

1. Present

Present: Beth Mellick, Neville Cooper, David Griffiths, Paul Hampton, Matt McEachran, Emma Richardson, Richard Mann, Ann Turnley, Lisa Hall, Judy Beaumaris, Eleanor and Albert Wright, Paul Foreman, Carol Barker, Chris Mackenzie, Deane Belfield

2. Apologies

Pam Connell, Kylie Stafford, Deanna Neville, John Whiting, Pam and PJ Joseph

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

Motion to approve the minutes from last year (pending the opening and closing balances being added into the minutes)

Moved: Beth Mellick

Seconded: David Griffiths

Carried.

4. President's Report

Neville thanks the committee. A particular thank you to long term treasurer, Barry Sutton, who retired during the year. Action: Send Barry Sutton a card.

Neville goes on to talk about new memberships bringing energy into the group, and events run by memberships, and great participation by members.

Achievements – Public reserves and nest box checking field trip, woodland bird workshop by Connecting Country, Mucklefest, Camp Out on the Mount, Steiner School Buloke Planting, plant guard removal at Chinamen's Creek (storing plant guards at Helena's, thank you for this), Bassett Creek Restoration Project Stage 1 (weed removal by prison crew), Dams to Wetlands workshop (thanks to Chris and Brona for letting us use their place, and Dave for being the speaker), landscape restoration workshop (thanks to John McGregor for using his place, and Dave for being the speaker), Muckleford to Maldon bike ride (going to do this every year), Mucklefest (thanks to members for helping out on the day), CC weed workshop.

5. Treasurer's Report

Opening balance as at 01/07/2016 \$4,685.66 and closing balance as at 30/06/2017 \$3,702.46. Grants coming in total \$4,410 and expenditure totals \$5,393.20.

Monies that we have left over from projects is to be used to pay our insurance.

Barry Sutton has been the treasurer for nearly 12 years. When he moved from Muckleford to Castlemaine he kept being the Treasurer. He's made an incredible contribution to Muckleford Landcare.

Motion: To accept these accounts as a true and accurate record of the last financial year.

Moved: David Griffiths

Seconded: Paul Hampton

Carried.

6. Election of Executive members of the Committee

- Meeting handed over to Nioka to run the election, all positions are declared open
- President
Neville Cooper nominated by Paul Hampton and seconded by Albert Wright, all approve
- Vice President
Dave Griffiths nominated by Neville Cooper and seconded by Lisa Hall, all approve
- Secretary
Beth Mellick nominated by David Griffiths and seconded by Lisa Hall, all approve
- Treasurer
Eleanor Wright nominated by Beth Mellick and seconded by Paul Hampton, all approve

7. Election of ordinary members of the Committee:

- **Albert Wright** nominated by Eleanor Wright, seconded by Neville Cooper, all approve
- **Chris Mackenzie** nominated by Beth Mellick, seconded by David Griffiths, all approve
- **Paul Hampton** nominated by Beth Mellick, seconded by Lisa Hall, all approve
- **Emma Richardson** nominates, seconded by Albert Wright, all approve
- **Richard Mann** nominated by Paul Hampton, seconded by Eleanor Wright, all approve

8. Motion to determine the annual subscription and joining fee for Muckleford Catchment Landcare for the 2017/18 year

- Annual subscription and joining fee set as nil
- Moved: Neville Cooper Seconded: David Griffiths

9. Future Planning

- Deer Control: can we deal with this? Are the numbers increasing? Dave and Carol both feel comfortable that the numbers aren't increasing. No major interest in deer control at the moment.
- Community education: Ann found the dams workshop and the landscape restoration workshops helpful and interested to keep doing more. Richard talks about what our priorities are, what animals are doing damage, where water is doing damage and learn about this.
- Continue with water in the landscape – Dave talks about moving into landscape function analysis, small workshops on this, how we look at landscapes as a whole, learning about how everything relates to everything else.
- Propagation workshop: Frances from Newstead Natives or Ken from Neaganar Nursery to run.
- Weed workshop: potentially run by Matt on how to treat particular weeds
- Citizen Science: Eleanor happy to run a workshop on bird app and frog app. Carol mentioned including Friends of Muckleford Forest.
- Planning: Paul talks about NLP2 grants, potential for landcare groups to apply for smaller grants in this large funding pool. He is looking for a bigger project. A lot of thinking and planning involved in this, so we could do this now so we are 'grant ready'. Workshop on this to present a range of projects for members to comment on before we start to work up details into a project.
- Bike Ride to Maldon
- Barb wire fencing removal project on private land – advertise for people who want to get rid of their barb wire, community education
- Bird box made by Middleton Prison, repurposed old timber into bird boxes, free. They also have people who can install them. They can make them in different sizes. Steve Comte. Interest from members to have them on private land. Formal response form Landcare to take them up (perhaps 100). Owllet nightjars., pardalotes, tuan boxes.
- Bassett Creek Stage 2 Project. First meeting of 2018 to start discussing the Bassett Creek project and start getting the letters to landholders.
- Date for next meeting: Feb Thursday 8th February, 7pm. Message Eleonor and Albi for this meeting.
- Close at 6.15pm.