

Barrabool Hills Landcare Group

AGM Minutes Wednesday 17th August 2016 – Gnarwarre Tennis Pavilion

Meeting commenced 9pm

WELCOME - Kaye Rodden

PRESENT: Kaye and Brent Rodden, Christa and Trevor Jones, Sally and Anthony Jones, Ian Kelly Heather Wellington, Wayne Moodie, Denis and Dianne Richards, Bree Gormon Holtz, Stephen and Lina Murphy, Peter Kingston, Ric Walters, Tony Redden, Julie Oataway, Jenny Scovell, Chris Tournier, John and Marie George, Fiona Godfrey, Jim Seager, Stan and Deborah Filippis, Mark and Heike Dunn,

APOLOGIES: Joan and Geoff Anson, Dr Peter Greig, Andrew Katos MP, Neville and Judy Trotter, Maxine Campbell, Fiona Cumming, Jim and Lynne Mason, Geoff McFarlane, Judy and Brien Cohn

VISITOR/GUEST SPEAKER: Michael Reid, National Rabbit Facilitator, Kate Smallwood (SCS), Leanne Rolfe (SCS), Elissa Ashton Smith (GLN), Ann and Rob Bullen, Colin Cannard, Andrew and Jill Stewart and Isobel, Murray Johns (SCIPN) , Peter Smith, Wayne Motteram

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 20th AUGUST 2015:

Moved Anthony Jones seconded Christa Jones

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Kaye Rodden (see attached for full report)

Highlights of the year 2016 included the Barwon River walk, Serrated Tussock Forum (held at the Ceres Cricket Club rooms), movie and supper at Rick and Sheila Walters shearing shed theatre, tree propagation with Karingal Community Nursery and the production of the “Feral Feast” rabbit recipe book

Planned events for 2017 include a rabbit management field day, a booklet on the flora of the Barrabool Hills and rabbit baiting in Feb. 2017

TREASURER’S REPORT – Anthony Jones (See attached financial reports)

The external auditor’s report for FY16 was tabled. The group finances are now managed using Xero accounting package which facilitates better management of memberships and significant group activities such as rabbit baiting. The financial status for each project is now reported separately on the Balance Sheet, independently of the Income and Expenditure associated with the basic running of the Group.

In summary, the Group showed a small surplus of \$201 for FY16 and held \$4,800 in the working account and \$15,000 in a Term Deposit as at 30/6/16.

Moved to be accepted by Anthony Jones and seconded by Ian Kelly

GEELONG LANDCARE NETWORK REPORT – Ian Kelly

Planning a bus trip on the 21st Sept as part of the National Landcare Conference, to look at a number of revegetation sites throughout the region

Have established a stall at The Bannockburn Farmer’s Market, held monthly and received a \$300 grant from the Golden Plains Shire to purchase a shelter tent.

Ongoing work creating a social media presence through face book and Instagram.

“20 million” tree grant - \$60 thousand dollars

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Casual Returning Officer: - Michael Reid.

PRESIDENT

Nominations: - Kaye Rodden

Moved: - Denis Richards

Seconded: - Anthony Jones

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Nominations: - Jim Seager

Moved: - Kaye Rodden

Seconded: - Christa Jones

SECRETARY

Nominations: - Joan Anson

Moved: - Denis Richards

Seconded: - Anthony Jones

TREASURER

Nominations: - Anthony Jones

Moved: - Ian Kelly

Seconded: - Jim Seager

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Nomination: - Jeff Anson

Moved: - Kaye Rodden

Seconded: - Anthony Jones

GEELONG LANDCARE NEWWORK DELEGATES

Nominations: - Jeff Anson and Ian Kelly

Moved: - Kaye Rodden

Seconded: - Denis Richards

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nomination: - Judy Cohn

Moved: - Kaye Rodden

Seconded: - Anthony Jones

Nomination: - Christa Jones

Moved: - Trevor Jones

Seconded: - Ian Kelly

Nomination: - Denis Richards

Moved: - Jim Seager

Seconded: - Kaye Rodden

Nomination: - Ian Kelly

Moved: - Kaye Rodden

Seconded: - Trevor Jones

GENERAL BUSINESS

A reminder for those wanting to attend Rick and Sheila's movie night showing Polyface on the 13th of September to register their names – bookings essential

Rabbit management strategy and Field day to be held in Oct. Date and venue yet to be confirmed.

Rabbit baiting set for 13th – 16th and the 20th of Feb 2017

Applying for grant to produce in partnership with Geelong Landcare Network and the Gordon TAFE a booklet – "Flora of the Hills".

Volcanic Plains Regional Funding Program - Native Grassland and grassy woodlands – now open

Next meeting - 19th of October 2016

EXTRA BUSINESS

Surf Coast Shire – Meeting 13th September – Rabbit Management Policy

Karingal Community Garden have 2300 trees ready to for planting – if interested call Jim Seager.

Meeting closed 9.27pm