



Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group

Minutes

August 15th 2017
10.30am
YYCMG Office kalannie

General Meeting - Minutes

1. Open General Meeting – 11.20

1.1. Attendance: Carris Waite, Jude Sutherland, Stacey Hudson, Peter Syme, Max Hudson, Lizzie King

1.2. Apologies: Dene Solomon, Bob Nixon, Brett Lang, Andrew Tunstill, Jordi McCreery

2. Minutes of previous General Meeting, held 25th October 2016

2.1. Amendments – nil

2.2. Matters arising – nil

2.3. Sign previous minutes if true and correct record (Chairperson)

3. Executive Reports

3.1. Funding and Finance (SH) to be tabled

Accounts payable: No accounts payable

Accounts Receivable: At 14th August : \$241043

\$62, 246

\$292,823

New MYOB software, so jobs recoded, Please align future invoices, repayments to their new job numbers

Won't collect the YY enterprises as \$5500 is Morawa DHS

2016/17 drain fees still coming in. If people won't pay they won't get their drains cleaned out.

Lizzie to go through and check what's come out of each job is from the right project. Lizzie to also go through each project and let Stacey know what funds can come from each of the projects to go to the YY Enterprise account.

LCDC's have funds that we can use, suggest that we charge the LCDC's an annual management fee.

Invoice the LCDC's for bookwork

Max – wants to lobby the State NRM for funds to assist running the organization.

Stacey moves that we receive the finance reports, seconded

3.2. Correspondence - to be tabled

- **Correspondence In** – lotterywest letter, **signed by Peter.**
- **Correspondence Out** – BAS out every quarter, Information statement to department of commerce for year ending 30/6/2016. Contract sent out between ECU and YYCMG for the Gunduwa project. PAYG activity statement.

4. Reports

4.1. Landcare Co-ordinator Report (JS, LK) to be tabled (Will email this out after the meeting)

Bus tour was very successful – more of this event.

More interest on the fencing.

Kalannie – bat boxes, Really engaged kids

Controlled Traffic Farming – may do more.

National Tree Day -

Clean up day – worked well in PJ, maybe Kalannie next year?

Website – still working with Chris Weidner. He has linked our facebook account to the website. Need some photos.

Locally focused workshops – PJ show:

Have a list of ideas to get people thinking about what they would like to do over the next 12 months.

4.2. Wheatbelt Catchment Alliance update (MH)

Independent review of inland drainage – Govt required this. The outcome wasn't that great – especially for YY.

Bore data on transects? The data isn't significant enough – recommendation that a further pilot should be established in the wheatbelt, with improved data collection.

Daarren West was very supportive of what the WCA were doing – met with him, passed on the recommendation from the review, he showed considerable interest but since the meeting have rung him several times but haven't got anywhere.

John Dunn – attitude that we need to publicise what we've been doing more to gain support.

At this stage would be looking for funds to do another pilot, with better technology.

To create scientific evidence/data rather than anecdotal evidence.

Stacey moves that reports be accepted, 2nd Lizzie, voted unanimous carried.

5. General Business

5.1. Tree Planter: hire & replacement parts – Three people using it this year (Chris King, Jeff Smith, Jude Sutherland – to be invoiced, \$100/day of usage) – have ordered two new tips from Chatfields, also needs new grader blades, should be able to get them off the shire. Also needs a seat. Currently being stored at Jude & Ash Sutherland's. Jude to follow up invoicing details and replacement parts.

5.2. Finance officer – funding for position

Also to cover the annual insurance costs (public liability, volunteers insurance, rill rig insurance, software costs etc...) as well as wages for a finance officer.

Once the drill rig is fixed up, advertise hire of it?

Lizzie and Stacey will work out

5.3. Change of committee members

- Will have an AGM in October – With a bus tour, either finished by lunchtime, or to finish for a sundowner.

Start to do events to tie in with meetings

Good if committee members have certain interests, that we use those, Carris is interested in the publicity/social media.

Carris will set up an Instagram account for YYCMG, Liz will sort out administrator access for the YYCMG Twitter account and the YYCMG facebook account.

5.4. Website: update details (photos to be taken following the meeting)

Please look at whats on the website

5.5. Association Requirements: Information statement and any other requirements?

As of 1/7/2016, changes came into affect. We have three years to update our constitution (by 30/6/2019) - . Lizzie to email out the constitution, for people to look through.

Will need to make sure we have a quorum.

- 5.6. Future Project ideas – Kalannie site. Salinity – review of what farmers want to do about it now. Different perennial grasses to use in drier climates.
Follow up – find the salinity report – from Bob’s Nuffield topic? (potential speaker about this at the AGM?). Linking corridors – Goodlands to Buntine.
- 5.7. Future Funding ideas – Follow up the Shires. Maybe GRDC funding – for trials.
- 5.8. YYCMG Strategy – last updated 2003, just needs some new input. Liz to send that out as well with the ideas that have come up so far. Liz to check with Max that we’re working on the same version of the strategy.

6. Business without Notice

6.1. Drain maintenance fees – Is there an end point to the easement?

Have been asked what would happen to any funds after 7 years. The easements have no finish date, so we wouldn’t have this situation, we would use the funds. We can use it for cleaning out the drains – up to amount put in by each landholder.

6.2. Kalannie LCDC – contact – Joy Sanderson.

Shifting the herbarium from the landcare office to the CRC. – good project, could we get some funding to do that? Jude to look into it. Would like to involve the school. Perhaps tie it in with the existing reserve project. Angela involved. Perhaps a biodiversity grant (NACC?)

7. Close Meeting

7.1. Agenda items for next meeting: Constitution

7.2. Set date for next meeting; Thursday 12th October AGM, with a field trip, - contact Bob Nixon see if he’s available for the date? Bring the Kalannie bus

7.3. Close Meeting : 1.06pm

photos for website ☺