

Minutes of the Langwarrin Woodlands & Northern Westernport (LWNWP) Landcare Group Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday 16th September 2015 at 6:00pm

Venue: 34 Kingston Road, Langwarrin

Host: Corinne Hingley

Present: Ella Boyen, Helen Bunyan, Pat McDonald, Corinne Hingley, Roman Nowak, Tom Miller, Neil Earey

Guests: David Cross of Frankston Environmental Friends Network

Apologies: David Fickling, Charles Clarke, Dale Cowan

Welcome/Apologies

Ella welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Previous Minutes: Motion - "That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 24th August 2015 are a true and correct record" – Moved by Corinne, 2nd by Helen, Carried.

Actions Arising From Last Meeting:

Ella has the website up and running at www.woodlandslandcare.weebly.com as well as the email address LWNWPLandcare@gmail.com and the facebook page. A full version of the website will be activated by Ella and she will keep receipts for future reimbursement when the group has funds available. Have also registered woodlandslandcare@outlook.com and will link it to gmail over the weekend.

Membership:

Reminder to everyone to fill in membership forms. 11 forms received to date. Forms can be filled in at <http://woodlandslandcare.weebly.com>

Funding Opportunities:

- Motion – "To actively seek funding/grants for the Landcare Group" – Moved by Corinne, 2nd by Pat, Carried.
- Ella is to apply for a PPWPCMA Grant to fund a rabbit and fox eradication program, possibly other pests as well.
- Also seek funding through Council and Grants for weed control, equipment, first aid training.

- Priorities are Pest Control, Weed Control, Equipment.

Equipment Requests:

- Wildlife Cameras, Hamilton (Tubestock) Planters, Rabbit Traps, First Aid Kit, India Mynah Traps, Weed Burners.
- Ella to email Simon by Monday regarding this. **DONE**

Treasurer's Report:

Neil and Ella to set up a bank account with Bendigo Bank (Pearcedale) within the next two weeks. **DONE** Cash payments will be accepted in the meantime and a receipt book will be required for this.

President's Report:

Ella has applied for the Landcare Startup Grant

Ella will be meeting with Bruce Billson and the State Member of Parliament in a few weeks to discuss noxious weeds & feral animals in the area.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report. Helen will check emails regularly and follow up on them.

Coming Events & Workshops:

- Pat to discuss dates with Leon Costermans for a Walk-and-Talk through Langwarrin Flora & Fauna Reserve
- Walk-and-Talk on bushland species etc at Pat's property Include date, time and address

Other Business:

- Motion – “To use the name ‘Woodlands Landcare’ for short as the full name of the group is quite long” – Moved by Corinne, 2nd by Pat, Carried.
- First Aid Training - Ella will discuss with Debbie at Frankston Council. Regarding the legalities of first aid treatment, Ella will email a list of questions for David Cross to investigate and report. Include the list of those that said they'd be interested in doing the training
- Ian Wheatland of Frankston Council to forward Noxious Weeds list to Ella for circulation and to post on the website. (I've put one up)
- Ella to follow up with Ian Wheatland regarding pest control on the properties at 28 & 30 Kingston Rd Langwarrin.

- More members are needed.

One way to attract new members is to offer participation in a rabbit and fox eradication program covered by a grant if people become members of the LWNWP Group. Ella will make a flier that explains the offer with a cut off date. Then the fliers are to be letter-boxed in each of our areas with a member's contact written on them for further information.

Add a tick box to the membership form for participation in the pest control program.

Print hard copies of membership forms that can be sent to people if requested.

Helen to place membership promotion in school newsletter when branding is finalised.

- Branding. A logo, header font, artwork etc need to be chosen.

Suggestions included Greenhood Orchids, Peppermints, Bandicoots, Sugar Gliders, Micro Bats. The subjects should be indigenous to the area, but not overly used in other branding.

Future Agenda Items:

- Can nestboxes for birds, bats and possums be built by high school students and 'men's sheds' if the materials are supplied?
- Weed control, especially Watsonia & Ivy.
- Bird ID, Plant ID, Frog Calls.

Next Meeting:

An informal walk-and-talk is planned for Wednesday 7th October at 5:30pm.

This will be held at Pat's property at 34 Grassmere Road Langwarrin.

Next formal meeting TBA.