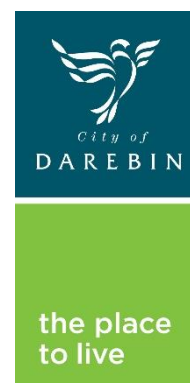


# Meeting Minutes

## Darebin Nature Trust

6 June 2023  
5.00pm – 7.00 pm  
Microsoft Teams



**Community Members present:** Aviva Reed, Owen Butler  
**Officer Support:** Millie Wells, Alisa Rudd, Stephanie Kuisma, Natalie Jamieson  
**Councillors present:** Cr. Tom Hannan, Cr. Susanne Newton, Cr. Trent McCarthy  
**Apologies:** Michelle Lang, William Ruchel

| Item   | Description   | Actions  |
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| 1. Welcome & Acknowledgements                              | Acknowledgement of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country<br>Welcome & Introductions  |  |
| 2. Assembly of Councillors                                 | No conflicts to report from councillors   | <b>ACTION</b> - Send SMC to Council Business                                 |
| 3. Confirmation of minutes & actions from previous meeting | Previous meeting confirmation of minutes and progress update of actions was explained to the committee.   |  |
| 4. Council Officers Introductions                          | Millie Wells - Co-ordinator Natural Environment<br>Alisa Rudd – Parks Special Projects Officer<br>Stephanie Kuisma - Senior Environment Programs Officer  |  |
| 5. Climate Emergency Strategy Update                       | Presentation by Stephanie Kuisma and Natalie Jamieson<br>Some insight into discussion:<br>-Turning major areas back to green space and providing connection between spaces<br>-Waterways are natural pathways/songlines to first nations people<br>-Handing back land to first nations groups to manage. Default position, Wurundjeri land/choice.<br>-Develop education programs, prioritise caring for country<br>-Consideration of Northland/meeting places for education during the hotter months.<br>-Looking into potential further discussions with Aboriginal Advancement league, Darebin Education Network | <b>ACTION</b> – Feedback collated by Stephanie and can be discussed further. |
| 6. Project updates   | City Nature Challenge 2023 results<br><a href="https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/projects/city-nature-challenge-2023-darebin">https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/projects/city-nature-challenge-2023-darebin</a>   |  |

The official results have been released, and here are some of the highlights:

- A worldwide total of 1.87 million observations of 57,227 species of plants, animals and fungi were documented by 66,394 participants.
- 25 Greater Melbourne councils were involved including Darebin, making it to #20 out of 482 participating cities!
- Darebin almost doubled the number of observations from last year, with a total of 3,544 observations and 761 different species recorded by 71 participants... a big win for biodiversity!
- We had 5 events running in collaboration with community groups (Friends of Edwardes Lake, DCMC, Friends of Darebin Creek and Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary).
- Exciting observations in Darebin include: buff-banded rail, long-tailed bombyx moth, eastern banjo frog, tawny frogmouth, and the endangered matted flax-lily.

Coming up next is the [Great Southern BioBlitz](#) (24 -27 November

- Cheddar Rd. Revitalisation Project
  - Consultation with Melbourne Water allowed for the planting of the eastern side of the Cheddar Rd centre Medium between the shared trail and roadside.
  - Works beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June
  - 1.2km stretch of planting creating 7000sqm of vegetation. 3800 sqm is newly created, converted from previous mw zones.
  - 10,000 plants to be planted
  - 35 indigenous species to be introduced in new beds and infill of previous plantings.
  - 4x new park benches and 2x table settings to be installed
  - Art work to painted on the path.
  - Feedback included suggestions of artwork to incorporate shade, installation of exercise equipment.
- Turtle fence at Edwardes Lake
  - Installation of 100m fence at Edwardes Lake
  - Area identified as a egg laying area

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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aim to provide sanctuary for turtle species to have a better chance of survival to hatching</li> <li>- Fence will limit access to people and dogs primarily but will also deter other pest species like rats and foxes.</li> </ul> |  |
| 7. DNT recruitment | <p>Update on recruitment for new DNT members<br/> Applications to open soon<br/> Clarification of the length of time a member can be involved.</p>  | <b>ACTION</b> – let current members know when the recruitment process is open. |
| 8. Other business  | No General Business   |  |
| Close              | <b>Meeting Closed 7.07 pm</b>   | Chair  |