

QPRC Greenways s.355 Committee

Future Greenways for Wamboin and Bywong

*Notes from the community meeting organised by the
QPRC Greenways Management s.355 Committee
Tuesday 22 November 2016
Bywong Community Hall*

Attended by 17 community members from Bywong and Wamboin + Management Committee + 2 from QPRC.

Bill Taylor, chair of the Management Committee, opened the meeting and explained the objectives of the meeting were to seek community input in the development of a Greenways Master Plan, primarily covering the Wamboin/Bywong area. This Master Plan would assist QPRC in planning future development in the area and in guiding the disposition and management of crown lands. He gave a brief history of the Greenways, explained the role of the Management Committee and introduced QPRC staff members Phil Lawrey (GIS) and Tim Geyer (Parks & Gardens). Phil provided detailed maps of current Greenways and crown roads that proved invaluable in the discussions. Note that section numbers for the current Greenways are from the map on the Bywong Community Association website.

Pete Harrison, Secretary of the Greenways Management Committee, then chaired the discussion that identified possible extensions to the current Greenways system, as outlined below.

1. Connection from Bingley Way to Kowen Forest. Options to achieve this connection were discussed. Also, a possible round trip along a border track on the Kowen Forest side to Cooper Road was suggested.
2. Connection from the southern end of Section 3 (see map) to the end of Denley Drive. This will involve land swaps with 2 property owners that are currently being discussed through the Wamboin Community Association.
3. Future connections towards Sutton from the end of Newington Road (Section 1—see map).
4. Possible use of Traveling Stock Route from Joe Rocks Road to the old quarry along Bungendore Road, for connection down the escarpment to the Bungendore Showground. There does not appear to be any clear connection from the old quarry to the Showground.
5. Possible connection from Reardon development off the end of Wirreanda Road to the current Greenways network (Sections 6 or 7—see map).
6. Connection from the end of Brooks Road to the escarpment overlooking Lake George. Need to check on the connection from the end of Brooks Road to crown roads.
7. Lake George lookout at Geary's Gap towards the escarpment. Possibly crown roads and aboriginal lands.

8. Woolshed Lane across Macs Reef Road to Morrison Road (status possibly changing) and then connection to Snowgum Road. There appear to be no crown roads for the connection to Snowgum Road.

Next steps:

1. Phil will send paper copy of maps to Peter Evans, to be used for planning.
2. Greenways Management Committee, with input from community members, will develop a more detailed plan for expansion of the Greenways Network. Local aboriginal groups may need to be consulted.
3. The final (draft) Greenways Master Plan will be forwarded to council for consideration.

Note: The Greenways Management Committee requests that Council keep it apprised of all proposed crown road closures in the Bywong and Wamboin areas, so that the Greenways Management Committee can provide advice as to any potential impact on Greenways planning or management.

Wamboin/Bywong Greenways Map

