

Nerrena Landcare Group- AGM July 18th 2013 @7.30pm at Coral and Kevin Hughes house, Egans Road Koonwarra.

WELCOME: Kevin and Coral Hughes, Jill and Michael Vella, Heather Smith, Alan Caithness, Sue Miles, Cara Brammer, Kate Walsh, Jenny Keitley, Ted Holmes, Teagan Brammer, Margaret Brammer, Jemima Wilson, Ben, Chris Hughes

APOLOGIES: Max and Jocelyn Boyd Richards, Suzanne Simpson, Paula O'Loughlin, Dianne Clark, Jim and Shirley Seabrook, Louise Matthews, Jill and Greg Edward, Eric Miles, Nena Caithness, Stuart and Veronica Greaves, Shawn and Tracy Hollingsworth, Peter Walsh.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING M. Kate Walsh S. Heather Smith; carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING None

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

REPORTS –

Financial

Coral Hughes treasurer, tendered the financial report

Balance @ 1/7/2012	\$1,129.90	
10 members @ \$30	\$ 300.00	
WGCMA grant	\$ 500.00	
VFF FTLA fees		\$ 261.50
SGLN fees		\$ 50.00
Balance @ 30/6/2013	\$1,618.40	Seconded Mike Vella; Carried

President's Report

Tabled by President, Kevin Hughes, the report as appended to AGM email

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The election was conducted by Jenny Keitley, Secretary Tarwin Valley Landcare Group. All positions were declared vacant with the nominations for the current office bearers to continue to serve in their current positions noted. Further nominations from the floor were called for. No further nominations were received.

Nominations

President: Kevin Hughes	M. Jill Vella S. Kate Walsh; carried
Secretary: Jill Vella	M. Kate Walsh S. Sue Miles; carried
Treasurer: Coral Hughes	M. Jill Vella S. Kate Walsh; carried.

Equipment Officer As Stuart and Veronica Greaves our current equipment officers are on holiday, this was carried over to the next meeting.

AGM GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion: Nerrena Landcare Group fees.

M. Coral Hughes; that the Nerrena Landcare Group fees for the 2013/14 year be set at \$30.00 per family and that \$5.50 of this be remitted to the South Gippsland Landcare Network. S. Mike Vella. Carried.

NEXT MEETING

AGM – September 2014 M. Sue Miles S. Heather Smith “That the AGM be moved to September”. Carried.

Meeting Closed: 8.00pm

NERRENA LANDCARE GROUP GENERAL MEETING

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APOLOGIES: Max and Jocelyn Boyd Richards, Suzanne Simpson, Paula O'Loughlin, Dianne Clark, Jim and Shirley Seabrook, Louise Matthews, Jill and Greg Edward, Eric Miles, Nena Caithness, Stuart and Veronica Greaves, Shawn and Tracy Hollingsworth, Peter Walsh.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING M. Kate Walsh S. Heather Smith

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Purchase of BBQ – defer purchase. M. Sue Miles S. Heather Smith

Grant from WGCMA which was for weed control – submissions for funding were called for last year, and Stuart and Veronica Greaves submitted a request for funding for blackberry control on their neighbours property. This was accepted by the meeting. M. Heather Smith. S. Coral Hughes. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards as tabled

The Koala management plan for the Nerrena area prepared by the South Gippsland Landcare Network elicited interest from members.

Outwards Minutes & meeting notice X 2 plus Presidents Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT as per the AGM financial report.

Motion: that the VFF-FTLA account be paid. M. Kate Walsh S. Heather Smith; Carried.

REPORTS; none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cara Brammer presented the results of her Honours Thesis titled 'Your land my habitat: Bird response to re-vegetation ageing in the western Strzelecki Ranges' which involved looking at what and how birds use re-vegetated sites of various ages in the study area. Through this, Cara found some interesting results and was able to make recommendations for improved future land management. Clearing the forest of the western Strzelecki Ranges has led to many environmental issues. Private landowners commonly use native revegetation as a practical way of addressing these problems. Cara discussed whether it was worth the effort. Her results seemed to suggest it was.

This talk was very highly appreciated and a vote of thanks extended to Cara for sharing her research with us.

NEXT MEETING

A progressive supper was proposed by Sue Miles.
Mossvale park.

A trip to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens with a talk by the seed bank curators and or native orchid specialists.

Farm Walks when the weather and daylight saving allow.

Meeting Closed: 9.05