

# **Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

142 Whitlocks Rd Maldon 28 volunteers

**PRESENT** Lee Mead (President), Tony Kane, Jill Bathgate, Ian Grenda, Cheryl Kane, Neils Zahle, Sharon Telford, Frances Wade

**ATTENDEE** Harry Heraud

**APOLOGIES:** Noel Muller, Brian Thomas, Barry McKnight Rebecca James,

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION that the minutes of the previous meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be accepted

MOVED Cheryl Kane

SECONDED Ian Grenda

Carried

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1 Free Disposal Sign at tip – ongoing. Lee to organise over summer.

2. Stall at Maldon Show. Thank you to everybody that assisted on the day. It was a good stall well attended by visitors. We sold two tee shirts and received a donation of \$50. Could Ian please convey our thanks to the organising committee and congratulate them on such a good day.

3. AGM. Greg LeFoe is to be guest speaker.

MOTION that the AGM to be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 11:00. The AGM to be followed by the guest speaker at 11:30 and then lunch at 12:30.

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Jill Bathgate

Carried

Sharon to book band hall at the Community centre

Lee to organise advertising in Tarrangower Times and Asha at Connecting Country

Cheryl to investigate catering at Berrymans Café and cake at ZEN.

### EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. The video has been taken down from the website. Sharon to look at emails from Geoff that have smaller files and forward to Lee.

### GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. National Landcare Awards & Conference. Lee, Ian and Tony gave a report on the Landcare Awards. Sharon to write a thank you letter to NCCMA for the funding to send our members. Letter to also go to Asha – connecting Country and Tess Landcare Victoria for their support at the conference.

2. Hot Water Boiler and BBQ Grant application Awaiting results

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### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Spraying Cactus Piles - NTR

### PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. MASC Local Laws review Cheryl to be watchful
2. Compliance (State Government) – Letters have gone out and the response to date has been very supportive. Still awaiting a formal response from Central Goldfields Shire, Maree Edwards MP and the Liberal Candidate.

Statistics re the use of Daconate have now been compiled by Steve and Bridie and shall be passed to Andy Steed Ag Vic. Lee

3. Football Club Fundraising. Discussions have commenced but given the current discussions with Parks Vic and the use of glyphosate this project has been put on hold.

### CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence for the period September to October

<b>Correspondence In</b>			
43382	Kim Olden	Subscribe Button	Asked tony to put him on email list
43389	Mark McKimmie Parks	Request re glyphosate use	Raised by a member of the public re use on Parks land
	MASC Jarrod Coote	Roadside Weed Control	Form for use for grant
43395	Bridie W	Hume City Council	Asking us to address a forum on the 1 Dec
	Phillipa Courtney	TCCG for news article	Has passed the information to her Victorian Counterpart Tim Lee
43396	Mark McKimmie Parks	Glyphosate	Response to enquiry
43397	Marg O'Rourke COGB	Election letter	Has asked to have the matter included on the agenda of the meeting of Loddon Campaspe Councils
	Bron Machin MASC	Election letter	commented on the amount of work TCCG do and will discuss
	Cheryl McKinnon Loddon Shire	Election Letter	Loddon Shire have been successful at MAV State Council in gaining support for lobbying the government for the control of invasive weeds.
	Laurie Whelan Greens	Election Letter	Laurie Whelan is in Maldon on Tuesday and would like to meet with Lee and members to discuss weed control
<b>Correspondence Out</b>			
43388	Lee Mead	Phillippa Courtney	Invite to use TCCG as a subject for news article. Lee to discuss
43392	Lee Mead	All Members	Correspondence re glyphosate. Tony responded
43395	Lee Mead	Parks Victoria	Response re Glyphosate use
43396	Sharon Telford	Maree Edwards	Election letter re State responsibility for weed control
		Kevin Finn	Election letter re State responsibility for weed control

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		Laurie Whelan	Election letter re State responsibility for weed control
		Bron machin	Election letter re State responsibility for weed control
		Cheryl McKinnon	Election letter re State responsibility for weed control
		Noel Harvey	Election letter re State responsibility for weed control
		Marg O'Rourke	Election letter re State responsibility for weed control

MOTION that the correspondence report be accepted

MOVED Sharon Telford

SECONDED Ian Grenda

carried

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

MOTION that the Treasurers Report be accepted

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Frances

Carried

Action item from last meeting should have been listed at the end of the minutes. Committee to purchase 50 new pairs of gloves and equipment. Lee to purchase 10 new digging hoes.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1. Neighbourhood complaint for Geroe Property . There has been some discussion amongst the neighbours re the Geroe Propery. We have been asked to assist in formalising a complaint to Agriculture Victoria.

Lee and Sharon to formulate a form letter similar to the form provided by Ag Vic that all affected landholders can sign and then submit.

2. US Delegation. Las week there was a delegation of US politicians visiting our shire and the Cactus Warriors were asked to present. Sharon did so on behalf of the group and spoke about the properties surrounding Cairn Curran. The delegation expressed their thanks and interest in the level of volunteerism in Landcare groups.

#### EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

2. Discounted glyphosate for property owners. There has been an enquiry from a property owner asking if we could provide discounted glyphosate. Landowners currently receive equipment on loan and then may purchase equipment at cost price from TCCG.

MOTION that new property owners receive their first 20lts of glyphosate at a 50% discount. Subsequent provision shall be at the discounted rate that the TCCG purchase the product for.

MOVED Ian Grenda

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SECONDED Cheryl Kane

carried

### GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. Landcare Grant- We have received a \$14,000 grant to implement Integrated Management Plans for 6 properties. The purpose is to introduce and spread cochineal to the properties and teach them to plan and maintain the cochineal. The grant allows us to employ someone to implement the plans. For this purpose Lee is asking for volunteers for a subcommittee.

Lee Mead, Jill Bathgate, Ian Granda are to form the subcommittee with the assistance of Tony Kane. Lee to organise the subcommittee to meet and discuss the employment of the contractor and a glasshouse for the cochineal.

2. Roadside Weeds management grants. We shan't be applying this year.

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1.

### PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1.

**NEXT MEETING AGM 25<sup>th</sup> November Maldon Community Centre 2018**

**MEETING CLOSED 2:50**

DATE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	PERSON	COMPLETED
May 2018	MASC Local Laws Review	To maintain contact with Shire	Cheryl	
May 2018	Wheel Cactus Piles in Park	To be covered and sprayed. Need to purchase Garlon and diesel	Ian	Test piles established
June 2018	New trailer	To be "branded" with local Landcare groups	Ian	
June 2018	Sign at Tip	Kill Cactus Sign to go to tip with "free disposal of Cactus" included	Lee	
August 2018	Hot Water Heater and BBQ	Purchase of new appliances to be investigated and application for funding through Volunteers Grant to be made	Tony	Volunteer Grant application submitted
Sep 2018	Gloves, paint, digging hoes	purchase 50 new pairs of gloves, marking paint and incidentals for field days.	Lee - hoes	
Oct	AGM	Book Community Centre	Sharon	
	AGM	Advertising	Lee	
	AGM	Catering -	Cheryl	
	Video	Search for smaller files for uploading	Sharon and Lee	
	Landcare Conference	Letters of thanks to go to NCCMA, Connecting Country and Landcare Vic	sharon	
	Neighbourhood complaint letter	Letter of complaint for multiple landholders to sign	Lee and Sharon	

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	Integrated Management Plans	Subcommittee to meet to discuss employment of contractor and glasshouse	Lee to organise	
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