

Binginwarri Landcare Group - Minutes of Annual Meeting: 6th July 2014

Meeting opened: 11.15am

Members present: John McClumpha (chair), Kaye Proudley (minutes), Susan Taylor (Speaker), Sally-Ann Henderson (Landcare Facilitator), Ann & Neil Kay, Kay Kay, Kim Baggaley, Jenny Wolswinkel, Russell Gunn, Margaret Kelso, Margaret Ferguson, Kathleen Tripp, David & Sue MacAulay, Jude & Dallas Wyatt.

Minutes: of the 2013 Annual Meeting were moved by Kaye P and seconded by Kath Tripp.

Election: was called but as no one wanted the jobs of President (Co-Chair)/Treasurer and Secretary/Editor, so the current incumbents were re-elected unopposed.

John McClumpha as Co-Chair & Treasurer - moved by himself and seconded by Kath Tripp.

Kevin Heggen as Co-Chair – moved by Margaret Kelso in his absence and seconded by Margaret Ferguson.

Kaye Proudley as Secretary/Editor – moved by herself and seconded by John McClumpha

Margaret Ferguson kindly offered herself as Social Secretary and was seconded by Kaye Proudley.

Financial Report: Was given by John McClumpha, copy attached, and explained that there was a slight discrepancy of approx \$50 between YYLN's paperwork and our own which could not as yet be explained. John to discuss with Sally-Ann. However, we as a sub-group are in a very viable position with a balance of \$4,366.52

Items of Business:

Activities Calendar –

a) Marg F. suggested that as next year was the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli/Anzac Day, the group should think about a special planting on public land in Binginwarri. It was decided to make a planting in the grounds of the Binginwarri Hall (subject to permission being granted by either or both the Shire Council and the Hall Committee, probably of one or more deciduous, not native, trees and the planting to take place on Saturday 4th April 2015. Kaye P. suggested that as we are fairly financial, we should have a plaque made up to be installed at the same time. Marg F. to investigate permissions, plaque and tree species.

Ann Kay spoke of a WW1 Honor Roll Board that is kept in St John's Church here in Binginwarri and tried to access it to show us. Margaret K. also spoke of a similar WW1 Honor Board being held in the Wonyip Hall.

b) Jenny Davies requested/suggested a bird species count on her property's wetlands during either September or October of this year, which can be accommodated, particularly if we held it on a weekday. Kath T. asked for it not to be on Sept 19th as she wants to take part but is not available then. Agreed to.

c) Sally-Ann reminded us that there is a Landcare Conference on in the Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne from September 17th to 19th inclusive, with a Gala Awards Dinner being held in the Royal Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne on the 18th where 69 finalists in nine categories from across the country will be vying for the top awards. Amongst them will be the Norman Wettenhall Foundation – who has done so much for our area via the JARR Project.

d) It has been decided to apply for 1,000 trees in the 2 Million Trees Program being run by the Victorian Government and we'd decide where to plant them once, and IF, we got them.

e) Margaret F. suggested we should have more purely social activities and there was discussion on this. It was also suggested that as we have an ageing membership and people couldn't always do the work required on a given day, they should be invited along just for the

meal or BBQ that follows, for the socializing side. It was agreed that would be the way working bees should be advertised in future.

BLG Website Report - John spoke briefly about this and asked for any suggestions for it. None were forthcoming on the day.

BBP (Binginwarri Biodiversity Project) Report - John McC. reported that the software he is using has deteriorated and he needs to study up to enable him to produce a database, that he can then make available to anyone who wants access to it via either USB stick or CD so that people can download the database onto their own computer and don't have to go on the internet to see or use it each time.

Bird Monitoring Report – Dallas W. spoke about the possibility of the JARR getting Norman Wettenhall Foundation funding of \$10,000 to run a monitoring project, as they see bird monitoring as a 'quick return investment' meaning they get results back fairly quickly after their investment. He also spoke about his own monitoring project that he's running on his own and several nearby properties in the Hedley area, and said it will be finishing later this year. Dallas also spoke about the how and why of monitoring birds, or indeed, any monitoring.

General Business:

There being no other item of business, John McC. thanked Kaye for her work in all that she does for the group.

Kaye then risked becoming a member of a mutual admiration society and thanked John for his dedicated work to the group as well, but in particular, his work on our website.

Two rounds of applause were heard.

Meeting Closed: 12.11pm

There followed an interesting talk and slide show by Susan Taylor from D.E.P.I . on the migratory birds of Corner Inlet, what they do here, why and where they go to and why people trap them. Most found it a very interesting talk. Sue was presented with a bottle of red for her efforts.

We all then enjoyed 4 different home-made soups, home-made bread and home-made cakes and pavlova's (well the latter were home-filled at least!)

Thanks to everyone for supplying such a delicious lunch and coming along to make a lovely day out of what could have been just another boring meeting on just another cold day!