

Norman Wettenhall Foundation

Swamps Rivers and Ranges Meeting 12/12/14

Present. Karen Tymms, Mary Anderson, Andrew Briggs, Steven Routledge, Jenny Pena, Gayle south, Jim Grant, Tom Croft. Jenny Davidson. Phil Browne  
Apologies Jenny Indian

No minutes from last meeting available, table for next meeting

Blueprint: discussion around using Loddon plains model for blueprint,  
1st page - remove European cultural heritage as we have no maps. Suggestion of using planning overlays, but question was raised whether this would add any value.  
Discussion about dots, do we need them or not

Foreword - discussion around dots in both paragraphs. In quotes looks like a gap, but in paraphrasing is quite appropriate. North east, needs to be consistent through out the document, capitals or not. Is foreword the correct terminology? Should it be preamble, introduction, or some other title. Document won't have a huge distribution but needs to be targeted towards committee, landcare groups and people looking for funding opportunities.

Introduction- remove local roads from the map, leave major roads and waterways, aerial photography, particularly need aerial photography on this map. Should we show public land, no. Does not need a legend. Labels of waterways, fifteen mile creek is doubled up, drop off the northern label and add winton wetlands.  
Jim asked do we need more maps, general consensus was yes.

Approach- do we need to have our website on this page? No but tom suggested we should include our website in header and footer. Jenny suggested taking titles out of c.o.m as these change, also officebearers as these will also change over the course of the project. Blue bits are good for the skimmers

Relationships- photographs look good, have people been notified they will be used in the blueprint, yes

Stakeholders- depi will be changing soon, otherwise ok. Do we need the terminology stakeholders and partnerships, need indigo shire council, north east catchment and Goulburn broken. Winton wetlands committee of management. Add more interviews and images to this page.

Cultural heritage- make sure we get the entire project area in the map, a few bits are cut off. Discussion around aerial photographs, should we remove the imagery, yes. Richard has some mor information to go on this page. Should we include some European heritage, does it need another page, including cleared land, farming practices, weeds, foxes, rabbits, dredge, gold mining. Include another page European heritage. Jim to write a paragraph on indigenous cultural heritage of winton wetlands. Jim mentioned areas in the landscape with large old trees from indigenous burning. European page should be set out like the project pages, with breakout boxes depicting areas of

significance. Should it be specific with dates? No should include key themes like, settlement, gold mining, agriculture fire regimes etc.

Current health of the landscape- should we change the colour scheme to be consistent with the other maps. These are maps from depi and the colour schemes are set. Tom has supplied some explanation of what the maps mean. Health of the landscape should not be the title, should it just be. This is what we know about the landscape.

Threatened flora and fauna and significant wetlands- need to be separated out and a description included as well as photos. I.e rutherglen broilga project. Same goes for significant roads, Waterwatch and landcare groups pages. Lake William Novell colour needs to change, take the aerial photography off these two maps, add major roads, major waterways and public land. Include waterways in wetlands page, significant wetlands an waterways.

CFA brigades - need to change the pictures, phil has some edits for this page. Need to fade the aerial imagery, Stephen has some fire images, phil encouraged to use both grassland and forest fires.

Phil talked about indigenous use of fire and the relationship that this has with the CFA burning regimes. CFA use burning for asset an life protection where as indigenous communities use fire for food sourcing and regeneration rather than risk management. See it as great opportunity to use indigenous fire regimes across the region in cooperation with Landcare, CFA , local government and landholders. Group areas will flag priorities for controlled burning. This would be the first document that flags this approach as a tool in the landscape.

Significant roads and Waterwatch, words have been submitted, comment from Wangaratta sustainabilitynetwork

Project pages for landcare areas need to be further developed, this is not critical as the projects will fall out of the drat process. Finer detail will be worked out during the process.

deadline for completion is the end of next. Committee were asked to provide comments to Stephen by the end of next week. Needs to be organised before Christmas. 2nd stage is to Ground truth the blueprint

Resolution to open a new account from waw. Stephen has all the details from waw and agreed that we have the au spicing arrangements with indigo so this is not critical.

Jenny reported that indigo need to set up milestones for reporting as per the au spicing arrangements

Incorporation. There is a course available for incorporated bodies Jim will investigate further.

Committee structure. How many people can we have on the committee? Beth said we can have as many as we need. Stephen suggested gill baker, wsn on ground

works. Doug James , pastoralist. Identified we need more agricultural background. Karen suggested an eoi process to make the process more transparent. Discussion about size of committee and how we decide who gets in. Advertise on council page and website.

Website: haven't done a lot of work over the last couple of months. Discussion around getting a graphic designer to jazz up the website and make it more interactive. Comments around increasing social media presence.

Dates for next year. All ok at this stage