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Minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 9th of February 2017 at Cambrai Council Chambers 10am

Time started: 10am

1. Welcome - The Chairman welcomes those present, calls for apologies and general business items.

- 1.1. **Present:** Gavin Smith (Chairman), Chris Tugwell (Vice Chairman), Rosemary Laucke, Tricia Curtis, Helen Crisp, Steve Wilkinson, Cr Adrian Sakko and Sharon Sakko
- 1.2. **Staff present:** Aimee Linke
- 1.3. **Apologies:** Ian Mann, Elisabeth Wood, Brian Taylor
- 1.4. **Absent:** Terry Franklin arrived at 10:35am

2. Confirmation of minutes -.

The minutes of the last meeting dated 8th December 2016 accepted as being a true reflection of the meeting.

Rose Laucke Moved that the Committee accept the minutes.

Chris Tugwell Secoded the motion. Carried

3. Business Arising from minutes .

4. Reports

4.1. Staff Activity Report (attached).

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

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

Terry Franklin Secoded the motion. Carried

5. Correspondence (To be presented at the meeting).

Chris Tugwell Moved the Committee accepts the correspondence.

Helen Crisp Secoded the motion. Carried

6. General Business:

Ideas for upcoming grant application e.g.; future workshops, events to support relevant to Landcare education for agriculture and conservation in our region. Website update and link in with Face Book. On-ground Partnerships and Support for NGO Sanctuaries, Lenger, Yookamurra, Brookfield and Moorundie as a priority when possible

Aimee also mentioned that Gavin and I are attending the Inaugural Landcare WOMAD Stall in March at Botanic Park with Riverland West Landcare and Renmark to the Border LAP with an opportunity to promote one of our projects.

Aimee mentioned that Gavin has been researching some courses on governance training and if it was something the committee would like to do and invite other group members along to as there is an opportunity to apply for it with the NRM Volunteer Small Grants that have recently been announced

Tricia Curtis **Moved that the Aimee apply for funds to deliver the governance training workshop.**

Steve Wilkinson **Seconded the motion. Carried**

7. Members Reports

Gavin - Attended governance training workshop with the Riverland West Landcare in Waikerie at their expense. Gavin paid for his travel and accommodation donated to the group. Discussion with KESAB re anti-litter project planned for the Mid Murraylands. Reported and discussed new outbreak of Fountain Grass at Mannum Waterfalls top carpark with SAMDBNRM Manager. Rhodes Grass has emerged in the same spots plotted last year along Ridley Rd., south of Cambrai in larger clumps.

Chris - erosion near Mannum on the roadside to Palmer severe after the rainfall

Rose –summer weeds are an issue, especially Caltrop, Silver leaf Nightshade and Bathurst Burr some of the weeds come from Marne CP, there needs to be an annual allocation of funds towards the park to control these. Have also seen 4 small goannas at home and are feeding a pair of Pied Butcher birds

Tricia – suggested it would be a great idea to promote Meldanda at the LASA stand at WOMAD, promote good news stories. Weeds – CVA will be involved with prickly pear control in Willunga which has been washed down the river after the floods. Goats – the sporting shooters have been at Brookfield again and there is an abundance of young goats. Citizen Science Grant – partnering with other organisations on an app project to gather information. Brookfield isn't part of the RHDV1 K5 rabbit project, they were somehow left off the list!

Helen – will be involved with the release of RHDV1 K5, the Korean strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus to control rabbits at Yookamurra

Terry – didn't get to last Region 6 meeting. Monday a week ago saw dead deer near Pallamana, wonder if coming down the Marne. Koala spotted near Monarto CP and SE Freeway. The Freeway is also a haven for feral cats

Steve- Deer at Rockleigh, has seen one near palmer and Robertstown and Burra. Branches down at Mary Ann Reserve had beehives in them. Caltrop on streets in Mannum and hard to control. Have been getting a lot of complaints about weeds and storm water

Adrian – local producers haven't been able to harvest grapes due to the rain, also caltrop through the grapes. Lots of bats at Nildottie

8. Any Other Business

From last meeting. An email from Greg Hill to Gavin regarding the Lenger Reserve sign enquiry stated that the Mid Murray Council would cover the cost of signs and installation. This has not been followed up with Chris Grant to make sure he is up to speed with applying for the signs if he knows who to liaise with at Council.

MMC supplied and installed 4 direction signs for Lenger reserve and they will be rectifying the incorrect spelling on the signs.

Unfinished business is the letter to the CEO regarding the Mannum Waterfalls?

Aimee will revamp the letter and send to Peter Graves for concerns to be included in the management plan for the Mannum Waterfalls

Meeting Closed at 12pm

Next Meeting 9th March at Meldanda unless over 36°C