

Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 29th July 2018

LOCATION and TIME: Folk Festival Office, 1:45pm.

PRESENT: Lee Mead (President), Tony Kane, Ian Grenda, Frances Wade, Neils Zahle, Jill Bathgate, Brian Thomas.

APOLOGIES Noel Muller, Rebecca James, Barry McKnight, Sharon Telford, Cheryl Kane.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION that the minutes of the previous meeting 24th June 2018 be accepted

MOVED Ian Grenda

SECONDED Jill Bathgate

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1. Brochure mail out – completed, 695 brochures were sent to the RSD and P.O. Boxes at Maldon, Newstead and Harcourt Post Offices. Cost was \$338.30.
2. Tarrangower Times Article thanking Sandy Creek Landcare – completed.
3. Free Disposal Sign at Tip – ongoing. Lee to liaise with Council for permission.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. Connecting Country Botanist Audit – completed, performed at Ian's property and have received list of indigenous, introduced and recommended plant species.

GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. National Landcare Awards & Conference – have received confirmation of 1 funded position and have sponsorship of \$1000 from NCCMA plus \$500 prize money for Victorian award. Have made conference, flight and accommodation bookings for Lee, Ian and Tony. Total costs will exceed available funds by approx. \$500-600.

MOTION: That in addition to the \$1500 already allocated to attending the National Landcare Conference and Awards, TCCG will provide additional funds up to \$1000 to pay for associated costs.

MOVED Brian Thomas

SECONDED Frances Wade

Carried.

Lee has not yet been advised about abstract inclusion. Lee has been sent a request from the award organisers to provide a 2-minute video about TCCG and Geoff Palmer is kindly doing that for us.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Cochineal Nursery/Monitoring- Subcommittee watered and added extra baby plants to nursery. Growth and distribution of cochineal at Gardner's property was noted today as many plants being half covered in insects and distribution much wider. Lee and Jill cut some infected lobes and reseeded them in juvenile plants near Bridgewater Road.
2. Spraying Cactus Piles in Historic Park – Ian ongoing.

Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting Minutes

PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. Green Army – Letter to be sent to Manpower. Lee and Sharon ongoing
2. MASC Local Laws Review – Cheryl ongoing.
3. Compliance (DEDJRT) – Lee, Ian and Sharon met with Andy Steed and showed him the infestations at Pigeon Hill and 3 Sisters. He believes that compliance action could be taken and should begin with an Extension Program (3-year management plans supervised by extension officers to targeted properties). He will design an Extension Program, but needs some cost and time estimates for injecting with Glyphosate and Daconate. Andy has sent us a copy of a reporting letter template which he has asked us to distribute to property owners to report their non-complying neighbours. Lee will post the letter template and instructions on our website.

Letter to state election candidates for increased penalties and resourcing for failure to comply in weed control. Lee and Sharon ongoing.

4. NCCMA Grant - submission was successful, to establish an integrated management program with cochineal biocontrol to 6 properties and funding for students and equipment.
5. Monash Student Field Trip – Successful 3-day event with 7 students, thanks very much Ian Grenda.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence for the period May to June

Correspondence Out		
Date	To	RE
23 June	Landcare Vic.	Payment of insurance and membership renewals.
27 June	NCCMA	Thanks for ongoing support with conference funding.
Correspondence In		
Date	From	RE
3 July	Asha CC	Updating contact details for TCCG
18 July	Aust Conserv. Foundation	Invite to 'Politics in the Pub' with Lisa Chesters. 6:20pm 2/8/18, Golden Vine Hotel Bendigo.
22 July	Craig Phillips	Enquiry re next field day
23 July	Asha CC	Offer to volunteers for Governance, First Aid, Financial Management training
24 July	Bill	Requesting help to kill plan in Newstead
24 July	Andy Stead DEDJRT	Copy of Reporting latter template

MOTION: That correspondence be accepted
 MOVED Jill Bathgate
 SECONDED Tony Kane
 Carried

TREASURERS REPORT

MOTION: That the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted
 MOVED Tony Kane
 SECONDED Frances Wade
 Carried

Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting Minutes

GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

1. Today's Field Day – location was Gardner's property, Cooks Lane, Maldon.
Number of Volunteers = 29. A Bendigo TAFE student (Ash) attended for hands-on field experience.
2. Ordering Equipment and Herbicide for Landowners – discussion concluded we should give some free glyphosate and injector kits to new landowners, but they should pay for additional herbicide and injection kits.
3. Future Field Day Locations – Lee expressed her frustration that even though she had found a new location and property owner, then made contact and arranged definite plans for today's field day, she was asked to cancel that property owner in preference for holding today's field day at Liz Phillip's property, and then having Liz Phillips refuse our offer and the field day being held at a property where we've been several times before. It was agreed that we should be making more effort to organise new locations and land owners.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

GROUP PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. Hot Water – Brian asked if we could purchase a different burner and hot water system because the current setup was too dangerous. Ian agreed to look at new options. Ian will investigate.
2. BBQ – Jill said that BBQ is not working properly and asked if we could have the BBQ burner fixed or a new BBQ purchased. Ian will investigate.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

1. Football Club Fundraising – Ian suggested we consider paying the Footballers to sweep the park injecting plants for us in the future.

NEXT MEETING Sunday 26th August.

NEXT FIELD DAY LOCATION – Marley's, Sells Lane, Welshman's Reef, TBC

MEETING CLOSED 2:50 pm.

DATE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	PERSON	COMPLETED
May 2018	MASC Local Laws Review	Reminder email to be sent in 3 months.	Cheryl	
May 2018	Wheel Cactus Piles in Park	To be covered and sprayed. Need to purchase Garlon and diesel	Ian	
June 2018	Green Army	Letter to go to Manpower expressing disappointment	Lee and Sharon	
June 2018	Election letters	Letters to politicians standing in the state election, and adjoining shires, requesting tougher penalties and better resourcing for weed management.	Lee and Sharon	
June 2018	New trailer	To be "branded" with local Landcare groups	Ian	

Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Committee Meeting Minutes

June 2018	Sign at Tip	Kill Cactus Sign to go to tip with "free disposal of Cactus" included	Lee	
July 2018	Compliance	Send injecting cost estimates to Andy Stead Maryborough DEDJTR	Lee	
July 2018	Compliance	Distribute report letter to land owners to send back to Andy Stead at Maryborough DEDJTR	Everyone	
July 2018	Compliance	Post report letter template on our website.	Lee	
July 2018	August Field Day	To be organised at Marley's property in Sells Lane	Ian	
July 2018	Hot Water Heater	Replace current system with new burner and billy with tap?	Ian	
July 2018	BBQ	Repair burner or buy new BBQ.	Ian	