

# Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

4pm Maldon Hotel

**PRESENT:** Lee Mead (President), Sharon Telford, Tony Kane, Ian Grenda, Cheryl Kane, Brian Thomas, Frances Wade,

**APOLOGIES** Rebecca James

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION that the minutes of the previous meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be accepted. Noted that an action table to be included at the end of the minutes.

MOVED Sharon Telford

SECONDED Cheryl Kane

Carried

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

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

### 1. Ward specific weed brochures

Brochures were launched by Major Bronwen Machin at the Landcare Linkup meeting on 26/2/18. There was a small article in the Tarrangower Times. Council to have brochures on their website (Lee will check with Kylie Stafford). The broader roundup of Landcare groups on the night was extensive and most informative. This is likely to become an annual occurrence.

### 2. Website redesign

Ian and Lee have met with Steph of Green Graphics to discuss the new layout design and menu system. What information should be transferred from the old website needs to be determined. Subcommittee consisting of Frances, Tony, Ian and Lee. Lee to organise date and time to meet.

GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Cochineal Nursery. Lee has visited the site and seeding is covering well. It is now time to replant. Cheryl Lee and Jill to monitor spread at Duncan & Julie property and spread to more sites. Lee to organise date and time to meet.

The Green Army is doing mapping of spread using the NCCMA system and have been spreading on the Watts Gardeners and Geroes properties.

BBQ Tongs have been purchased. 10 sets and are working well.

PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. Green Army update. There is considerable difficulty communicating with the team leader of the Green Army. The working relationship has deteriorated considerably. The team are arriving late and leaving early and the responsibility for management of the team and their work is resting with Ian. Our trailer and equipment has been left unattended in public places and is at risk of damage and or theft. Ian shall no longer be supporting the team. As there is still specific tasks to be done in

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collaboration with Connecting Country Work, for the remaining time work shall be restricted to digging out young wheel cactus plants in the Park and, when the weather breaks, planting 2000 trees. There is 3 months of the program left to run. Members felt that, at the end of the program, this committee should write a letter explaining our disappointment to the management of the team (Manpower).

2. GMW update. No further update

3. MASC Local Laws review. Cheryl has been corresponding with Kylie Stafford and Jeffry Amy of MASC asking to be advised of any impending review of Local Laws. It is possible that this work could be done as a review of ALL MASC Local Laws. Keep an eye on the draft budget for a Special Project. Cheryl will send reminder email within 3 months.

4. Compliance for most difficult landholders. Bec James advises there is no template for lobbying politicians. Lee to contact Andy Stead – DEDJTR Bio Security officer in Maryborough to discuss ways forward. Sharon spoke with Cr Henderson asking that she endeavour to garner support from surrounding shires to increase State and Federal resourcing for the enforcement of compliance for weed control.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

Correspondence for the period February to March tabled.

Discussion that the email from Andrew MConnachie 20 Feb may have identified fruitfly in cactus.

Lee to contact and advise.

Advise re Landcare Victoria is that Christine Kilmartin from Castlemaine Landcare has nominated to join this group.

MOTION that correspondence be accepted

MOVED Brain Thomas

SECONDED Tony Kane

Carried

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

MOTION that the Treasurers Report be accepted

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Brian Thomas

Carried

MOTION that Ian Grenda to purchase 5 new injectors.

MOVED Ian Grenda

SECONDED Tony Kane

carried

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

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1. Easter Parade. Work on Crow is progressing Tony and Cheryl Kane to make signs for the side of the ute 6ft x 18inches.

Members to carry our banner. Brian and Tony. To be dressed as crows

Frances to be the Easter Bunny to give out eggs.

Ian to contact members should he need further assistance.

Participants to meet in hospital street 9am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

MOTION that Ian spend up to \$300 to purchase goods for the parade.

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Frances Wade

carried

2. Field Day Launch. Likely to be at Lee/Bakan property in Watersons Rd. Sharon still to invite Cr Gardener and Maree Edwards.

### EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. Permanent A frame posters re injecting techniques and safety precautions. NTR

Lee still to contact Steve and Bec

2. New Farm Fence Signs. Lee to seek alternative quotes as Duus quote now \$60 per sign. We have sought funding for this project from MASC.

### GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. Strategic plan review. Updated plan has been distributed to all members and no further changes.

2. Committee meeting frequency and locations. Members agreed to meet monthly and to conduct meetings after field days during our working months.

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Venturer Scout Project. Tim Hamilton is still to write up his project on glyphosate dilutions in South Parkins Reef Rd. Lee has been in contact with him to encourage him.

### PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. MASC community grants. We have submitted an application and should be advised prior to the end of Financial Year.

2. Muckleford Landcare request for Injectors. The President (Beth) has asked for an injector and is unaware that they already have one. Muckleford members are trying to source the injector they currently have. Committee to determine if we should be giving them away to Landcare groups at no cost. Lee will follow-up with Beth.

3. 'Big Lift' tertiary student tour from Sydney. Maldon Neighbourhood Centre asked TCCG if they wished to be involved in this project. Ian has rejected the offer.

General discussion re field days.

Owners need to be pressured to be in attendance at field days on their property.

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TCCG are seeking new or unidentified sites that would be suitable for field days. Please advise Lee or Ian if members notice or know of any.

Tony to compile a list of sites already visited. Sharon to check through past minutes.

Future sites noted were Shelbourne, Sells Lane, Sth Parkins Reef Rd, Greenhill Bridge Rd 2x properties and Cnr Watersons and Back Mount Rd.

Sharon to write article for TT advising of commencement of new season in May, asking for new sites and acknowledging the work of works crews and Green Army in keeping the Park clean.

**NEXT MEETING Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**MEETING CLOSED. 17:53**

DATE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	PERSON	COMPLETED
March 2018	Website	Subcommittee Lee Frances and tony to meet with Green Graphics	Lee to organise	
	Cocchineal Nursery	Chery Lee and Jill to monitor and spread	Lee to organise	
	Green Army	Correspondence to Manpower at end of program	Sharon to organise	
	MASC Local Laws Review	Reminder email to be sent in 3 months	Cheryl to organise	
	Compliance	Meet with Andy Stead Maryborough DEDJTR	Lee to organise	
	Correspondence	Andrew McConachie to be advised of possible fruit fly infestation	Lee to contact	
	Easter Parade	Easter Bunny to give out eggs Banner to be carried Any further assistance required	Frances Brian and Tony Ian to ask	
	Filed Day Launch	Cr Stephen Gardener and Maree Edwards MP to be invited	Sharon	
	A Frame Posters	Steve and Bec to be contacted	Lee to contacted	
	Farm Fence Signs	More quotes required	Lee	
	Muckleford Landcare	Follow up with Beth re injector	Lee to follow up	
	Site locations for past field days		Tony and Sharon	

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	New Sites	Any new sites identified	All members to advise Lee or Ian	
	Tarrangower Times Article	Updating the public	Sharon	