**Nerrena Landcare Group- AGM held at Koonwarra Hall 7th October @ 5.00pm**

**Kevin Hughes, President of the group opened the meeting**

**WELCOME:** Kate McKenzie, Diane and Robert Clarke Alex and Herb Wildes, Matt Bowler, Max and Jocelyn Boyd-Richards, Kate and Peter Walsh, Zoe and Richard Baillie, Susan Neville, Jill and Mike Vella, Kevin and Coral Hughes, Caroline and Ian Hamilton, Michelle Harris, David Quinn, Graham Green, Bronwyn Teesdale and Dave Sutton

**APOLOGIES:** Jill and Greg Edwards, Sue and Eric Miles, Stuart and Veronica Greaves, Geoff Robb, Margaret and Graham Rowe.

Moved Zoe, seconded Max, carried

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

Moved Zoe, seconded Dianne, carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** None

**CORRESPONDENCE**None

**REPORTS –**

**President’s Report** was presented and a transcript is appended to these minutes.

* Vote of thanks to Kate Walsh, Coral Hughes and Jill Vella for work towards the Black Spur Creek, Wetland project plan. Moved, Richard, seconded Heather carried.
* Tree planting day at Ben and Jemima’s with the secondary college. Trees are well established.

**Financial Report**

Opening balance 1541.65

**Income**

6 subscriptions x $30 180.00

Grant from shire 4500.00

**Total 6221.65**

**Expenditure**

FTLA insurance for 13 members 3351.00

Lunch for guest speakers 2015 AGM 50.00

South Gippsland Landcare Network 66.00

Payment for Michelle Harris (1st installment) 2475.00

**Total -2869.00**

**Balance at 30/6/2016 3351.90**

Moved Coral, seconded Richard, carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

**Max conducted the election, and declared the positions vacant.**

**President Jill Vella.**

Nominated Coral, seconded Joc, Jill accepted the nomination; elected unopposed.

**Secretary Coral Hughes.**

Nominated Jill , seconded Heather, accepted the nomination; elected unopposed.

**Treasurer Coral Hughes**

Nominated Jill, seconded Richard, accepted the nomination; elected unopposed.

**Black Spur Creek Wetlands Project Sub Committee chair** Kate Walsh; nominated by Jill, seconded Dianne, elected unopposed

**AGM GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Change the name of the group discussion was vigorous, and the consensus was to leave the name the way it is.**

Fees for the year were set at $30.00 per family

Moved Robert , seconded Joc ; carried.

**NEXT MEETING 2017**

**Meeting closed 5.05 pm**

**NERRENA LANDCARE GROUP GENERAL MEETING**

**Jill Vella, President of the group opened the meeting at 5.06pm**

**WELCOME:** Kate McKenzie, Diane and Robert Clarke Alex and Herb Wildes, Matt Bowler, Max and Jocelyn Boyd-Richards, Kate and Peter Walsh, Zoe and Richard Baillie, Susan Neville, Jill and Mike Vella, Kevin and Coral Hughes, Caroline and Ian Hamilton, Michelle Harris, David Quinn, Graham Green, Margaret and Graham Rowe, Bronwyn Teesdale and Dave Sutton

**APOLOGIES:** Jill and Greg Edwards, Sue and Eric Miles, Stuart and Veronica Greaves Dianne and Ross Garner and Jackie Hayes, Bruce and Ruth Campbell, Graham and Margaret Rowe.

Moved Zoe, seconded Max, carried

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

Moved Zoe, seconded Dianne, carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** none

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inwards**

* Group health check from Kathleen Brack.
* Letter from the Shire of South Gippsland granting us $4500.00 to develop the Black Spur Wetlands plan
* Correspondence with Hands on Community Solutions whilst developing Project plan
* AGM documents from SGLN
* SGLN annual report

**Outwards**

* Group heath check filled in and returned to Kathleen Brack
* Minutes and discussion about project plan with all stakeholders

The correspondence was tabled.

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

**INTRODUCING THE BLACKSPUR CREEK WETLAND PROJECT**

**Rail Trail walk 5.00pm to 6.00pm**

This was followed by a bbq tea.

As the group was 21 this year, Coral baked a lovely sponge birthday cake which was enjoyed by all as dessert.

After dinner Kate Walsh introduced the Black Spur Creek Wetland Project. Jill then showed a PowerPoint presentation of the project. Matt Bowler spoke about the project and the role of the West Gippsland Catchment Management authority and the work they were about to undertake. There was then general discussion about the project. The project plan and the presentation are available on our Nerrena Landcare group page on the Sustainability Gippsland web page.

http://sustainabilitygippsland.com/group/nerrena-landcare-group

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

We now have a Facebook page, and members are encouraged to like it.

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**NEXT MEETING** Undecided.