

MINUTES  
NERRENA LANDCARE GROUP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2011*

6.30 pm

Meeniyah Hotel, Whitelaw St, Meeniyah

**WELCOME**

Nick Dudley (guest speaker), Sue and Eric Miles, Louise and Sam Matthews, Richard and Zoe Baillie, Kate Walsh, Coral Hughes, Mike and Jill Vella, Max and Jocelyn Boyd-Richards, Matt Bowler

**APOLOGIES**

Kevin Hughes, Susan Neville, Mick and Clare Landry, Stuart and Veronica Greaves, Peter Walsh, Chris and Sharon Hughes.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Nick Dudley, West Gippsland CMA talked about Soil Carbon and his work with the Carbon Farming Initiative, a very interesting and informative presentation.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*We changed our bank account to the Meeniyah and District Bendigo Community Bank branch to support their community status. The proposal for this Community Bank has been disbanded due to lack of community pledges. Therefore we will be remaining with the original Leongatha branch.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NIL

**REPORTS - Financial**

Coral read and tabled her report with the Group having a bank balance of \$650.90. *Coral Hughes moved that the Finance report be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded by Zoe Baillie (Carried)*

**President**

Read and tabled by President, Sue Miles.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**President: Sue Miles**

Nominated by Zoe Baillie,  
seconded by Eric Miles  
Declared President

**Secretary: Max Boyd-Richards**

Nominated by Sue Miles,  
seconded by Kate Walsh  
Declared Secretary

**Treasurer: Coral Hughes**

Nominated by Sue Miles,  
seconded by Richard Baillie

Declared Treasurer

**Equipment Officer: Stuart & Veronica Greaves** Nominated by Sue Miles,  
seconded by Zoe Baillie  
Declared Equipment Officers

(All Carried)

**AGM GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Richard Baillie moved that the Groups' membership fees to remain at \$30.00 per member family with \$5 from each membership going to the SGLN. Seconded by Jocelyn-Boyd Richards. (Carried)*

**Banking Changes**

1. *Zoe Baillie moved a motion to change our signatories for our cheque account, to remove Louise as a signatory and to add Max Boyd-Richards as a new signatory. Also that a signed copy of these minutes be sent to the bank. Seconded by Kate Walsh (Carried)*

**Meeting dates**

Discuss in General Meeting

**NEXT MEETING**

AGM – July 2012. Date and Venue TBA

We will send out membership invoices in early June

**Meeting Closed:** 9.01pm

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday 21 July 2011**  
8.00pm  
Meeniyah Hotel, Whitelaw St, Meeniyah

**WELCOME**

Sue and Eric Miles, Louise and Sam Matthews, Richard and Zoe Baillie, Kate Walsh, Coral Hughes, Mike and Jill Vella, Max and Jocelyn Boyd-Richards, Matt Bowler

**APOLOGIES**

Kevin Hughes, Susan Neville, Mick and Clare Landry, Stuart and Veronica Greaves, Peter Walsh, Chris and Sharon Hughes.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Zoe Baillie moved that the previous minutes be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded by Eric Miles. Carried*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Landcare Gate Signs – 17 signs have been ordered and just waiting on printing.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inwards:**

- \*FTLA – A range of emails including grants open and comments sought on various Landcare Plans and Policies.
- \*Guidelines and Entry forms for the 2011 Victorian Landcare Awards
- \*Information and entry form for the Small Landcare Grants for Landcare Groups and Networks (closing date May)
- \*SGLN – A range of emails including invitations to “You Wont Die Laughing”, comments on the Second Generation Landcare Action Plan, Soil Big Day Out and Koala Info Evening. Also Group Input sought on weeds, soil carbon benchmarking project, Information on Woolworths Landcare Grants and Community Action Grants.
- \*SGLN – Network Notes and various newsletters

**Outwards:**

- \*Nominations and applications for Coral & Kevin Hughes and Richard and Zoe Baillie to the 2011 SGLN Landcare Awards.
- \*Various emails from the Secretary and President to members.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Income from 25 members
- Expenses:
  - o A subsidy given to those members that attended the SGLN awards dinner.
  - o Chemical and dye for planting site.

Balance of \$650.90

*Coral Hughes moved that the finance report be accepted as read, seconded by Kate Walsh. Carried*

## **REPORTS**

**High tea:** A lovely catch up on a cold winters' day. We had a few new members come along which was great to see and some members even dressed up very nicely for the high tea mood.

*Zoe moved that an official thanks be given to Sue for organizing the wonderful high tea day, seconded by Coral. Carried.*

**SGLN Awards night:** Everyone that attended enjoyed the night, they found it to be very well organized and the weed costumes for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> were great.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

\*Community Action Grants now open

- Matt Bowler suggested that we run a field day/project along the public land/wetland area around the Black spur. Jill Vella will try and put in an application for us. *Coral Hughes moved that we look into applying for the grant to run this field day, seconded by Jill Vella. Carried*

\*25 years of Landcare – Nov 2011

- Suggestions were made to organize an event for this.

\*Landcare Honour roll – Jill Vella nominated Coral and Kevin Hughes and Zoe and Richard Baillie for this.

\*Future event ideas:

- Host Agnes River Landcare Group in our area – maybe looking at the planting success along the Rail Trail. Ideas are welcome.

- Afternoon removing the guards from the Rail Trail plants and then afternoon tea or dinner.

- Meeniyan wetland walk with South Gippy Water in Nov.

## **NEXT MEETING**

October 20th, 7.30pm at the Meeniyan Hotel

Further details TBA

**Meeting Closed: 9.47pm**