



# Mid Murray Landcare SA

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## Minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Cambrai Council Chambers 10am.

**Meeting started at 10:10am Ian Mann chaired the meeting until Terry Franklin arrived**

- 1. Welcome** - The vice chairman Ian Mann welcomes those present, calls for apologies and general business items.
  - 1.1. **Present:** Terry Franklin (chairman), Chris Tugwell, Gavin Smith, Rosemary Laucke, Ian Mann, Cr Steve Wilkinson, and Elisabeth Wood.
  - 1.2. **Staff present:** Aimee Linke, Jordan Krzoska, accountant in attendance
  - 1.3. **Apologies:** Helen Crisp, Cr Brian Taylor
  - 1.4. **Absent:** Tricia Curtis

### 2. Election of Office Bearers

Appointment of returning officer – Aimee to call for nominations/volunteer

**Ian Mann**                      **Moved that the Committee accept the nomination of Aimee Linke**  
**Chris Tugwell**                **Seconded the motion. Carried**

The returning officer declares all positions vacant and will then conduct the elections – if there is more than one nomination for positions then a secret ballot will be held

*Ian Mann nominated Terry Franklin and Rose Laucke nominated Gavin Smith, Terry Franklin did not accept the nomination he was supportive of Gavin Smith taking the role*

Chairman:

**Ian Mann**                      **Moved that the Committee accept the nomination of Gavin Smith**  
**Terry Franklin**                **Seconded the motion. Carried**

*Ian Mann nominated Steve Wilkinson and Gavin Smith nominated Chris Tugwell, Steve Wilkinson did not accept the nomination he was supportive of Chris Tugwell taking the role*

Vice Chairman

**Terry Franklin**                      **Moved that the Committee accept the nomination of Chris Tugwell**  
**Gavin Smith**                      **Seconded the motion. Carried**

Executive

**Terry Franklin**                      **Moved that the Committee accept the nomination of Rose Laucke**  
**Steve Wilkinson**                      **Seconded the motion. Carried**

Executive

**Steve Wilkinson**                      **Moved that the Committee accept the nomination of Ian Mann**  
**Rose Laucke**                      **Seconded the motion. Carried**

Public Officer

**Chris Tugwell**                      **Moved that the Committee retain current officer Ian Mann**  
**Gavin Smith**                      **Seconded the motion. Carried**

The returning officer hands the meeting to the incoming Chairperson Gavin Smith

### **3. Bank signatories**

**Ian Mann**                      **Moved that the Committee accept the current bank signatories**  
**Steve Wilkinson**                      **Seconded the motion. Carried**

### **4. Confirmation of minutes –.**

The minutes of the last meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 accepted as being a true reflection of the meeting.

**Gavin Smith**                      **Moved that the Committee accept the minutes.**  
**Rose Laucke**                      **Seconded the motion. Carried**

## **Business arising from minutes**

Gavin Smith – Lenger Reserve directional signage discussed with project officer for National Trust  
Chris Grant

**Rose Laucke**                    **Moved that Aimee Linke write a letter to the MMC to name the unnamed Marne Bridge Reserve to 'Rhine Villa Reserve'**

**Gavin Smith**                    **Seconded the motion. Carried**

### **5. Reports**

5.1. Staff Activity Report (attached).

5.2. **Financial Report. (To be presented at the meeting).**

**Steve Wilkinson**            **Moved that the Committee accept the October and November staff reports and the October financial report**

**Elisabeth Wood**            **Seconded the motion. Carried**

### **6. Correspondence (list attached, folder for viewing tabled.)**

**Rose Laucke**                    **Moved the Committee accepts the correspondence.**

**Ian Mann**                      **Seconded the motion. Carried**

### **7. General Business:**

- a) Dark Sky Project Update – Chris Tugwell had spoken to David Bennett and he will attend the volunteer BBQ and look at Meldanda. Blanchetown oval was put forth as another potential site. David Bennett was elected onto the Council of the Astronomical Society, the Mid Murray Region is one of the best in the state for a dark sky. The Council of the Astronomical Society will assist with the accreditation process. Measuring using a darkness metre to provide data on best locations in the region. Cambrai in a straight line to Sunnydale is a prime area. Paul Kernow is an expert on the indigenous night sky and does presentations at the planetarium. Ngaut Ngaut maybe a contact to do tours. Stockport looking at moving their telescopes. Need to set up a working party. Formerly approach Adrian Sakko to be on working committee, Aimee to assist with this and see if Adrian's wife would like to be on our committee as previously indicated. Aimee to also see if Conway from EHMPG could be a potential link with the indigenous aspects of the dark sky project. Dark Sky project page needs to be generated for our webpage, Aimee to do this. Steve Wilkinson said the old observatory in Mannum is being restored for historical purposes.
- b) Government announces \$100 million for Landcare
- c) Catalogue/list of fauna rescue list

## 8. Members Reports

Steve Wilkinson – spoke about the erosion control workshop and how the local farmers could be engaged

Rose Laucke – shared a sporting shooters feral cat and deer article. Spoke about her trip to NZ and how it is infested with weeds, they have no native pines, 1 native land mammal which is a bat. Feral deer's are in very high numbers, there are no foxes there but lots of cats and rabbits. The stotes were introduced and they eat the eggs of the ground dwelling birds

Chris Tugwell borrowed Tricia Curtis's baton and detected 2 different species of bats at his property, Chris would like to borrow the Anabat detector to see the full spectrum of species

Ian Mann went to the MDA AGM and Adrian Sakko was the MMC representative, approximately 120 people attended. There were lots of wild goats west of Cobar. The Hay Plains very wet. The Murray River is predicted to peak at Mannum on Christmas day

Gavin smith – flow report warning for boaters, yellow buoy attached to end of jetty's etc.

**Date next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 10am

- **Venue** Cambrai Council Chambers
- **Meeting Closed:** 12:05pm

Volunteer Celebration Lunch and end of year celebrations to be held at Meldanda 12:30pm