

20th MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA & WESTENPORT
Biosphere Research Committee meeting
to be held on Friday 17 July 2009 from 9.00 am – 11.00 am
Venue: Chisholm TAFE, Cranbourne

PRESENT:

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

Observers:

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

Apologies:

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. Presentation on recent trip to Korea | C. Witton |
| 7. Education Strategy | S. Pfueller |
| 8. Funding sources – grant application procedure | All |
| 9. Any other business | Convenor |
| 10. Meetings in 2009: | |

Friday 25 September	9am – 11 am
Friday 27 November	9am – 11 am

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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 27 March 2009.

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
20th MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA & WESTENPORT
Biosphere Research Committee meeting
held on Friday 27 March 2009 at 9.15 am
Venue: Chisholm TAFE, Cranbourne campus

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Observers:

Mr. Rod McLellan (Project Manager, Port of Hastings Corporation)
Mr. Scott Chidgey (Marine Ecologist, Port of Hastings Corporation)
Mrs Jane Inall

Apologies:

Prof Kim Lowell, Jeff Weir, Jack Krohn, Cecelia Witton

Note: Dr. Coates left the meeting at 10.30 am

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular Messrs. McLellan and Chidgey.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2008 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, with the following amendment.

Mr. Nicholls asked for the following amendment to the minutes. The last sentence of the first paragraph under "Research Report" will now read: "It was noted that all veterinary practices in the affected regions would be notified, together with the appropriate political contacts."

3. OUTSTANDING OR FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action 1: Draft of Ross Trust application. Dr. Coates and Mr. Woodgate to progress this out of session.

ACTION : TC/PW

Action 11: Board and Committee dates on website: Mr. Woodgate to ask Ms. Witton to action.

Action 12: policy position on fencing issues. Dr. Coates to action.

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4. FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

A written report was circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting.

The Board needs to address the issue of long-term sustainable funding as a high priority. Committee members were asked to help free up Ms. Witton's time in the short-term to assist her with this task. The Convenor will advise the Foundation Board that the Research Committee is happy to help with this issue in whatever way possible.

5. MASS BALANCE PROPOSAL

Current Council concerns regarding the proposal will be addressed via a workshop and additional briefings. It will be important to engage community organisations in the MB proposal, in addition to the five councils. An invitation will be extended to key organisations to attend the MB meeting being arranged by Ms. Witton.

ACTION 1: PW

A copy of the current MB proposal to be sent to Mr. McLellan.

ACTION 2: PW

6. PRESENTATIONS BY PORT OF HASTINGS

Presentations were received by Messrs. McLellan and Chidgey regarding the scoping phase studies for the Stage 1 expansion of the Port of Hastings. The Committee requested that it be kept updated on the progress of these studies. Committee members would be interested to participate in any workshops to be arranged relating to this project. The Committee thanked Messrs. McLellan and Chidgey for their comprehensive presentations.

7. RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Mr. Nicholls sought endorsement by the Committee of the proposed funding applications to Norm Wettenhall Foundation and to Dame Elisabeth Murdoch and requested that these submissions be sent either by the Committee or the Biosphere office. Endorsement was given subject to the priorities of the Biosphere office in general fund raising.

Mr. Stephenson to provide the link to the Community Indicators Victoria report and to provide Committee members with a copy of the Cardinia Shire Council's Indicators of Community Sustainability report. Research Committee members are welcome to provide feedback on this document to Mr. Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson will ascertain how the Biosphere can add value to the sustainability indicators project he is currently working on with the five councils.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nicholls requested that Mr. Yugovic's input to the Research Strategy be circulated to Committee members with a view to coordinating the native vegetation policies of all Biosphere councils. Mr. Yugovic's input can be found at the end of these minutes.

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Mr. Yugovic's City of Kingston Biodiversity Strategy document, circulated to Committee members in 2006, is attached to these draft minutes.

9. MEETING DATES IN 2009

The Research Committee has chosen its meeting dates for 2009. They are:

Friday 26 June	9am – 11am
Friday 25 September	9am – 11am
Friday 27 November	9am – 11am

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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ACTIONS

NO.	DESCRIPTION	WHO	STATUS REPORT
MEETING NO. 20 – FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2009			
1	An invitation will be extended to key organisations to attend the Mass Balance meeting	PW/CW	Done
2	A copy of the current Mass Balance proposal to be sent to Mr. McLellan.	PW/JI	Underway
MEETING NO. 19 – FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2008			
3	Dr Coates to prepare a draft of the Ross Trust application and seek input from Mr Nicholls and Ms Witton before circulating a draft to Committee members for comment.	TC/PW	Ongoing
4	Re Mass Balance proposal: Once the draft is revised, a meeting of officers from the five councils to be convened to determine how to raise funding. This meeting should involve the CSIRO proponents. It should take place in the New Year once the new councilors are in place.	CW	Done.
5	Foundation Board and Research Committee meeting dates to be added to the website	CW	To follow up
6	Dr. Coates to produce a one page report on the fencing issues including graph (before and after effects of fencing) to be circulated, out of session, to the Biosphere Board.	TC/PW	Done – circulated with these minutes
7	Convenor to make contact with Birds Australia and UNESCO (via Reade Smith) to progress the issue.	PW	Not done yet.
8	Jim Kerin to liaise with Prof. Williamson regarding sharing some of his students' material on the Biosphere website	JK	

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ITEM 4: Report on Foundation Board

1. PURPOSE

A verbal report will be provided by Cecelia Witton, Executive Officer, Biosphere Foundation, following the Foundation Board meeting held on 16 July 2009.

2. ISSUES

None.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Research Committee to note.

Prepared by: Cecelia Witton
Cleared by: Convenor

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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 A verbal report to be provided by Ms. Witton on the current status of the Mass Balance proposal.
- 2.2 A report on bandicoot recovery is attached.
- 2.3 Research project proposal (part of Monash University GSES research internship) to be discussed – I. Stevenson

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee to discuss.

Prepared by: David Nicholls/Convenor

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SB Bandicoot Report July 2009. To Biosphere Board & Research Committee

Grant Projects The three grants from the NHT have been completed and reported. They have been submitted to the auditor. We expended all funds. In summary:

1. With a WWF Threatened Species Grant we implemented a 1080 fox control program across 250 sq km; 20 private properties with several key stake holders. This is an important contribution; it establishes that the only cost-effective control measure can indeed be implemented in peri-urbane countryside despite very considerable community caution and even strong resistance. It can be done by our community. Further, the Biosphere has been directly responsible for gaining the support of DSE to extend and maintain our initiative. It has resulted in the Royal Botanic Garden Cranbourne (with DSE) extending the Garden's fox control program to their neighbours. Parks Victoria is protecting their North Western Port Nature Conservation Reserve including Quail Island. The Biosphere is negotiating with Melbourne Water and their inclusion in this joint project is highly probable. Likewise, the Cardinia Shire Council and City of Casey will also join the program. We have built a very strong relationship with Swamp Landcare and an excellent partnership with the Cardinia Environment Coalition. This all results from the Biosphere's Public Meeting in November 2006. Independently to Biosphere's efforts, the Cardinia Shire Council (Ian Stevenson) with others has produced the Strategic Management Plan for Southern Brown Bandicoots in the Koo Wee Rup Region; another very powerful tool to achieve sustainability and it will extend the Biosphere's objectives.

2. With a second *envirofund* grant, we planted over 3,000 trees and shrubs to created bandicoot habitat across four properties erecting protective fences and distributing over 200 bandicoot refuge shelters. These two grants generated meetings and activity among a number of stakeholders from community groups at Cape Lip Trap to DSE Western Ark at Portland, Victoria.

3. Using a Round 8 *envirofund* grant at The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve we:

- secured the perimeter gates,
- surveyed the perimeter fence assessing each 30m length of the 11km of perimeter, met with PV to discuss this fence;
- surveyed for bandicoots and the vegetation resulting in identify recent activity and subsequent finding a predator-killed bandicoot;
- engaged the community in a variety of community days, political rallies, workshops and ranger-led guided tours, visits to and activities with schools;
- planted 3000 plants along closed tracks; and
- distributed a questionnaire survey to 2,500 in The Pines residential area with 70 replies being analysed and reported.

This grant with the efforts of the Frankston Round Table has been very active engaging the community. The Friends of the Pines and the Pines Protectors groups have been invigorated by the *envirofund* Grant. It has resulted in several significant additional reports (Short titles);

1. Nicholls & May. Report on the Perimeter fence;
2. Flack & Nicholls. Sand pad monitoring;
3. Chisholm CLM students: Table on SB Bandicoot Survey;
4. Flack & FCC. Summary Pines Neighbours Attitude Survey;
5. Coates. Advice on Predator-proof Fences.
6. Nicholls. Maps for Landscape Species Project.

We completed all the tasks for two of the grants and completed all but one task for the third grant. The second workshop, the selection of landscape species, remains to be completed.

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[Interestingly Melbourne Water used the same process – a result of our introducing the process to one of their staff.]

Advocacy for Bandicoots. Two members of the Research Committee and several members of the Frankston RT made representations to the State's EES process for the Frankston Bypass, both written and verbally. The Biosphere was asked for public comment on two occasions (3AW, The Herald Sun). The FRT was very active at advocating a sustainable future for the Frankston – Mornington Peninsula.

Next Round of Grant applications. A major joint application was made to the Port Phillip & WP CMA for the Caring for our Country. This was partially successful (Emmaline Froggett *pers. Comm.*). This is an important break through for the Biosphere. We are being included in the core funding for the CMA despite the changing priorities by the Commonwealth Government.

The CMA is hopeful to obtain further funding under this round of Caring for Country funding. That is still being negotiated. [Other similar projects are being funded – suggesting our goals are correct. The Bellarine Peninsula Fox Control is identical to our proposals].

Several new draft applications have been submitted to the Executive; applications to the Norman Wettenhall Foundation, private philanthropist, and others were prepared.

A Community Grant to Parks Victoria for the Pines Friends is being prepared with Allan Kidd Senior Ranger Parks Victoria by the Research Committee and the Friends of the Pines.

Volunteers: Our coordinator Stephen Flack is going back to University to do GIS in the Conservation field. We thank him and continue to welcome his contributions. Emma Birnbaum (undergraduate, La Trobe University) has offered her services; contributing to a remote sensing-surveillance monitoring. These are very talented students and we are fortunate to have their contributions.

Growth Area Authority -

Urban growth is a major threat to retaining or reconnecting isolated patches of native vegetation and reserves. The Biosphere has contributed to GAA meetings. It recently, on invitation, made a submission to a DSE-initiative to systematically study the opportunities and needs to ensure the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne remains connected to the wildlife and native vegetation landscape, particularly to the coastal strip of native vegetation, Hastings to Yallock Creek.

EPBC Act National Recovery Plan. We have been invited by DSE to contribute to the final revision.

DG Nicholls 9July 2009

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ITEM 6: PRESENTATION ON RECENT TRIP TO KOREA

1. PURPOSE

To receive a verbal briefing on the recent trip to Korea by Ms. Cecelia Witton.

2. ISSUES

None.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

For noting.

Prepared by: Convenor

Cleared by:

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ITEM 7: 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

Attached is the draft proposal prepared by Dr. Pfueller on a proposed education strategy for the Biosphere. This was discussed at the Foundation Executive meeting held on 14 January 2009. Jane Jobe requested permission to show the Strategy document to the Phillip Island Nature Park Education Officer.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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Cleared by:

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BRIEFING PAPER

TO: Biosphere Foundation Board

FROM: Biosphere Research Committee

SUBJECT: Thoughts on an Education Strategy for the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve

DATE: 31 December 2008

PURPOSE:

To provide the Foundation Board with a discussion paper and recommendations to help the Foundation Board progress the development of an Education Strategy for the Biosphere.

Introduction

One of the three core functions of biosphere reserves is *a logistic support function, to support demonstration projects, environmental education and training, and research and monitoring related to local, national and global issues of conservation and sustainable development* (Seville Strategy). Therefore, developing an education strategy is an important responsibility for the MPWP Biosphere. It becomes even more important because we are currently in the United Nations Decade for Education for Sustainable Development.

The MPWP Biosphere's Charter states:

- *The Biosphere will...contribute to the needs of society by **showing** a way to a more socially, environmentally and economically sustainable future (The Vision).*
- *It is our mission "to **lead** the community to engage in sustainable practice with a commitment to *Engaging with, and providing education for, all elements of the biosphere community* (The Mission)*
- *We will foster economic and human development that is socio-culturally and ecologically sustainable by ...developing social capital involving information exchange, **education**, research, evaluation, communication and monitoring of the environment* (Section 4.2.3)

Therefore, the Biosphere is committed to education to change the behaviours of the community to make society more sustainable. This could form the basis of a statement of purpose for the education strategy.

In further considering the education strategy, it is important to first raise a few questions.

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Who is being educated?

Possible “targets” for education are:

- Biosphere members
- Non-members living within the boundaries of the Biosphere
- People outside the Biosphere for whom it may serve as some sort of example
- Schools
- All of the above

While we might wish to say “all of the above”, it is probably wise, given limited resources, to prioritise this list.

What will education be about?

The major themes of the current United Nations Decade for Education for Sustainable Development are:

- Gender equality
- Health promotion
- Environment
- Cultural diversity
- Peace and human security
- Sustainable urbanization
- Sustainable consumption

The UN is looking for reorientation of “existing education programs in all nations to address the social, environmental, and economic knowledge, skills, perspectives, and values inherent in sustainability.”

Depending on who is being educated, thought needs to be given to the type or subject of education. Institutional education programs tend to categorise outcomes in terms of knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviour and many aim to provide a mix of all. Education focusing on skills may result in changes in attitudes and behaviour, but it is less likely that education focusing on knowledge and attitudes will lead to behaviour changes. In fact, much has been written on how increasing knowledge may not always lead to changes in attitudes and how frequently it fails to prompt any behavioural change (Mckenzie-Mohr, D. and Smith D. 1999. *Fostering sustainable behavior: an introduction to community-based social marketing*. Gabriola Island, B.C. New Society Publishers). Behaviour change is often best achieved by encouraging or forcing (e.g. through regulation) behaviours rather than increasing knowledge.

The Biosphere will need to decide what it would like to achieve with its education program.

Given the direction provided by UNESCO and by the MPWP Biosphere’s Charter, programs focusing on skills would be the most likely to achieve behaviour change. The table below indicates that some possible topics of education may be more likely to achieve this than others:

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Program	Outcomes			
	Knowledge	Attitudes	Skills	Behaviour
The range of species found in the Biosphere Reserve	X	X?	-	-
Strategies to conserve the SBB	X	X?	X	?
Ways in which the community contributes to water shortage	X	X?	-	-
Ways a household can reduce their water use	X	X	X	?
How to install water saving devices	X	X	X	?
What the Biosphere is doing towards sustainability	X	?	-	-
What contributes to Greenhouse gas emissions	X	X?	-	-
How to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions	X	X?	X	?
Strategies for recycling	X	X?	X	?

How do we decide which topics?

Answering this question involves decisions about who will decide and what guidelines will be used in making the decision. Possible considerations for criteria for deciding might be:

- Most important to the world?
- Most important locally?
- Where we have access to a suitable expert?
- Environmental, social, economic or all three?

Who will be doing the educating?

Is the Research Committee the appropriate body to design/implement an education strategy?

Should there be a separate Education Committee?

Do we need people with skills in education?

Do we restrict our educators to members of the Biosphere? Residents in the Biosphere area? Or do we look for other experts?

What processes will be used?

In this current United Nations Decade for Education for Sustainable Development considerable attention has been given to the processes of education. Research shows that within an institutional context, education for sustainability needs to develop skills in:

- Dealing with complexity and uncertainty
- Critical, systemic and futures thinking
- Action-oriented skills to motivate and manage change
- Engagement with the community and other stakeholders
- Multi-cultural understanding
- Practical problem solving and project management

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It should be:

- Interdisciplinary
- Contextual
- Participatory
- Innovative

Educators generally tend to think that people learn best when engaged in some sort of practical task e.g. writing something, doing a project, building, monitoring.

Should the Biosphere's education also demonstrate these characteristics?

Can we use existing education programs?

Which of the following forms of delivery are appropriate?

- Forums
- Workshops involving discussion as well as experts
- Practical training programs
- Exhibitions
- Press releases
- Written material

What funding would be required?

It is unlikely that volunteer effort could be sufficient. Programs would need to be costed and funds sought.

What would be the relationship between an education program and communication and marketing programs?

Although there are arguments that these three could be separate, education which involves communication and education for change to create more sustainable behaviour is actually social marketing (as termed by McKenzie-Mohr and Smith). So an education strategy should be developed in concert with those for marketing and communication.

Recommendations for consideration by the Foundation Board:

1. Run an open workshop to seek community input to answering the primary questions posed above.
2. Develop a process that will lead to the creation of both an education strategy and a plan to implement an education program.
3. Ensure a clear relationship between the existing communications activities, the marketing activities and the education activities.
4. Develop a budget to prepare the education plan and to implement it.
5. Seek, in due to course, to create an Education Committee separate from the Research Committee, but not to do so until the Biosphere can be sure that the Education Committee will be populated by people who will nurture it in the long term.

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For info	
Decision	YES

ITEM 8: Funding sources – grant application procedure

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
Cleared by:

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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:

- Biosphere led research initiatives;
- Applications to the Biosphere by other organisations and individuals to conduct research in or with the Biosphere;
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Further, to provide a brief project pro forma / application form.

Draft application protocol:

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 - BRC reserve the right to appoint independent reviewers to aide them in this process.
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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	◆ 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/guNamedit.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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RACV Foundation Grants	http://www.racv.com.au/ 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
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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 9: Any Other Business

ITEM 10: Next meetings

Meeting dates for 2009 are:

Friday 25 September 9.00 am – 11.00 am
Friday 27 November 9.00 am – 11.00 am

Meeting venues are to be determined.