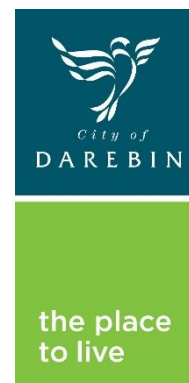


Darebin Nature Trust | Minutes



Meeting details

Date of meeting	Tuesday, 4 June 2024
Time	6.00 – 8.00 pm
Location	Birnum Djirri Room (Conference Room)

Attendees

DNT members	Council Officers	Councillors
Angela Pestell	Sofia Enrigue	Cr. Trent McCarthy (chair)
Daniel Tatton	Marina Murua	Cr. Emily Dimitriadis
Hannah Proctor-Parkin		
Kate Jost		
Meg Bauer		
Nadine Richings		
Owen Butler		
Rohan Khot		
Rosie Moffat		

Apologies

DNT members	Council Officers	Councillors
Cindy Huynh		Cr. Susanne Newton (Mayor)

Item	Description	Action
1. Open meeting, acknowledgements & apologies (5 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Acknowledgement of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country.- Welcome everyone to the meeting.- Apologies: Cindy Huynh and Cr. Susanne Newton	
2. Assembly of Councillors (5 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No conflicts of interest declared.	
3. Matters arising from previous meeting and actions pending (5 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No actions pending.	

<p>4. Roundtable check- in (10 mins)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable of introductions. - There were no additional items added to the agenda. 	
<p>5. City Nature Challenge (CNC) results (25 mins)</p>	<p>An update of the CNC results was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was the third year that Darebin, in collaboration with 23 other LGAs, represented Greater Melbourne in the City Nature Challenge. • From all councils, Darebin had the most observations (3,133) and most species (832) recorded. • The number of participants in Darebin has increased from 37 in the first year to 88 this year. • Fun fact: of every thousand individuals who participated worldwide, one was from Darebin. • Greater Melbourne ranked in the top 50 out of +500 participating cities around the world. <p>Discussion: how can we improve the data that we collect?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have limited data on nocturnal wildlife. Some barriers include safety concerns and lack of equipment, but there is a lot of interest from the community. • Guided group surveys by Friends Groups would provide a safe environment for nocturnal surveying. • Other opportunities: Nangak Tamboree runs twilight tours - could they lend this equipment or support groups outside of the sanctuary? They charge for their services and only lend equipment to be used inside the sanctuary - but it could be further discussed. • Darebin CC could develop/share more resources on how to run tours, how to get good quality data, and ethical considerations. <p>Discussion: in which ways can we promote increased participation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involving community gardens, retirement villages, schools and bush kinders. • Outsourcing beyond Friends Groups - could university students guide more targeted events to their expertise? • Think of offering a different experience, for example, speed dating citizen science. <p>The feedback collected will be used to follow-up opportunities to:</p>	<p>Sofia to share the link to the different iNaturalist projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City Nature Challenge 2024: Darebin - City Nature Challenge 2024: Greater Melbourne - City Nature Challenge 2024: Global - Biodiversity in Darebin. <p>Sofia to provide updates as required.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand network of collaborators and participants. • Fill knowledge gaps and improve quality of data collected. 	
Break (5min)		
<p>6. Strategy Review – Assessing our current actions for nature (50 min)</p>	<p>Workshop to start to review actions from multiple strategies and plans and discuss priorities for renewal.</p> <p>The top five-to-seven priorities for our biodiversity were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental protection/ ESOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand for an ESO on Edgars Creek and Central Creek. • Expecting large/multiples developments in the coming years • Community needs for clarity on this matter - what are the barriers? Could the community help advocate for it or even raise the funds? 2. Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about communication metrics to measure the success of the Natural Environment communications. • Using the digital space or other opportunities to promote and get people to value the natural space, such as sustainability news, awards, events to talk about nature. 3. Integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit the Human Rights Charter adopted by Darebin City Council - could the number one be the right to a healthy environment? • Socialise nature across the whole organization to make sure that everyone is thinking about the environment. • Think about it in terms of planetary health - changing the perspective and embedding nature into our business as usual. 4. Prioritisation/identifying the critical conservation areas in Darebin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit the study that led to the Darebin Natural Heritage Strategy and seek to update information (the study is over 10 years old) • Use these areas as a focus for action. 5. Caring for Country/Decolonization: 	<p>- Members are welcome to submit more feedback via email to Sofia or Marina.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a focus on First Nations knowledge and involvement. • Decolonisation of parks and waterways - for example, starting by changing and incorporating indigenous names. <p>6. Innovation/new approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon offsetting by non-for-profit organisations • Private land for conservation (for example, Trust for Nature) <p>7. Scientific data collection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring data is accurate and backed by scientific studies and collection methods. <p>Workshop closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The feedback collected will be used to guide the review of our strategies and to consider next renewal proposals. 	
<p>7. Other business (15 mins)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was no time left to discuss other business. - Meeting closed at 8.06 pm 	

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 3 September 2024

Time: 6 – 8 pm

Location: Birnum Djirri Room (Conference Room)