

1. Present

Present: Beth Mellick, Neville Cooper, David Griffiths, Eleanor Wright, Michael Billington, Ann Turnley, Richard Mann, Deanne Belfield, Marie Belfield, Deanna Neville, Jayne Kelly, Lisa Hall (departed 6.55pm)

2. Apologies

Albert Wright, Carol Barker, Chris MacKenzie, Sally Anderson

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

Motion to approve the minutes from 14th December 2018 as a true and accurate account of the AGM.

Moved: Neville Seconded: Eleanor

Carried.

4. President's Report (Neville Cooper)

-Thanks to the committee for their work this year and for the enjoyable meetings

-Thanks to our members who came to events and for being a part of the group

-Here is a list of things we did:

- Connecting Country held a snake and reptile workshop in Muckleford, and partnered with MCLG
- Bassett Creek project - thanks to Eleanor and Albi for the photopoint monitoring one year after the planting
- Connecting Country Camp out on the Mount
- Nest box monitoring at the Walmer Conservation Reserve led by Miles Geldard, and with the help of the equipment from Blair from the Bendigo City Council. Note that we have just heard that we have received a \$3,000 grant from Lisa Chester's office to upgrade the 90 nest boxes in the reserve. We received a grant from FOBIF to help us buy our own monitoring equipment from Blair. A volunteer cartographer is making us a map of all the boxes in the reserve with GPS points.
- Landscape restoration workshop at Richard and Ann's property.
- Walk down Bassett Creek to look at the planting a year from the planting date.
- Mucklefest - thanks to Frances from Newstead Natives for the plants, we made \$55 from sales. Thanks to members for staffing the stall. We will only do one day out of the weekend next year.
- Landcare planting day at Michael and Dan's property - we put in 432 plants with guards in one and a half hours!
- Annual bike ride (3rd one) with lunch at the Kangaroo Hotel, with 26 riders.
- Landcare Linkups - games night one night

-To sum up, we have a good group of people involved, we have good fun, and we are making a positive contribution towards protecting the environment.

Motion to accept the President's report for 2019.

Moved: Dave Seconded: Deanna Carried

5. Treasurer's Report (Eleanor Wright)

- Bassett Creek Restoration Project Stage 2 had \$1185 left over from 2018 – we used this balance for the community planting
- MASC Weed Grant \$3,300 paid, still some left and our contractor has more work to do
- NCCMA \$550 admin grant, spent on admin fees, insurance, CAV
- \$5,342 cash in the bank, minus the \$1700 weed grant to be spent, leaves us with \$3642 unallocated (or core) funds.

Motion: To accept these accounts as a true and accurate record of our finances for 2019.

Moved: Dave Seconded: Deanne Carried.

6. Motion to determine the annual subscription and joining fee for Muckleford Catchment Landcare for 2020:

-Annual subscription and joining fee set as nil

-Moved: Neville Seconded: Ann Carried

7. 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 Dave and seconded by Marie, all approve
- Vice President
Dave Griffiths nominated by Beth and seconded by Neville, all approve
- Secretary
Beth Mellick nominated by Eleanor and seconded by Dave, all approve
- Treasurer
Eleanor Wright nominated by Beth and seconded by Michael, all approve

8. Election of ordinary members of the Committee:

- **Albert Wright , Chris Mackenzie , Richard Mann , Michael Billington** nominated by Neville and seconded Ann, all approve

GENERAL BUSINESS

We'd like to remember Barry Sutton who was the Treasurer at MCLG for at least ten years, and who died recently and suddenly. He is thought of very fondly by those of us who worked with him.

PLANNING FOR 2020

- Workshops – weed ID (discuss with Connecting Country), landscapes in transition (maybe integrate with weed ID), look at the dams workshop again and revisit the dam we first planted out (Chris and Brona) – The Committee to decide on the workshop topic at its first meeting. Date set for Saturday 4th April 2020
- Nest box monitoring – Sunday 17th May 2020
- Property visit, The Committee to decide which property to visit – Sunday 23rd August 2020
- Planting day – September Bassett Creek restoration project stage 3 – Beth to apply for funding from CMA to continue the riparian restoration at Spraggs property on Rilens Road.
- Planting day – possibility of a community planting day at Jane's, Beth to search for funding, discuss with Dave who has done site visit
- Mucklefest – October 2020, only one day this time
- Annual Bike Ride – Sunday 8th November 2020

Committee meetings are schedule for Feb, May, Aug and Nov and AGM in December.

First Committee meeting Thursday 13th February, 7pm, at Richard and Ann's place.