

20th MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA & WESTENPORT
Biosphere Research Committee meeting
to be held on Friday 27 March 2009 from 9.00 am – 11.00 am
Venue: Chisholm TAFE, Cranbourne

PRESENT:

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

Observers:

Mr. Jim Kerin	Prof. Kim Lowell
Mrs. Jane Inall (Minute taker)	
Mr. Rod McLellan (Project Manager, Port of Hastings Corporation)	
Mr. Scott Chidgey (Marine Ecologist, Port of Hastings Corporation)	

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. Presentation by Port of Hastings Corporation - R.McLellan/S.Chidgey | |
| 6. Education Strategy | S. Pfueller |
| 7. Research Activities (standing report on all projects): | Convenor/DN |
| 8. MP&WP Survey into Research Priorities | Convenor |
| 9. Funding sources – grant application procedure | All |
| 10. Any other business | Convenor |
| 11. Meetings in 2009: | |

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

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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 28 November 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
19th MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA & WESTENPORT
Biosphere Research Committee meeting
held on Friday 28 November 2008 at 9.00 am
Venue: Biosphere Head Office, Hastings**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Observers:

Mr Bob Edgar
Mr Greg Hunt (Western Port Greenhouse Alliance)
Ms. Cecelia Witton, Executive Officer, Biosphere Foundation

Apologies:

Mr Ian Stevenson
Prof Kim Lowell
Mrs Jane Inall
Mr Doug Hamilton

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular Mr. Bob Edgar and Mr Greg Hunt.

The Chair noted that this was the first meeting held at the Biosphere's new Head Office in Hastings and on behalf of the Committee thanked Ms Witton for her hospitality.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2008 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. (Moved: Mr Bruzzese; Seconded: Mr Nicholls).

3. OUTSTANDING OR FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action 4: Ross Trust: (Mr Nicholls/Dr Coates/Mr Woodgate): It was agreed that Dr Coates would prepare a draft and seek input from Mr Nicholls and Ms Witton before circulating a draft to Committee members for comment. A project officer and science (genetics, monitoring, surveillance) are items needing funding.

ACTION 1: TC

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4. FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

It was noted that the Board is progressing as its highest priority its discussions with organisations that will be possible sources of funding. This is to ensure that untied funds can be raised that can be used to tackle the key issues identified in the strategic plan and in the research plan. The Chair of the Research Committee is involved in these discussions.

Ms Witton spoke to her written report.

5. MASS BALANCE PROPOSAL

The following suggestions were made to the draft:

- that a section be added regarding implementation to ensure that the outcomes of the research are able to be used to good effect
- the dates on the last page need to be made current
- the draft refer to more contemporary studies of a similar nature

ACTION 2: CW

It was agreed that once the draft is revised, a meeting of officers from the five councils should 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 (noting that Council elections were taking place at the time of this Research Committee meeting).

ACTION 3: CW

6. EDUCATION STRATEGY

The Committee noted that it had been several years since the issue of education had been formally addressed by the Research Committee. The Committee thanked Dr Pfueller for her draft paper.

It was agreed that the draft paper should be revised to include:

- An introductory statement on the overall purpose of an education strategy. This statement of purpose could usefully draw on the statements contained in the Foundations Charter. In essence it was agreed that a critical aspect of the Biosphere was its ability to help change peoples behaviour so that they were contributing to creating a more sustainable community.
- A reference to the relationship between education, marketing and communications

ACTION 4: SP

It was agreed that the strategy should contain a series of recommendations for consideration by the Foundation Board. These could include:

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1. Running an open workshop to seek community input to answering the primary questions posed by the draft strategy.
2. Developing a process that will lead to the creation of both an education strategy and a plan to implement an education program.
3. Ensuring a clear relationship between the existing communications activities, the marketing activities and the education activities.
4. Developing a budget to prepare the education plan and to implement it.
5. Seeking in due course to create an Education Committee separate from that of 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 run.

ACTION 5: SP

7. RESEARCH REPORT

The Committee noted Mr Nicholls' report on the bandicoot program. The Committee was asked to note in particular the proposed program of fox eradication using 1080 poison. The Committee was advised that this program was proceeding with the agreement of DSE and Parks Victoria. It was agreed that the Board needed to be advised that this work was soon to commence because it may result in some public interest that may result in the need for the Foundation Chair, and/or his delegate, to handle some media and deal with political implications. It was noted that all veterinary practices in the affected regions would be notified.

It was agreed that Ms Witton would write to the Board on this issue.

ACTION 6: CW

The Committee agreed that a systematic approach was needed to match needs to potential funding sources. Organising the objectives, outcomes, milestones and budgets need to derived from the Biosphere's Recovery plan.

ACTION 7: DN

8. PRESENTATION BY MR GREG HUNT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WESTERN PORT GREENHOUSE ALLIANCE

Mr Hunt is the Executive Officer of the Western Port Greenhouse Alliance, a partnership of the same five local government areas that make up the Biosphere Foundation (Bass Coast Shire Council, Cardinia Shire Council, City of Casey, Frankston City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council).

Mr Hunt gave an excellent presentation. In particular he highlighted the extensive work that has been undertaken to show the likely effect of global climate change on a range of aspects that will affect the community in the future and on the adaptation work that is underway including; the number of days of excessive heat, the reduction in rainfall, the increase in extreme rainfall events, the risk of increased flooding, location of inundation from rising sea levels and storm surges, the changes in fire weather, and the actions being taken to help address these issues.

A copy of his presentation will be placed on the Biosphere's website.

ACTION 8: CW

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It was noted that Ms Witton meets regularly with Mr Hunt. It was agreed that the Biosphere Research Committee would continue to liaise closely with Mr Hunt and to work on joint projects where-ever possible, especially in the area of education.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

It was agreed that the following issues should be covered at the next meeting:

1. Survey into the research priorities
2. The Foundations Advocacy Policy
3. The Foundations Policy on the Southern Brown Bandicoot
4. Mr Reade Smith's recommendations following his visit to the World Congress of Biosphere Reserves, Madrid, February 2008.

ACTION 9: JI

It was agreed that Mr Reade Smith be invited to make a presentation to the next Biosphere Research Committee meeting.

ACTION 10: PW

10. MEETING DATES IN 2009

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

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

It was agreed that these dates and the dates for the Foundation Board meetings would be added to the website.

ACTION 11: CW

These meetings precede the meetings of the Foundation Board by around 2 weeks and permit the Research Committee to make timely submissions and reports to the Foundation Board.

The location of the meetings will be determined closer to the meeting times. Mr Nicholls generously offered the continued use of his meeting room at the Chisholm Institute. Where the number of attendees is likely to exceed 12, then it will be preferable that the venue will be at Chisholm rather than Hastings as this is the capacity of Hastings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 am.

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ACTION NO.	DESCRIPTION	WHO	STATUS REPORT
MEETING NO. 19 – FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2008			
1	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	Ongoing
2	Suggested amendments to the Mass Balance Proposal.	CW	Done.
3	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	Revised draft received. Meeting not yet held with councils Email contact with CSIRO re this.
4	Draft education paper to be revised.	SP	Done.
5	Education strategy to contain a series of recommendations for consideration by the Foundation Board.	SP	Done. At last Exec Meeting on 14 Jan. 2009, Jane Jobe requested permission to show the Strategy to PNIP Education Officer
6	Ms Witton to write to the Board regarding the fox eradication program.	CW	Discussed in Exec Meeting 10 th Dec. Record formed part of report to Board meeting 29 th Jan 09
7	Systematic approach is needed to match needs to potential funding sources. Organising the objectives, outcomes, milestones and budgets need to derived from the Biosphere's Recovery plan.	DN	Done. Plan prepared Draft of Letter to Dame Elisabeth sent to CW.
8	Greg Hunt's presentation to be loaded to the Biosphere website.	CW	Not posted to website. There is a link to the full WPGA report on the website.
9	Include listed items on the agenda for the March 2009 meeting.	JI	Done.
10	Mr Reade Smith to be invited to make a presentation to the next Biosphere Research Committee meeting.	PW	Done.
11	Foundation Board and Research Committee meeting dates to be added to the website.	CW	To follow up
12	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	TC/PW	Ongoing

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	session, to the Biosphere Board.		
13	Convenor to make contact with Birds Australia and UNESCO (via Reade Smith) to progress the issue.	PW	Not done yet.
14	Jim Kerin to liaise with Prof. Williamson regarding sharing some of his students' material on the Biosphere website.	JK	
15	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	

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For info	YES
Decision	

ITEM 4: Report on Foundation Board

1. PURPOSE

A written report will be provided by Cecelia Witton, Executive Officer, Biosphere Foundation, following the Foundation Board meeting held on 19 March 2009.

2. ISSUES

None.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Research Committee to note.

Prepared by: Cecelia Witton
Cleared by: Convenor

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ITEM 5: Briefing by Port of Hastings Corporation
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1. PURPOSE

Following contact with the Biosphere Executive Officer, representatives of POH requested the opportunity to brief the Biosphere Research Committee on the preliminary (baseline) scientific studies they are currently initiating.

2. ISSUES

These studies will include water quality, marine ecology, marine flows, geotechnical (soil, sediment, rock), flora & fauna, best practice and sustainability.

Their aim is to discuss the baseline studies with the Research Committee. They are doing the same with other key local environment groups), firstly to keep groups informed, but also to enable the Research Committee to assist in identifying relevant historical research and gaps in current knowledge.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

For consideration.

Prepared by: Convenor

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ITEM 6: 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.

Prepared by: Peter Woodgate, Convenor

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:

6. Run an open workshop to seek community input to answering the primary questions posed above.
7. Develop a process that will lead to the creation of both an education strategy and a plan to implement an education program.
8. Ensure a clear relationship between the existing communications activities, the marketing activities and the education activities.
9. Develop a budget to prepare the education plan and to implement it.
10. 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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Decision	

ITEM 7: Research Activities

1. PURPOSE

To receive an update on the research projects.

2. ISSUES

Issues for consideration by the Research Committee:

- 2.1 The latest version of the Mass Balance proposal is attached and has now been forwarded to all councils for their consideration. It is intended to hold a meeting with council representatives before Easter to discuss the proposal.
- 2.2 A report on bandicoot recovery is attached.
- 2.3 Two papers on fund-raising for the bandicoot recovery are attached.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee to discuss.

Prepared by: David Nicholls/Convenor

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For info	YES
Decision	

ITEM 8: MP&WP Survey into Research Priorities
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1. PURPOSE

To review the results from the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation survey of priorities relating to research topics.

2. ISSUES

Overall, some 250 emails were sent out and 30 individuals/organisations responded. The top 5 ranking research priorities (based on number of responses) were – from the top down:

- 1 = Western Port Study
- 2 = Respondents' Suggestions (Topic 10)
- 3 = Inventory Of Biosphere
- 4 = Southern Brown Bandicoot
- 5 = Core Indicators

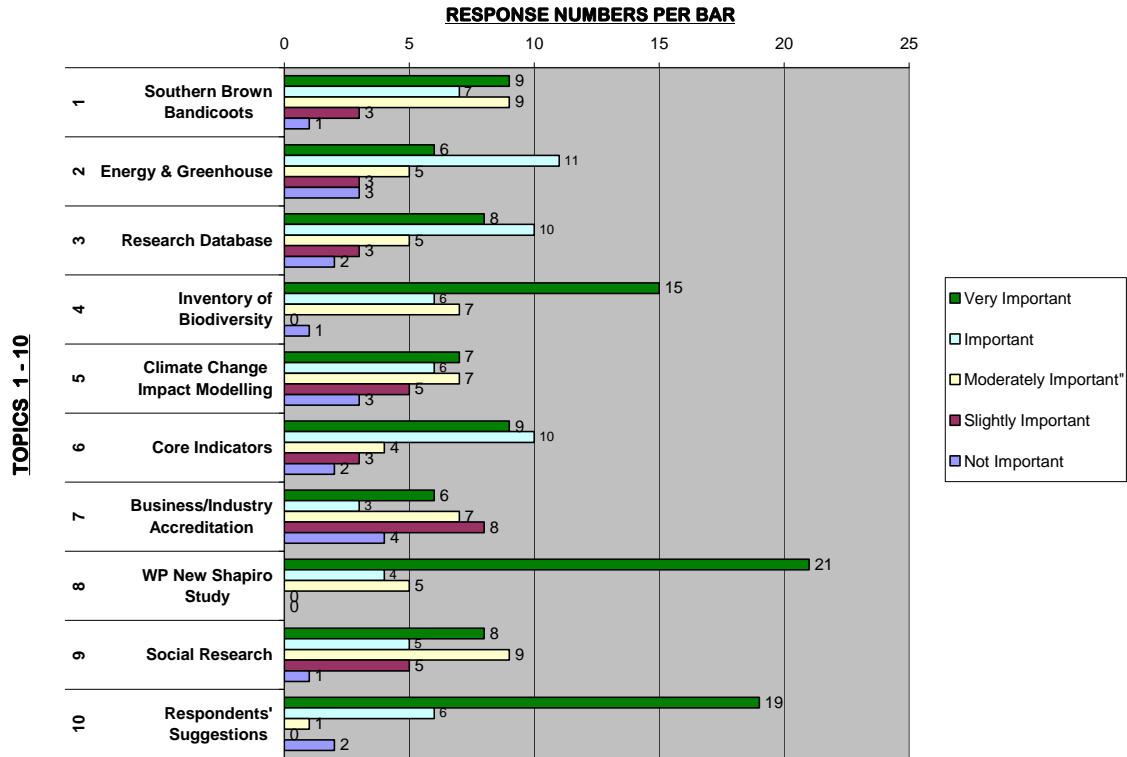
From reading the RESPONDENTS' SUGGESTIONS, it becomes clear that many saw this as an opportunity to express their general concerns. In 2005, when the Mornington Peninsula Roundtable conducted a general "environmental awareness" type survey, very similar comments were received, expressing concerns for the further diminishing habitat and biodiversity due to the region's development/urbanisation and the indifference of too many private larger acreage landholders.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee to discuss.

Prepared by: Convenor

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TOPICS		RATING					TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES PER TOPIC
		NOT IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	
No.		1	2	3	4	5	
1	Southern Brown Bandicoots	1	3	9	7	9	29
2	Energy & Greenhouse	3	3	5	11	6	28
3	Research Database	2	3	5	10	8	28
4	Inventory of Biodiversity	1	0	7	6	15	29
5	Climate Change Impact Modelling	3	5	7	6	7	28
6	Core Indicators	2	3	4	10	9	28
7	Business/Industry Accreditation	4	8	7	3	6	28
8	WP New Shapiro Study	0	0	5	4	21	30
9	Social Research	1	5	9	5	8	28
10	Respondents' Suggestions	2	0	1	6	19	28
TOTAL RESPONDENTS TO SURVEY							33

NOTE:

The "0" in Rating columns 1 and 2 is the result of Topics 1-9 receiving no comments from 2 respondents.

Only 28 Respondents offered suggestions under Topic 10.

All above Ratings tallies are based on 1 point per "vote" irrespective of the 1-5 ranking (ie. scores are not weighted to reflect ranking).

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		RESEARCH TOPICS SUGGESTED / COMMENTS
No.	RT	
1	MP	<i>Consolidating available research data bases from Federal, State, Local Governments, and all the “centres of science and research” – to create one database for all.</i>
2	?	<i>Sustainable carrying capacity for the Biosphere reserve (human population)</i>
3	BC	<i>None</i>
4	MP	<i>Follow on from Topic 2 below – What are the most effective options to increase energy efficiency using waste heat or other sources? Where is improvement effort best directed in this general field of endeavour?</i>
5	Casey	<i>Monitor water quality</i>
6	MP	<i>(a) Membership growth – explore ways to increase membership of MP&WP BRF annually by 10 % (b) National network of Biosphere reserves – explore ways to encourage communities nationwide to apply for MaB Charter. (c) Establish a South Eastern Centre for Sustainability.</i>
7	Frank.	<i>Must FIRST stabilize our population, because everything we are doing is severely undone by the ever increasing pressure of polluters and consumers.</i>
8	MP	<i>Co-ordination of Groups volunteering work on different environmental projects to provide legal, technical and scientific backup for better community fulfilment.</i>
9	MP	<i>None</i>
10	Casey	<i>Elaborate Topic 4 to include a spreadsheet of information that would encompass everything from seed genetics and propagation systems, to things like modelling scenarios T5 and T1, health of species since Shapiro Study (T8), and social research history. Create massive matrix of information, where things such as T3, T2 and T6 can be included. Perhaps include “business impact” and “domestic impact” columns that quantify species health specifically, and indicate directions for future conservation. Please call for more information APRIL 0417 581 257.</i>
11	MP	<i>Increase participating in sustainable living and business practices:- - R&D model programs suitable for that work. - Apply community based social marketing (CBSM) approach. Additional comments:- T2 – include behaviour change with CBSM approach. T3 – overlaps with Western Port Research Coord. Project 2003. T5 – key species and/or ecosystems. T9 – expand consultation and collaboration beyond community, industry and government, and use CBSM approach.</i>
12	MP	<i>To make road reserves and nature strips wildlife corridors. Stop slashing/mowing and planting inappropriate species of flora on Council road reserves.</i>
13	Card.	<i>None</i>
14	MP	<i>None</i>
15	MP	<i>None</i>
16	MP	<i>Develop a strategic framework for the protection and rehabilitation of all existing native flora & fauna on the Peninsula, especially for domestic (residential), rural residential (small acreage) and rural properties. My ratings [that] I have given for the research topics require some qualification, but basically I would</i>

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		<p><i>always give a higher priority on a topic that has positive action and a lesser priority on surveys & plans that have no determinations of time frames for action(s) to be taken.</i></p> <p><i>I have lived on the MP for over 45 years and have gradually seen the degradation of our native flora & fauna – especially accelerating degradation over the past 10 years – both terrestrially and the aquatic environment.</i></p> <p><i>Many areas that “council” has “cleaned up” due to many “excuses” have now produced a visually aesthetic vista for humans – but has produced a “floristic sterile” (*) environment. I now reside on 6 ½ acres at St Andrews Beach and have seen removal (illegally) of acres of native vegetation with Council’s knowledge and no consequence – and it is still occurring.</i></p> <p><i>(* severely reduced habitat for fauna)</i></p> <p><i>If you wish to personally see and qualify my above comments, please phone ANDREW RAFF 5988 6921.</i></p>
17		<p><i>The issue is one of partnerships and focus: with the National Centre for Coasts and Climate to be established at Pt Nepean, its focus should be expanded to Parks and the Biosphere.</i></p>
18	Casey	<p><i>Sustainable population (state, national and regional) – implications for Port Phillip and Western Port Bays of increased population.</i></p>
19	MP	<p><i>Investigation of the feasibility and value of urban based habitats:</i></p> <p><i>Instead of parks, I suggest we investigate the establishment of neighbourhood habitat areas with town boundaries. Habitat areas would include indigenous trees that would attract indigenous birds which would, in turn, assist in maintaining the health of the trees, and also assist in decreasing the insect populations. Similarly, a frog pond would assist in maintaining a balanced ecosystem, which, among other things, would also help control the insect population.</i></p> <p><i>Other ecosystems could be established, which would provide a service to the local community in terms of maintaining a healthy environment. The habitat areas would need to be made physically secure to prevent vandals and local pets doing damage.</i></p> <p><i>The habitat areas, once established should be designed to be relatively maintenance free and let nature take over. These habitat areas would have an educational value in informing people of the natural systems that provide essential roles in the survival of us humans.</i></p>
20		<p><i>Climate change impact by 2020 on Landcare Natural Resources Management: will what we do today be still relevant in 2020 ?</i></p> <p><i>Do we need to plant different species, form different habitat ?</i></p>
21	MP	<p><i>There are all excellent topics.</i></p> <p><i>How to motive Morn. Pen. property owners (especially those who are not permanent residents) to rehabilitate their land with indigenous flora and to respect and protect indigenous fauna.</i></p> <p><i>Figure out how to change property laws to legislate for the changes needed to save this environment.</i></p> <p><i>Re T7 Business Accreditation – unless you have clout this is meaningless.</i></p> <p><i>Re T9 Social Research – see my comments for T10 above.</i></p>
22	MP	<p><i>The list of topics covers most items for the foreseeable future. PENBOC would emphasise the importance of Topics 4 and 8.</i></p>
23	MP	<p><i>Population growth in relation to its effects on all the topics.</i></p> <p><i>T2 should also include carbon emission.</i></p> <p><i>T4 (Biodiversity Inventory) should also include corridor or connection zones.</i></p> <p><i>T5 should include housing and accommodation models.</i></p> <p><i>T7 (Accreditation) should include transparent accounting for carbon emissions.</i></p> <p><i>T8 (WP Study) should include channel deepening of both bays, and threats to Western Port.</i></p> <p><i>T9 (Social Research) should include education at all levels.</i></p>
24		<p><i>Waste to Biofuel conversion</i></p>
25	MP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Inventory of indigenous ecosystem service.</i> <i>- Inventory of projects and activities already occurring within the Biosphere that fit the MaB methodology.</i>
26	?	<p><i>Habitat Health Map:</i></p>

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		<i>I have been concerned with the reduction/loss of native flora and habitat areas in the 5 years I have been living here, so would like to see an extension of Topic 4 to create a Habitat Health Map of local government areas. The map could show areas lost in the last 5 years, current habitat areas and be updated with potential habitat loss due to forecast development. Such a map would make a visual impact and help inform the community, which would in turn give strength to lobbying local and state governments.</i>
27	Frank.	<i>Ways/methods by which the Biosphere can approach and negotiate with State and Local Govt Statutory and Strategic Planners to adjust/equip State and Local Planning Schemes AND ways by which the Biosphere can approach and negotiate with private enterprise to engage them in partnerships with the Biosphere to sustain its values, etc.</i>
28	Frank.	<i>(i) Do study to investigate the amount of habitat that has been lost in the past 25 years due to indiscriminate rezoning of rural lands to residential or light industrial in the Port Phillip and Western Port Catchment areas. (ii) Conduct a study of the flora and fauna lost in the same time frame.</i>
29	Frank.	<i>Creating an easily accessible database of successful efforts around the globe to arrest biodiversity decline. Publish the results widely and in non-traditional avenues, so that the widest possible community of interest can benefit from models of positive efforts.</i>
30	BC	<i>Supporting a post-Shapiro study of Western Port should be a priority.</i>
31	BC	<i>PINP believe that the MP&WP BR should focus on protection of high conservation habitat. To achieve this, there needs to be a number of steps undertaken:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>– Identify key high conservation land and water.</i> <i>– Identify threats to this land/water.</i> <i>– Identify suitable buffers to this land/water.</i> <i>– Lobby and seek covenants/environmental planning overlays and other protection measures to protect these buffer zones.</i> <i>– Seek improvements in habitat quality and reduce threats to conservation areas and buffer areas.</i> <i>Other protection measures include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>– incorporating planning policy into planning law, eg. lobbying for incorporating Coastal Spaces into the planning scheme of local councils</i> <i>– Clarification and review of Environmental Significance overlays</i> <i>– Increasing awareness of covenants, etc.</i>
32	BC	<i>– The Southern Brown Bandicoots would be good.</i> <i>– Research to support existing things like the Western Port count, Orange Bellied Parrot count, Swift Parrot count, etc.</i> <i>– It would be useful to have a web page with all the reports in one place; particularly those that are out of print, or by developers, or students – these could be made into a PDF and stored on the web. A lot of studies by consultants end up in planning files but never see the light of day anywhere else.</i> <i>– It would also be great if somehow reports, such as flora and fauna, done by consultants, could be made into layers that the councils could integrate into their systems – or at least ensure they are available in the public domain. After all, if they make it to the shire councils technically, they are a public document – just not a very available one.</i> <i>– Melbourne Water also has unpublished reports that should be accessible.</i> <i>– Some sort of assessment of this untapped resource would be good.</i>
33		<i>– It would be valuable to conduct an education and awareness program re the Biosphere. The Western Port Awareness Program, run by the Department of Conservation soon after Shapiro and ending in the 1980s, was very effective at changing the way people looked at Western Port’s environment.</i> <i>– We should be looking at the cultural aspects of our charter as well as the environmental ones.</i> <i>If you wish further assistance, I have academic contacts that could help launch some post-graduate research in this area.</i>

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For info	
Decision	YES

ITEM 9: 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

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

Draft application protocol:

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affiliates
George Alexander Foundation	http://www.gafoundation.org.au/	<i>1 Febr 2007</i>	various	To prevent irreversible damage to the environment and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
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

AusIndustry:

- *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 10: Any Other Business

ITEM 11: Next meetings

Meeting dates for 2009 are:

Friday 26 June	9.00 am – 11.00 am
Friday 25 September	9.00 am – 11.00 am
Friday 27 November	9.00 am – 11.00 am

Meeting venues are to be determined.

NB: Please note that any commitments made for the first six months of 2009 may be subject to change due to the CRCSI new bid process underway during this time.