

**Nerrena Landcare Group- AGM held at the Waratah Hills winery on Sunday 13th September @ starting 12.00pm**

**Kevin Hughes, President of the group opened the meeting at 1.10pm**

**WELCOME:** Andrea Verboon, Herb Wildes, Howard and Jill Plowright, Max and Jocelyn Boyd-Richards, Richard and Zoe Baillie, Ben and Jemima, Coral and Kevin Hughes, Veronica and Stuart Greaves, Mike and Jill Vella, Diane and Robert Clark, Sue Miles

**APOLOGIES:** Susan Neville, Alex Wildes, Kate and Peter Walsh, Jill and Greg Edwards, Eric Miles, Heather Smith  
Moved Zoe, seconded Sue, carried

**GUEST SPEAKERS, JILL AND HOWARD PLOWRIGHT** gave an informative talk about birds we are likely to see in our area. After the presentation they took questions from the meeting. Thank you Jill and Howard.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** had been circulated by email and copies were available.

Moved Sue, seconded Veronica, carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** None

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**REPORTS –**

**Financial** Coral reported that the FTLC insurance cost \$278.75 and Landcare magazine contribution \$66.00 (this cheque is unrepresented. A motion that the cheque be cancelled moved Robert, seconded Coral was supported). The opening balance for the group's accounts was \$1430.00 and the closing balance was \$1541.00.

The financial report is appended to these minutes.

Moved Coral, seconded Diane, carried

**President's Report** is appended to these minutes

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**Neil Travers, owner of the winery conducted the election, and declared the positions vacant.**

**President.**

Kevin Hughes Nominated Jill Vella, seconded Richard Baillie, accepted the nomination; elected unopposed.

**Secretary.**

Jill Vella Nominated Kevin, seconded Diane, accepted the nomination; elected unopposed.

**Treasurer**

Coral Hughes Nominated Sue, seconded Jocelyn, accepted the nomination; elected unopposed.

**Equipment Officer** The Greaves family was appointed equipment officer.

### **AGM GENERAL BUSINESS**

Fees for the year were set at \$30.00 per family

Moved Sue, seconded Zoe; carried.

Discussion considered what to do with the money. A community project, a group excursion like our trip to the Cranbourne botanical gardens or a school project could be funded. Jill will raise an invoice to be circulated with these minutes.

**NEXT MEETING late August early September 2016**

**Meeting closed 2.15pm**

## **NERRENA LANDCARE GROUP GENERAL MEETING**

**Kevin Hughes, President of the group opened the meeting at 2.15pm**

**WELCOME:** Andrea Verboon, Herb Wildes, Howard and Jill Plowright, Max and Jocelyn Boyd-Richards, Richard and Zoe Baillie, Ben and Jemima, Coral and Kevin Hughes, Veronica and Stuart Greaves, Mike and Jill Vella, Diane and Robert Clark, Sue Miles

**APOLOGIES:** Susan Neville, Alex Wildes, Kate and Peter Walsh, Jill and Greg Edwards, Eric Miles, Heather Smith  
Moved Zoe, seconded Sue, carried

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** had been circulated by email and copies were available.

Moved Sue, seconded Herb, carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** none

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Inwards**

- Group health check from Kathleen Bartlett.
- Letters of support from VicRoads; the Shire of South Gippsland; The Department of Development, Environment, Land, Water and Planning; The Great Southern Rail Trail; South Gippsland Landcare Network, West Gippsland CMA. in support of grant application
- Correspondence with Hands on Community Solutions to develop grant application and brief.

#### **Outwards**

- letters seeking support for grant application to VicRoads; the Shire of South Gippsland; The Department of Development, Environment, Land, Water and Planning; The Great Southern Rail Trail; South Gippsland Landcare Network, West Gippsland CMA.
- Grant application for 25th Anniversary Landcare grant for Smarter Farm Planning - Environmental Action and Food Production in partnership with SGLN. This grant was for \$22,000 which we received.
- Grant application for Black Spur Creek Wetlands- Consultation and Planning Project for \$4,500 with the Shire of South Gippsland. Moved Herb, seconded Sue that the meeting endorsed the grant application. Carried.

The correspondence was tabled.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** as per the AGM financial report.

**REPORTS;** none.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Kindellan Reserve; the group would like to see the pittosporum in the reserve controlled and proposed a working bee. Jill to meet with Chris Rankin from SGSC to discuss.

[At this meeting Chris agreed to do the major pittosporum removal this season, with the group to remove seedlings as a follow up next year.]

Andrea addressed the meeting about the Kangaroo problem on her property with 100 – 300 animals eating bark, understory in her bush and also grazing pasture causing economic loss. Permits to cull are only for 15 animals which essentially makes no difference. She urged the members to do something about it, claiming shooters were unreliable and too expensive. If everyone who has a kangaroo problem (everyone) did something about it, then DELWP may take more notice of the problem. Landcare should make a submission to the dept, about this issue as the wildlife act of 1975 needs revisiting.

Herb moved we should petition SGLN about the wildlife act with respect to Kangaroos which are a burgeoning problem. Seconded Sue, moved.

Andrea added to her address by email the next day.

I am just following up on the AGM regarding what Landcare can do for property owners about Kangaroos and if Landcare will support me with my submission as a group.

I am concerned about the use of membership funds being used to pay for a trip or for funding a night out.

Not all the members were there so it may not suit everyone to go for a trip or out for dinner.

I thought it may be more beneficial as a Landcare group to use the money to have education regarding environment or have guest speakers who we pay to come, then it is being used directly for members for what the group has been organised for not as a social outing.

I also would like to ask if Landcare is only about community projects, not members projects unless they have funding.

The meeting was pleasant and the talk of the birds lovely, however I am proactive in what I do and I am not sure if this is the right group for me.

Grant application; the group will be informed in Dec whether our grant is successful.

**NEXT MEETING** a walk on the rail trail when the new bridges are open.