

Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 27th May 2018

Location of Field Day: John McGlade's Property, Baringhup Rd., Baringhup

PRESENT: Lee Mead (President), Sharon Telford, Tony Kane, Jill Bathgate, Ian Grenda, Cheryl Kane, Noel Muller, Frances Wade, Rebecca James,

APOLOGIES Brian Thomas, Barry McKnight

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION that the minutes of the previous meeting 23rd April 2018 be accepted

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Frances Wade

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1. Media Releases – Midland Express article & Volunteer Week Special in Tarrangower Times & weed brochure article in Landcare in Focus.

2. Letter thanking Maldon Primary School sent

3. Brochure mail out – there are 273 brochures left in store cost for localised postage minimal. MOVED that we print more brochures and mail out to Maldon Muckleford and Newstead spending up to \$400.

MOVED Cheryl Kane

SECONDED Ian Grenda

Carried.

4. Injector kits purchased x 2 – Muckleford Landcare and one landholder have purchased these kits.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. Website redesign – content has been transferred to new site and it is currently being correctly formatted. Steph will advise when this has been done. Bec, Lee and Sharon are to meet with Steph to train them on how to update the site. Lee to advise time and place.

2. A-frame re injecting techniques & safety precautions – posters obtained & A-frame complete/ donation to Men's Shed sent

3. New Farm Fence Signs – Grant application with MASC has been successful.

MOVED that we proceed with printing more signs in accordance with the MASC grant application.

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Ian Grenda

Carried.

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GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. New address - Post Office Box No 344 Maldon 3463 activated
2. National Landcare Awards & Conference - As we were successful in the State awards there is financial support available for registration, travel and accommodation to attend this conference in Brisbane possibly for 2 attendees. Lee to confirm. NCCMA have funds available to cover the cost of a third person attending. Lee to confirm.

- call for abstracts for presentation. Lee to submit for the Environment Category.

Bec shall be attending the Australasian Weeds conference in Sydney, in September.
3. Hard copies 'Opuntoid Best-Practice Manual' delivered to Connecting Country & Maldon Library / Still to deliver to MASC

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Cochineal Nursery/Monitoring - NTR

PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. Green Army update. Only 2 more weeks left of the program. Injecting to take place at David and Robyn's place at end of Whitlocks Rd.
2. MASC Local Laws review - Cheryl has forwarded a copy of the Southern Downs Council environmental policy to Geoffrey of the MASC but not had a response to date. Lee will attend MASC meeting on 29.5.18 and raise issue of Local Laws review.
3. Compliance (State Government) – Visit with Andy Steed and Biosecurity boss Jess. Lee to bring them both on site to see the effect of heavy infestation. Wedderburn has significant problems with heavy infestations and non-compliance also & have also contacted Andy Steed.
4. NCCMA Grant submission – Extension officer to develop integrated management with cochineal. Lee & Tony have met with Tess from NCCMA to discuss the proposal, which is to contract someone to implement an integrated management program. Tess has encouraged us to apply for funding. Lee and Tony to prepared the application.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence for the period March to May emailed

Late correspondence MASC advised of our successful grant application.

MOTION that correspondence be accepted

MOVED Cheryl Kane

SECONDED Ian Grenda

Carried

TREASURERS REPORT

MOTION that the Treasurers Report be accepted

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Bec James

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Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1. Field Day Launch. 31 people signed on for the day. Disappointing that the owners of the property did not attend at all. Lee to email and express our disappointment on behalf of the volunteers and suggest that they may wish to seek contractor support to help eradicate cactus.

Maree Edwards suggested that committee members may wish to attend a Labour Party fundraiser Friday 2nd June at 6pm at the Tap Room at the Mill in Castlemaine as Lily D'ambrosio shall be the guest speaker. She is Minister for the Environment.

2. New field day locations. We have been advised of two new locations. One on Shelbourne Rd and another on Seers Rd. Lee & Ian will check the infestations at these sites.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. Opuntoid Workshop, Bacchus Marsh – Lee & Ian attended & Lee presented update on TCCG success. Very informative field trips and enlightening that Bacchus Marsh has a significant problem with wheel cactus and other opuntoids.

Bec James attended the same workshop in Ouyen where wheel cactus is not the problem that other cactus varieties are.

GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. MASC community grants – successful application. Thanks to Tony.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Wheel Cactus piles in park – spray with Garlon Vs cover with black plastic. Ian & Lee will trial both approaches as well as spraying and covering with black plastic.

PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. Demonstration to Barkers Creek & Harcourt Valley Landcare groups – on 20.5.18, thanks Ian.

2. Noted that Kylie Stafford from MASC has requested more copies of the weeds brochures for distribution.

3. Monash Uni student field trip - shall be coming July 2, 3, 4 & 5th.

4. Sharon to ask for use of Folk Festival office for meetings post field days.

NEXT MEETING Sunday 24th June

MEETING CLOSED. 2:37

DATE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	PERSON	COMPLETED
March 2018	Green Army	Correspondence to Manpower at end of program	Sharon to organise	
	MASC Local Laws Review	Reminder email to be sent in 3 months i.e. June.	Cheryl to organise	

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	Compliance	Meet with Andy Stead Maryborough DEDJTR	Lee to organise	
April 2018	MASC Roadside Grants	Need to enquire MASC	Cheryl	
May 2018	Postal Mail Out	Wheel cactus brochures currently stockpiled to be sent to Maldon PO Boxes and the roadside postal run from Maldon post office – with funds available more to be printed	Tony	
May 2018	Website redesign	Training for committee members to be organised with Steph	Bec Lee and Sharon	
	Farm Fence signs	McIntosh printers to print signs – MASC grant funding successful	Tony	
	National Landcare conference	Lee to submit abstract for Environment category	Lee	
	NCCMA grant application	Application to be completed for funding for cochineal integrated management program	Tony	
	Correspondence to McGlades	Response to opening of season on their property	Lee	completed
	Wheel Cactus Piles in Park	To be covered and sprayed	Ian	
	Ward specific weed brochures to Kylie Stafford	More copies to be provided to MASC	Lee	
	Meeting Venue	To ask to use Folk Festival office	Sharon	