



# Muckleford

## CATCHMENT LANDCARE

**Minutes** from meeting Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Present: Neville Cooper (NC), Beth Mellick (BM), Barry Sutton (BS), Dave Griffiths (DG) and Chris Mackenzie (CM)

Apology: Paul Hampton (PH)

### **1. Connecting Country Landcare Program with primary schools**

Connecting Country recently received a Landcare grant from the NCCMA to run an education program with the local primary schools. Landcare groups were asked to submit an Expression of Interest for which school they would like to work with. BM put in the form indicating Winters Flat Primary School. NC, CM and BM already involved in that school.

DG suggested Steiner School as we have a relationship with them.

Action: BM to add this to our EOI with Connecting Country and await details.

### **2. Mount Alexander Shire Council Weed Grant**

Matt from Bushtech is undertaking the weed spraying involved in this project and has presented an invoice for payment for part of the grant amount.

We'd like Matt to give us a report after he's finished about why he chose the sites he did. And the group would like to discuss ways to encourage landholders to take up the slack.

Action: NC to contact Matt and organise for him to go around with him and DG and have a lot at the work done.

Action: BM to contact Kylie Stafford on Mount Alexander Shire Council and discuss the Council doing some mapping of the work and sharing that data with the NCCMA.

### **3. Rabbit fumigator**

The group has an old rabbit fumigating machine. Connecting Country offered to repair it and store at their works depot. But DG believes the machine is no longer needed as it used lavacyde.

#### **4. Community Education Program**

We received funding through the NCCMA for a community education program.

- We combined the native grasses field trip with the vegetation field trip and schedule it for November
- we scheduled the public reserves bus trip for September, and will include nest box monitoring
- we decided to buy plants from Neangar Nursery to give away at Mucklefest. We also decided that giveaways are for locals only.
- DG to ask PH about the money we made for the last two years at Mucklefest on plant sales so we can work out how many to get.
- Details of the field trips/events to be worked out at our next meeting.

Action: DG to email BM a photo of the Creasy Road planting that has grown considerably. We should promote that success, especially in the lead up to our education program.

#### **5. Other**

- Chris Johnson asked for a reference letter from Muckleford Catchment Landcare to support her application to MASC for a fire workshop. BM supplied.
- Memberships: there are few people that we are chasing up for memberships, NC and BM handing out forms.
- The landcare sign on Bassett Creek came down recently in the rain. DG to help NC put it back up (once we find it).
- Next meeting schedule for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016.