHEMES FOR
AUSTRALIAN COMPETITIVE GRANTS REGISTER (ACGR)
Updated: 14 August 2008**

Explanatory note: this list has also been modified by the Biosphere Research Committee.

Commonwealth Schemes (by portfolio)

Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry - Australia

- Cotton R&D Corporation Research Grants
- Dairy R&D Corporation Competitive Grants
- Fisheries R&D Corporation
- Forest and Wood Products R&D Corporation
- Grains R&D Corporation
- Grape and Wine R&D Corporation Competitive Grants Scheme
- Horticultural R&D Corporation
- Land and Water Resources R&D Corporation
- Meat and Livestock Australia Research Program
- Pig R&D Corporation
- Regional Catchment Investment Plans
- Rural Industries R&D Corporation
- Sugar R&D Corporation
- Tobacco R&D Council

Attorney-General's

- Criminology Research Fund

Australian Greenhouse Office

- Renewable Energy Commercialisation Program

Defence

- Army History Research Grants Scheme

Education, Science and Training

- Australian Research Council
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies - Research Grants
- Australian National Training Authority - VET Research Centres
- Australian Research Council
 - Indigenous Researchers Development Scheme
 - International Researcher Exchange (IREX) Scheme
 - Key Centres for Teaching & Research
 - Large Research Grants Scheme
 - Research Fellowships Scheme
 - Special Research Centres
 - Strategic Partnerships with Industry - Research and Training (SPIRT) Scheme
- Children's Literacy National Projects (CLP)
- Grants for National Literacy and Numeracy Strategies Project Programme – Strategic Research Projects Only
- Monash University – Joint Faculty of Arts/Faculty of Information Technology Small Grants Scheme 2005 – upto \$10,000
- Monash University – Small Grants Scheme, Faculty of Education

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National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER)

- National Managed Vocational Education and Training Research and Evaluation Program
- Small Research Grants Scheme

Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC) Research Grant Scheme (Worksafe Australia)

Environment and Heritage

- Australian Antarctic Science Grants
- Australian Biological Resources Study Participatory Program
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Augmentative Reef Research Grant Scheme

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) – R&D Development Projects

Health and Aged Care

- Cochrane Collaborative Groups' Funding Scheme
- Commonwealth AIDS Research Grants (CARG)
 - CARG Project Grants
 - CARG Fellowships
 - CARG National Centres in HIV Research
 - CARG Collaborating Centres to the National Centres in HIV Research
 - ANCAHRD Commissioned Research Grants
- General Practice Evaluation Program (GPEP)
- National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund (NDLERF)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
 - Project Grants
 - Program, Unit, Centre and Institute Grants
 - Training Fellows
 - Health Research Partnerships
 - Program in Medical Genomics
 - Health and Economics Research Program
 - Translation Grants In Injury
 - Youth Suicide Prevention
 - National Illicit Drugs Strategy
 - Treatment of Drug Dependencies
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Use
 - General National Illicit Drugs Strategy Research
 - Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy Research
 - Centre for Clinical Excellence in Hospital Based Research
 - Hepatitis C Research
 - Otitis Media in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
 - Diabetes and Related Disorders in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
 - Mental Health – Effect of Early Psychosis Intervention Programs
 - Ageing Research
 - Systems of Care for Chronic Disease
 - Palliative Care
- Research into Drug Abuse Program (RIDAP)

Industry, Science and Resources

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- *R&D Start* Program Grants for Graduate-based R&D Projects

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- *R&D Start* Grants for Joint Applications

Veterans' Affairs

Health and Medical Research Grants

Non-Commonwealth Schemes

ANZ Trustees Philanthropy Partners - Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment Grants.

Australian Coal Association Research Program (ACARP)

Australian Dental Research Foundation Grants

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) Research Funding Scheme

Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) Grants (direct grants)

Australian Landscape Trust

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists – Research Funding Scheme

Australian Kidney Foundation - Project Grants

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

CARDio VAScular LIPid Research Grants, Parke Davis/Pfizer

The Clive and Vera Ramaciotti Foundations

Dust Disease Board Research Grants Scheme

Financial Markets Foundation for Children Grants

Garnett Passe and Rodney Williams Memorial Foundation

- Grants-in-aid

- Overseas Research Fellowships

- Project Grants

- Research Training Fellowships in Otorhinolaryngology

- Senior/Principal Research Fellowships

John T Reid Charitable Trust ** (rec. by Clive Fraser – August 2008)

Joint Coal Board Health and Safety Trust

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Grants

MBF Health Research Awards – Research Project Grants

McGuire Family Interest

Myer Foundation

National Breast Cancer Foundation - Kathleen Cunningham Research Grants

National Heart Foundation of Australia

- Grants-In-Aid for Research (Biomedical and Education/Health Promotion)

- Postdoctoral Fellowships

National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Australia - Projects Grants and Postdoctoral Fellowships

Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia (ORIA)

Pharmacy Guild of Australia - Investigator Initiated Projects

Port Phillip and Westernport CMA calendar

Pratt Foundation

Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation

- Senior Medical Research Fellowships

- Clinical Investigatorships

Trust for Nature

Williamson Foundation

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For info	YES
Decision	

ITEM 11: Any Other Business

ITEM 12: Next meetings

The meeting scheduled for Friday 7 November 2008 needs to be moved to early December so please bring your diaries to the meeting!