



Minutes of the meeting held 7/8/2021

Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group

Ordinary meeting held on Saturday 7th August 2021 immediately following the AGM by Zoom due to Victorian Government Pandemic Lockdown.

Meeting opened at 6.37pm by President Sue Miles. Before the meeting started we acknowledged the traditional owners of the Landcare group area *'The Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare group acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Landcare group area and pays respect to their past and present Elders. We honour and celebrate the spiritual, cultural and customary connections of Traditional Owners to country'*.

Sue welcomed,
Jennifer and Corne Smit
Marijke Horvath
Jill Vella
Susan Neville
Herb Wildes
Eric and Sue Miles
Celia Sutterby
Coral and Kevin Hughes
Kate and Peter Walsh
Jillian Staton (SGLN Chair)
Michelle Tumino
Meryl and Michael Andrews
Justin Lamond
Ben and Jemima Getz
Kathy and Brad Westaway

Apologies; Claire Croker, Clive Hope, Vicki Philpson, Phil Poulton, Chris and Martin Stone, Mike Vella, Peter Walsh, Chris and Sharon Hughes

Minutes from the previous General Meeting held on Sunday 17 November 2019 at 1.30 pm were tabled having previously been circulated to the membership and available on the website.

Moved as a true and correct record by Kevin
Seconded Sue
Carried

Business arising from the previous minutes; none raised

The meeting discussed what activities we would like to do during the next year (taking COVID disruptions into account).

We have a joint meeting planned with the Tarwin Landcare Group on the 26th of September, which is a rescheduling of a meeting previously planned and postponed.

Our VLG grant application requested funding for two events – a planning and planting shade and shelter belts on your property, and a carbon farming – regenerative farming workshop. These will need to take place in the next year if funded.

Our outstanding- in that the funders are well overdue in announcing rather than fabulous although it was- grant application for the Apple tree wetlands project included a visit to the Bass Coast community plant nursery – there are no current plans for this until and if they announce the funding.

It was suggested we should plan to have some sort of meeting every two months even if it is a last-minute pub visit when lockdowns allow.

We have monthly scheduled bird monitoring walks along the rail trail when the road works and lockdowns allow.

Members suggested speakers on indigenous issues, water quality monitoring, fish (Jacob) amongst other topics.

Herb suggested we use zoom technology to 'meet' with overseas groups and organizations.

Corné would like a mentor for establishing pasture grass diversity and understanding C4 grasses. Jill will email some people and see what she can find.

Kevin offered his soil management skills if anyone would like mentoring on this topic. We can probably find mentors for other topics if we know about them.

I (Jill) would like to learn about the Atlas of Living Australia

We talked about the need to do some planning for the future as our Action Plan is up for replacement at the end of the year.

We need as part of this process to talk about incorporation of the group.

When the Tarwin Valley and Nerrena Landcare groups amalgamated we inherited a trailer full of equipment. A BBQ, plastic plates and cups, and some spray equipment. At the time it also had Potti pukki planters, but we donated them to the SGLN so more people could share the use of them.

A spray unit and a back pack sprayer was also on/in the trailer. The trailer is a 6x4 single axle with a canopy in poor condition and the BBQ has never been used by us.

It was suggested we circulate photos of the stuff and see if anyone wants it to buy it or anything. We could keep the spray unit but there are legalities that need to be addressed if we hire the thing out.

Meeting closed at 7.09pm