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Minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 9th of March 2017 at Meldanda 10am

Time started: 10:am

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

Ian Mann **Moved that the Committee accept Adrian Sakko and Sharon Sakko as new committee members**

Terry Franklin **Seconded the motion. Carried**

2. Confirmation of minutes -.

The minutes of the last meeting dated 9th February 2017 accepted as being a true reflection of the meeting.

Rose Laucke **Moved that the Committee accept the minutes.**

Ian Mann **Seconded the motion. Carried**

3. Business Arising from minutes .

4. Reports

4.1. Staff Activity Report (attached).

4.2. **Financial Reports; December, January and February**

Chris Tugwell **Moved that the Committee accept the reports**

Ian Mann **Seconded the motion. Carried**

5. **Correspondence** was tabled at the meeting

Elisabeth Wood **Moved the Committee accepts the correspondence.**

Terry Franklin **Seconded the motion. Carried**

6. **General Business:**

a. Roadside Assist cover for Aimee in her travels.

Chris Tugwell **Moved that Aimee gets RAA plus and is reimbursed by Landcare**

Rose Laucke **Seconded the motion. Carried**

b. Cost cutting ideas that will assist budget bottom line in uncertain times ahead.

Terry Franklin **Moved that the Committee abolish their sitting fees**

Chris Tugwell **Seconded the motion. Carried**

c. Formulate New Group action statement ideas to maximise funding options.

7. **Members Reports**

- Gavin - assisted with weed control at Meldanda, attended workshops at Volunteering SA in Adelaide (working in teams and volunteering with older people). Attended Butterfly attracting plants workshop at Nursery, attended Bat Night at Meldanda. Assisted with photo point set up in reserves. Maintained contact with Landcare member friends promoting workshops. "Stirred up" action at the Mannum Community College about Fountain Grass removal. Volunteered at Murray Bridge with Clean Up Australia Day.
- Terry- was in touch with David and Dawn and they are both travelling well. Terry also spoke to Glenn Donnell. Murray Watch – wake boats are the biggest issue. Adrian said they are looking at legislation to prevent wake boats from filling up their bags (with water which makes them heavier)
- Ian – trip to NZ was great. Region 5 meeting at Renmark. National conference 11, 12, 13 Oct will be held in Renmark. Land sale at Younghusband \$1250 Ha
- Rose – had a meeting with Scott Hutchens, indicated Rose is wasting her time spraying the weeds and to address her letter to Sarah lance. Rose read out some old letters about the Marne Valley CP and the letter she wrote for Aimee to send onto Sarah Lance
- Chris – weeds – horehound, will need some help to control, where the direct seeding was done it out competes the weeds
- Steve – Region 6 meeting. Weeds in Mannum, council contracted out. Concerned about the river, the plan and the impact it will have on people
- Elisabeth – TFL over 500 plants are doing well, she has been growing for 8 years
- Adrian – Region 6 committee meeting, trying to save water, flush the bottom of Lake Albert. Region 5 meeting attended, growing lots of almonds at Swan Rach and they use as much water as a rice crop, may use bore water to irrigate. New rabbit virus released. Attended NRM meeting in Murray Bridge –comparing weeds and natives, discussed educating farmers about roadside management and weed control

- Helen – Yookamurra has the new intern starting next month who will stay for 3 months to assist with education program. The survey season is starting up for Bilby's, Brush tailed possums and Bettongs. AWC night with David Attenborough in London and endorsed the company. K% rabbit virus release at midnight when cooler, did 3 nights of spotlighting and dung counts along transects which provides a rabbit density per hectare. They will do another spotlight count in 4 weeks

8. Any Other Business

- a) Dark Sky Project Update – Chris Tugwell –meeting with Peter Graves was really good and Chris wrote a letter for the upcoming council meeting which explains the project. Flashing lights on the proposed wind farm may be an issue and affect visibility as well as turbulence from the blades, more investigation is required. Adrian spoke to Ivy Campbell and they would be happy to accommodate a dark sky site at Ngaut Ngaut
- b) Ngaut Ngaut CP draft management plan open for comment until 22 May

A copy of the draft management plan can be downloaded at
<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/haveyoursay>

- c) Could you please help the Landcare Association of SA by taking a 5 minute on-line survey. It will help the Association to improve the support it provides to groups across South Australia. It would be greatly appreciated if you could you please complete the survey by COB Monday 12 March 2017. You can view the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B326P3C>.

Date of next meeting: 13th April

Venue: Meldanda

- **Meeting Closed: 12:05pm**