



# Muckleford

## CATCHMENT LANDCARE

### **Meeting Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Present:** Neville Cooper (President), Dave Griffiths (Vice-President), Beth Mellick (Secretary), Eleanor Wright by phone link up (Treasurer), Albert Wright by phone link up, Emma Richardson, Richard Mann, Chris McKenzie.

**Apology:** Paul Hampton

### **Business arising from previous minutes:**

- Beth has bought the gift and card for ex-Treasurer, Barry Sutton and will deliver to him.
- The AGM Minutes were adjusted according to the guidelines from the Bendigo Bank re change of signatories, circulated to members, and a copy dropped off at the Bank. Both Paul Hampton and Barry Sutton will go in and sign this copy which will remove them as signatories. The new signatories are Neville Cooper (President), Beth Mellick (Secretary) and Eleanor Wright (Treasurer)

### **New Business:**

Member, Anne, reported wheel cactus and got in touch with the Tarrengower Wheel Cactus Control Group. They, in turn, contacted Beth because Muckleford has our own equipment to treat wheel cactus. We think Paul has this wheel cactus injecting gear and Beth will chase him up on this and then Nev will treat the cactus.

### **Community Education:**

As per the discussion at the December AGM, here are the community education activities that we hope to carry out this year:

- Bird and frog app/data workshop – Presenter Eleanor Wright, July/August.
- Weed workshop – talk to Matt about tying this session in with the Roadside Weed Grant project when it ends, potentially looking at mapping where we've done our weed work over the last three years of grants, October.
- Propagation workshop – collecting seed, and get Frances and Ken to propagate. How to collect seed, wattles, everlasting daisies etc, October or November. Get together a seed collecting timetable for members and ask Frances Cincotta if she has that information (when to collect, when to plant, link to the plant guide).
- Bike ride – end of September
- Mucklefest – November
- Barb wire removal – article on website for people to register, February

- Water in the landscape – Dave to run this, August. Paul Foreman and Kylie Stafford's property. separate workshop on Emma and John's property that leads on from this one.
- Walk of Bassett Creek - June

### **Projects:**

- Tyre removal project – get access through two properties on Lyndham Road, to remove a bunch of tyres in Bassett Creek. We can collect them and pay to dispose of them at the tip.
- Barb wire removal – weekend removal crew, registration taken on the website, two or three times a year depending on registrations.
- Bird and mammal nest boxes – offer brought to us by one of our members for the prison crew to make us nest boxes. Beth contacted Steve Comte from the prison to make them. But Dave objects to us getting free boxes from the prison because it means that Miles Geldard and his wildlife nestboxes business suffers, he has the expertise and has supported our group in the past. Put this one on hold. Beth to contact Steve Comte and ask him not to go ahead and make the boxes for the group, Beth also to contact Miles and discuss. Agree to do another workshop with Miles next year (Walmer Nature Reserve).
- Bassett Creek, Stage 2– this is our on-ground works project and the timetable is as follows:

Feb – walk the creek and decide which properties we can work on

Feb – Beth to work on the information pack materials and circulate to Committee

March – Dave to do site prep (this is paid, and the Committee needs to minute approval)

April – prison crew (Beth to call and book)

June – walk

September – plant

Information pack – this will contain materials about encouraging people to start managing weeds in the creek themselves, having an input into the creek, upkeeping it in the long term. It will also include a covering letter about the Stage 2 project, attached to the plant guide. We need to go and deliver to the landholders where we'll be working. Maybe get a quote off Jock who participated in the project 10 years ago and again in Stage 1 last year– what does this rehabilitation mean to him, how important is the creek on his land etc.

- Planning for a larger project on a landscape scale on private property, out of the NLP2 funding re agriculture and sustainable farming. Needs some more thinking, Dave and Paul F to do and bring a potential project to the Committee to look at.

Next Meeting is May – set the date when Eleanor and Albi are back.

Close the meeting at 8.12pm