

1. Present

Present: Beth Mellick, Neville Cooper, David Griffiths, Richard Mann, Ann Turnley, Eleanor and Albert Wright, Michael Billington, Paul Hampton

2. Apologies

Pam Connell, Chris Mackenzie, Deane and Marie Belfield, Emma Richardson, Lisa Hall, Carol Barker

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

Motion to approve the minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017:

Moved: Neville Cooper Seconded: Albert Wright

Carried.

4. President's Report

Neville thanks people for coming and thanks people for their participation in, and hosting of events. Thanks to Dave, Beth, Eleanor and ordinary members on the committee. Meetings are casual, but it makes the group enjoyable. Thanks especially to Dave, Eleanor (for taking over as Treasurer), and Beth for their work.

Quick summary of this year – prison crew treated weeds along Bassett Creek and removed tyres. We collected these tyres (still waiting to go to the tip); bird and frog app workshop on the Wrights' property; planting day on Bassett Creek stage 2; water workshop on Forman/Stafford property; Mucklefest on two days; and the second annual bike ride. Roadside weed project completed. Dave, Nev and TAFE volunteer visited properties re seed orchards (potential new project); Nev and Beth went to Landcare Linkup; Eleanor and Albi staffed a Connecting Country stall to get new members; we purchased a wheel cactus injecting kit.

Motion to accept the President's report:

Moved: Albert Wright Seconded: David Griffiths

Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

-Finances have been presented as a calendar year so it matches our timing on the AGM.

-Finance report tabled showing grants from Mount Alexander Shire Council and North Central CMA.

-Remaining unallocated funds \$3,428.

-We still have 200-300 plants at Neangar Nursery in credit. Eleanor suggests we use this credit next year for a community planting.

Motion: To accept these accounts as a true and accurate record of the last financial year:

Moved: David Griffiths Seconded: Richard Mann

Carried.

6. Motion to determine the annual subscription and joining fee for Muckleford Catchment Landcare for 2019:

-Annual subscription and joining fee set as nil

-Moved: Neville Cooper Seconded: Richard Mann Carried

## 7. Election of Executive members of the Committee

- Meeting handed over to Nioka to run the election, all positions are declared open
- President  
**Neville Cooper** nominated by Eleanor Wright and seconded by Albert Wright, all approve
- Vice President  
**Dave Griffiths** nominated by Beth Mellick and seconded by Albert Wright, all approve
- Secretary  
**Beth Mellick** nominated by Eleanor Wright and seconded by David Griffiths, all approve
- Treasurer  
**Eleanor Wright** nominated by Beth Mellick and seconded by Neville Cooper, all approve

## 8. Election of ordinary members of the Committee:

- **Albert Wright** nominated by David Griffiths, seconded by Paul Hampton, all approve
- **Chris Mackenzie** nominated by David Griffiths, seconded by Richard Mann, all approve
- **Richard Mann** nominated by Eleanor Wright, seconded by David Griffiths, all approve
- **Michael Billington** nominated by Albert Wright, and seconded by Ann Turnley

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### 9. Membership

Beth suggests we no longer email out membership forms for renewing members, but move to a simpler and more streamlined system where membership renewal is done by email only. Richard Mann to enter membership forms into a database. New members to fill out interactive membership form. Renewing members to reply by email.

### 10. Landcare Linkup

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, Beth has put together a Powerpoint presentation for our group, anyone is welcome to come.

### 11. Future Planning

- Snake workshop 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 run by Connecting Country but on the Mellick-Cooper property in Muckleford, advertise to our members
- Bird workshop with golf club members, April 2019
- Nest box monitoring, Walmer Reserve, May 2019, book Miles Geldard – activities to include rubbish clean up, monitoring, and repairing boxes
- Landscape in transition workshop, property visit to Richard and Ann's place to see a variety of plantings and direct seeding, July or August 2019
- Weed workshop, Matt to talk about new and emerging weeds in Muckleford, then weed ID, September 2019
- Planting day September 2019, possibly Michael Billington's property on Muckleford School Road using our credit at Neangar Nursery
- Idea to trial multi-species planting to out-compete certain weeds like South African Weed Orchid –
- Mucklefest, Nov 2019
- Bike ride, Nov 2019
- Christmas party and AGM, December 2019
- find a property in Muckleford
- Idea to have a photo competition in Muckleford (organise in 2019 for 2020)

Committee meetings in Feb, May, August, November – first meeting of the year for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10am, Dig Café, Newstead (and Dave's birthday).