

1. **Present:** Neville Cooper, Beth Mellick, David Griffiths, Michael Billington, Richard Mann, Brona Murray
2. **Apologies:** Eleanor Wright, Albert Wright, Chris Mackenzie
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes from meeting our AGM on 12th December 2021

Motion: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record (pending fixing the spelling of Mackenzie)

Moved: Neville Seconded: Michael

4. **Business arriving from previous minutes**

We need to set a new date for the bike ride – 6th November 2022 (with 13th Nov as the backup date)

5. **Finances**

Finance report tabled for the last financial year.

Opening balance as at 01/07/2021 is \$2,842.67

Closing balance as at 30/06/2022 is \$5,697.01

Money in \$24,356.60 (includes DELWP grant habitat corridor; The Good Op Shop grant Bassett Creek Stage 3; NCCMA maintenance grant)

Money out \$21,330.84

Motion: to approve the financial statement as tabled.

Moved: Beth Seconded: Richard

6. **Projects**

The Good Op Shop grant of \$500 for the Bassett Creek Stage 3 project. We planted on Spragg property, took photos, and provided a final report to show full expenditure and completion.

The DELWP grant of \$23,315.60 for the Habitat Corridor Project. Project included fencing, ripping and planting. Completed 6th February with major community guarding day. Follow up work included watering, and then adding in extra plants to replace dead plants that didn't survive the summer. Beth is waiting on the reporting template from DELWP in order to submit our final report and acquit the project. Project management fee donated to MCLG.

(Note that Beth and Dave put together an information sheet on how to plant a habitat corridor and how much it will cost, edited by Chris. It's on the website, but Beth to email to all members separately).

Monitoring of nest boxes took place in May, Nev to return to boxes and re-GPS some of the first lot as their GPS points are inaccurate. Then we'll get an updated map. Michael raised the issue of bee removal, we decided to let the bees stay in the boxes and they will leave on their own, sugar gliders do re-inhabitat the boxes even with honeycomb present.

7. **New Projects**

-Beth has submitted a project to the NCCMA for the latest Landcare grants, a project for landholders to connect up significant roadside vegetation, awaiting outcome.

-Richard recommends producing resources specific to our area to give landholders help with restoration activities, discussion on the huge variation of plants in our area, code them from riparian to dryland, generation suggestions, native and indigenous, Richard to start compiling these resources which will form a part of an information pack (also consider an NRM calendar, supplier list etc).

-Brona to investigate Connect via the Mount Alexander Shire Council website, so put our group and contact.

-All agree to upgrade the Wordpress website to a paid site to get rid of the advertising that appears there. Beth to do.

-Orchid walk again this year, pick a date in October and consider Nevill's track, Nev and Eleanor to organise.

-Other issues we discussed include our nomination in the Connecting Country 'stick beak tour', as well as the potential for us to sit on the CC Landcare Steering Committee.