

# **Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting Minutes**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Old Railway Line, Lakey's Rd., Shelbourne

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

**APOLOGIES** Jill Bathgate, Noel Muller, Rebecca James, Brian Thomas, Barry McKnight,

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION that the minutes of the previous meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 be accepted

MOVED Cheryl Kane

SECONDED Frances Wade

Carried

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

### COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1. Brochure mail out - ongoing
2. Sign at Tip – we have purchased 18 new fence signs. One of these shall go to the Maldon tip and have included in the wording that there is free tipping of cactus. Lee to liaise with Council for permission.

### EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. Website Redesign - The site is now live and continues to improve as we add and update. Please advise of any improvements or oversights.
2. New Farm Fence Signs - 4 of these signs went out at the field day 14 still available.

### GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. National Landcare Awards & Conference - Tess at CMA has confirmed sponsorship of \$1000 to send one member to the conference. We are still awaiting confirmation of the 2 funded positions. Lee has submitted an abstract for consideration and expects to hear in July.
2. Cactus Warrior Mugs - 10 mugs have been delivered today. For sale for \$10 each

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Cochineal Nursery/Monitoring - Subcommittee to visit Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June to rewater and reseed.
2. Cactus Piles in Historic Park - Ongoing

MOTION that TCCG pay for the Garlon chemical and diesel up to \$200 to complete the job.

MOVED Neils Zahle

SECONDED Ian Grenda

Carried.

### PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. Green Army update. Project has finished and participants graduated Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lee and Sharon to write to Manpower as organising body with a summary of concerns.

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2. MASC Local Laws review & Roadside grants - Lee attended Council Briefing on the 29 May to ask that we may participate in the review of Environmental By-Laws. Were advised we shall be sent the draft for comment. There was discussion re Council staffing and that Jarrod is now responsible for roadside weeds and the Land Management Rate. The staff for environmental management are now managed by the Parks Dept and not Waste. Cheryl will contact Councillor Steve Gardner to seek advice about who is the most appropriate Shire employee to contact re the review.

3. Compliance (State Government) Ongoing. Opportunity to meet with Andy Steed has not yet been advised.

Committee to make contact with all political parties prior to the State Election. The purpose is to seek an election promise for increased penalties for failure to comply in weed control and better resourcing for enforcement of environmental management, particularly weeds. MASC and adjoining Councils also to be advised. Lee and Sharon to organise

4. NCCMA Grant submission – has been submitted. Seeking \$13500 to establish an integrated management program for cochineal. Requesting funding for students and equipment also.

### CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence for the period May to June

Correspondence Out		
Date	To	RE
28-May	John McGlade	Field Day conducted on his property - as per minutes
5-Jun	McIntosh Signs	Order 18 x Fence signs
12-Jun	NCCMA	Landcare Grant application submitted.
Correspondence In		
Date	From	RE
15-Jun	Steve Marsden	Cactus control on adjoining property
17-Jun	Krista Dent	Confirmed ok to have July field day at her property in Treavor's Lane
20 June	Marion Sutherland	Possible Wheel cactus at Nicholson Vic Gippsland region
		LATE MAIL
21 June	Asha Bannon	EOI for Botanist Site visit and report.
	Gil Hopkins	Mapping on website
	John Coleiro	Mapping on website

MOTION that correspondence be accepted  
 MOVED Cheryl Kane  
 SECONDED Frances Wade  
 Carried

### TREASURERS REPORT

Sandy Creek Landcare has folded and they have donated \$2000 and equipment to TCCG. They have donated a 8 x5 tandem trailer with cover to be used by the four local Landcare Groups. The trailer will be registered to Nuggetty Landcare. Each Landcare group will be asked to pay \$50 per annum for registration and maintenance,

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MOTION that the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted

MOVED Tony Kane

SECONDED Ian Grenda

Carried

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1. Number of Volunteers at today's Field Day 28. 3 new property owners attended for education and advice.

Bec Hamilton the property owner phoned to apologise for not attending the field day. Lee to email (if we can find address) thanking them for the opportunity and expressing the disappointment that the volunteers feel when property owners don't attend.

2. July Field Day – volunteer numbers are such that we require a property with considerable amount of cactus. Liz Phillips of Baringhup Rd has significant amounts. Ian to contact her to see if we can have our next field day there. Frances will contact Jo Marley in Sells Lane as a possible location.

3. Monash Students commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July. 15 shall be attending. Ian has it all organised.

#### EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. Connecting Country Botanist Site visit- Lee to email Noel re submitting the Park for consideration

#### GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. Media Release – Mapping project article published in Winter Landcare Magazine

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

#### PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. Trailer and Equipment Donation from Sandy Creek Landcare. Ian to investigate having the trailer "branded" for local Landcare groups. Sharon and Lee send article to TT to acknowledge their work.

2. Financial Assistance to National Landcare Conference – as discussed

3. Baringhup Landcare convey their thanks for the work the Green Army have done cleaning the Baringhup Cemetery.

**NEXT MEETING Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**NEXT FIELD DAY LOCATION – Baringhup Rd, Maldon TBC**

**MEETING CLOSED 3:40**

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DATE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	PERSON	COMPLETED
	Compliance	Meet with Andy Steed Maryborough DEDJTR	Lee to organise	
April 2018	MASC Roadside Grants	Need to enquire MASC, apply next round for cactus work	Cheryl	
May 2018	Postal Mail Out	Wheel cactus brochures to be sent to Maldon PO Boxes and roadside postal run – more to be printed and sent to Newstead, Muckleford	Lee	
May 2018	Wheel Cactus Piles in Park	To be covered and sprayed. Need to purchase Garlon and diesel	Ian	
June 2018	Signs at Tip	Kill Cactus Sign to go to tip with “free disposal of Cactus” included	Lee	
	Cochineal Nursery Monitoring	Subcommittee to attend Wednesday 27th	Lee, Cheryl, Jill	
	Green Army	Letter to go to Manpower expressing disappointment	Lee and Sharon	
	Election promise	Letters to all politicians standing in the next state election as well as council of adjoining shires requesting tougher penalties and better resourcing for weed management	Lee and Sharon	
	Field day property owner	Email to Bec Hamilton re disappointment at non attendance	Lee	
	July field Day	Liz Phillips Baringhup Rd be asked	Ian	
	August field day	Jo Marley Sells Lane be asked	Frances	
	New trailer	To be “branded” Landcare	Ian	
	Botanist Site Visit	Contact Noel re park site Submit EOI to Asha	Lee	
	Thankyou to Sandy Creek	Send article to Tarrangower Times	Lee and Sharon	