**Minutes Special General Meeting NTV Landcare Group 10 March 2025**

**AT:** Meeniyan Hotel 5.30pm

1. Meeting open by Phil Poulton, President at 5.35 Pm with a Welcome to Country
2. Present: Phil Poulton, Kevin and Coral Hughes, Kate Walsh, Herb Wilde, Corne’ and Jen Smit, Marijke Horvath
3. Apologies: Sue Miles, Pam Odgers, Brad and Kathy Westaway, Chris Hughes, Peter Walsh
4. Minutes from the previous meeting 12/10/24
   1. Accepted, as presented: Moved K Hughes; 2nd M Harvath; passed
5. Business arising from the Minutes:
   1. The changes to the signatures at the Bendigo Bank have been done with P Poulton now registered
   2. The membership year will be changed back to the financial year in line with the requirements of incorporation. This means that the membership fee currently due will be valid for 18 months, rather than 12 months, until 30th June 2026
6. Treasurer’s Report:
   1. Coral presented the bank balance, as of 28/2/25 being $8,566.16
   2. There is approximately $5,000 remaining from the Apple Wetlands project
   3. This may be needed to fund on-going weed control in addition to the work that Peter Walsh does
   4. PP to chase up with Matt Bowler the status of this on-going weed control and our responsibilities
7. Motions on Notice:
   1. That the Nerrena Tarwin Valley Landcare Group incorporate under Consumer Affairs Victoria model rules with the following statement of purpose: The purposes of the Nerrena Tarwin Valley Landcare Group are to protect and enhance the natural assets of the area, through action, community participation, education and awareness.
   2. The motion was passed unanimously.
8. President’s Report:
   1. Phil apologised for having to cancel his planned riparian walk in February, which was due to his injury. He is hoping to reschedule it for later in the autumn
   2. Phil and Jen Smit attended a Cluster meeting 12gth Feb, where the eastern half of SGLN groups got together to discuss all things Landcare
      1. The Biolinks Strategy Plan was outlined, which will drive the direction of future projects
      2. Fund raising grants were outlined
      3. Communication ideas were discussed
      4. Nick Stephens outlined administration factors that need to be known
   3. The Victorian Land Grants (VLG) open in mid- April and we are planning to apply for funding of $20,000 to go towards worthy local projects.
      1. Nick Stephens has been working with some local landowners who have proposed projects
      2. Phil will drive the VLG in tandem with Nick
      3. Discussion from the group indicated that they would like some input into the choice of the projects we help fund and contribute boots on the ground to
9. Other Business:
   1. Herb Wilde raised the issue of providing watering points for wildlife within revegetated areas, and the potential to gain credits for carbon-offsets from Landcare projects
10. Meeting closed 6.25 PM and most stayed on for a social dinner and drink