



Committee Meeting

Thursday 31st May, 7pm,
Lyndham Road, Muckleford

MINUTES

Present: Nev, Beth, Eleanor, Chris, Paul, Dave, Emma, Richard

Apologies: Albi

Minutes: Approval of previous minutes (note the correct spelling of Chris's surname, Mackenzie)

Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting

Moved: Dave Seconded: Chris

Business arising from previous minutes: nil

Finances:

Report from Treasurer, Eleanor: since Feb meeting, we've had the MASC weed grant of \$3,000 come in, and \$1500 expended so far. We've paid insurance and some other expenses like chemical and wheel cactus injecting kit.

Internet banking: Eleanor has set up internet banking. We will set the maximum payment limit per day to \$1500. Eleanor is one signatory, and Nev and Beth need to be put on as well. There will be two to sign/approve.

Motion to accept the financial report.

Moved: Dave Seconded: Emma

Community education:

1. Bird and frog app workshop – Run by Eleanor 15th July, 1.30pm-3pm, 1082 Fogarty's Gap Road, Maldon.
2. Weed workshop – include a wheel cactus team activity where we locate and destroy local infestations. Ask Matt to run this. Sunday 12th August 1.30-3pm. Beth to advertise and collect sites. Meet at Muckleford Railway station.
3. Propagation workshop – put on hold
4. Bassett creek walk – to cancel as the site is not accessible and there are too many private fences to cross.
5. Bike ride – to be confirmed
6. Mucklefest - October
7. Water in the landscape workshop – Run by Dave and Paul Foreman, Sunday 23rd September, 1.30pm-4.30pm, Paul Foreman's house in Walmer
8. Christmas drinks and break up – Thursday 13th December 5pm The Hub garden

Projects:

1. Wheel cactus control – we have purchased our own injector gun and some hoes. Any member can borrow the gear, but we'll have to record where it goes. As discussed above, we will have a wheel cactus removal activity in conjunction with a workshop.
2. Bassett Creek Project

a) Update on Stage 2:

The Loddon Prison crew has done a re-spray of Stage 1 section of the creek, and then have done the work on Stage 2 section. So all weed spraying finished. Thanks to Chris who did an excellent job delivering letters to the landholders in the Stage 1 area, and Nev for delivery in the Stage 2 area.

The farmer along Bassett Creek is starting to work on moving his fence so that we can plant and keep the cows out. Dave to follow this up. We plan to plant in September but haven't chosen a date yet.

b) Tyre removal

As part of the Bassett Creek project, landholders have been encouraged to remove tyres from the creek. Nev and Beth have collected some from the landholders who left them on the side of the road as indicated in the letters they received about the Bassett Creek project. Beth has applied for the NCCMA Maintenance Grant which should help cover the cost of tyre disposal. We might take them to Eaglehawk tip as it is cheaper than Castlemaine (\$6.50 a tyre).

c) Next stage – planting

Plants have been ordered.

3. Barb wire removal project

Without funding or a works crew, we can't run this as a project. But we can simply run it informally, where we show people how to remove the wire themselves. Perhaps we can have a field day on it.

4. Seed orchard project

Nev and Dave to do site visits for all the landholders who have put in an expression of interest on this potential project.

What is the evaluation framework for assessing properties? Beth to draft a form/checklist with the following criteria - size, accessibility, water availability, gradient, landholder commitment (potential to sign a landowner agreement).

Any new business: Nil

Next meeting: Thursday 16th August 2018, 7pm at 59 Lyndham Road, Muckleford

Meeting closed 8.30pm