

**Nerrena Landcare Group & Tarwin Valley Landcare Group  
Annual General Meeting**

**held on the Sunday 17 June 2018 at 2.30 pm**

**at Milly & Romeo's Cafe Koonwarra**

**WELCOME:** Sue opened the meeting at 2.40pm and thanked all present for their attendance.

**PRESENT:** Mick Harrison, Kathy Westaway, Eric Miles, Sue Miles; President, Heather Smith, Kevin Hughes, Kate Walsh, Herbert Wildes, Jemima and Ben Getz, Phil Graley, Jill Vella, Coral Hughes; Secretary/Treasurer, Ray Saunders, Helen Wyhoon

**APOLOGIES:** Mike Vella, Chris and Sharon Hughes, Andrew Smith, Stuart and Janene Evans, David and Barbara Quinn, Jenny Keitley, Daryl and Fay Sinclair, Stuart and Veronica Greaves, Russell and Jenni Swan, Luke Biram and Melissa Ellis.

M Eric, S Kevin, carried.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING's** held at the Meeniyan Hotel on Sunday 6 August 2017 for both Tarwin Valley & Nerrena Landcare Groups were tabled.

**Moved,** Heather      **Seconded,** Eric

**Moved,** Mick      **Seconded,** Jill      **Both sets of minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**The amalgamation of the two Landcare Groups.**

In the last AGM for both the Nerrena & Tarwin Valley Landcare Groups it was decided to amalgamate and form a new group which would cover both areas.

**Recognise the service of the outgoing committee members of the Landcare Groups** especially Tarwin Valley Landcare Group: Jenny Keitley, Sharyn Fisher and Michael Stuart, Russell Swan and thank them for their valued contribution to Landcare. **Moved Jill, Seconded, Kathy; that the minutes record a vote of thanks to all outgoing committee members. Carried.**

**Name of Group**

The name of the group was decided by vote. Proxy voting forms have been sent out to financial members, and Coral has received and is holding instructions from nine group members (listed) to vote on the group name according to the written instructions.

Chris and Sharon Hughes,

Andrew Smith,

Stuart and Janene Evans,

David and Barbara Quinn,

Jenny Keitley,

Daryl and Fay Sinclair,

Stuart and Veronica Greaves,

Russell and Jenni Swan,

Luke Biram and Melissa Ellis.

**Motion:** that the new Landcare group should be called

Tarwin Valley Landcare Group – 7 votes

Nerrena Landcare Group – no votes

Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group – 12 votes

On the basis that the last option has the most votes; the name of the group becomes the Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes of previous meetings were distributed to all members.
- Invitation to attend the AGM or to send in your Proxy vote sent to all members.
- Replies to emails
- Letter from the Australian Taxation Office offering help for non-profits.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS;** Ray Saunders, SGLN Board member declared all positions of the Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group vacant and called for nominations for

### **President; Sue Miles**

Nominated; Coral Hughes 2<sup>nd</sup>; Jill Vella

Sue accepted the nomination and was elected unopposed.

### **Secretary; Jill Vella**

Nominated; Sue Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kevin Hughes

Jill accepted the nomination and noted that the previous conflict of interest (employment as the South Gippsland Landcare Network Coordinator Maternity leave replacement) was about to end, and therefore she was available for election. Jill was elected unopposed.

### **Treasurer; Coral Hughes**

Nominated; Jill Vella 2<sup>nd</sup>; Eric Miles

Coral accepted the nomination and was elected unopposed.

### **Black Spur Project Officer; Kate Walsh**

Nominated; Sue Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kevin Hughes

Kate accepted the nomination and was elected unopposed.

## **REPORTS –**

**Financial-** Coral tabled the financial report and moved that it be accepted

Seconded Jill carried. The financial report is appended to and forms part of these minutes.

**Motion;** The Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group will open an account in that name with the Bendigo Bank in Leongatha and transfer all current funds of the Nerrena Landcare group to that account. There are to be four registered signatories, the President; Susan Miles, the Secretary; Jill Vella, the Treasurer; Marjory Coral Hughes, and the Black Spur

Project officer Katharine Walsh, with two of the four registered signatories required to sign.

**Moved;** Mick Harrison      **Seconded;** Herb Wildes; Carried.

## **AGM GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Setting of fees for next financial period.**

The annual fees for the Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group will be set at \$30.00 for the 2018/2019 financial year. Notices of dues will be sent out when we have the new bank account details.

### **NEXT MEETING; June 2019**

A short General Meeting was held at the conclusion of the AGM with the same attendees.

#### **Discussion;**

- Ray Saunders gave a short report on SGLN board activities, including the current board focus on cluster meetings to share information between groups  
Jill moved, and Sue seconded a motion of thanks to Ray for helping us out with the AGM.
- Herb enquired about the Koala project and whether anyone was collecting dead Koalas for research. Regretfully the project is over. Kate suggested you could take dead native animals to the vets for research purposes, as there (maybe) a current project. Kate to check.
- We need to organise our training as per our grant. Wild Melbourne are to deliver the wildlife and bird monitoring workshops. We could see if we can use the otherwise useless Grand Final holiday in September. Jill to organise.
- We could have a progressive lunch one weekend, looking at people's projects and eating well.
- Vicroads are looking for a Euc. strzeleckii site for offsets. Would need to covenant.
- Sue to provide info on feather mapping project. The feathers must be in by 29 June 2018 to be included in the survey.  
<https://feathermap.ansto.gov.au/WhatIsIt/index.htm>

## Financial report of Nerrena Landcare 17/6/2018

Opening balance	1/7/2017	1639.10
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### Income:

Subscriptions:- 9 @ \$30.00	270.00
4 @ \$35.00	140.00

From Tarwin Valley Group	2064.92
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Health of Landcare	350.00
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Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	4830.00
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### Expenditure:

FTLA	-298.40
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**Balance at 17/6/2018**

**8995.62**

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