

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2021

WHEN: February 3rd 7:00 PM

WHERE: NOORONGONG FIRE SHED

No.	AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Attendance Apologies	7:10 start Viki Anderson, Glenda and Ron, Judy Cardwell, Karen Moroney, Bob Kendall, Simon Feillafe, Marie & Stephen Condon , Robyn Scales, Ben Teek, Anita Reynolds Timmy Turnbull, Doris Razeng, John Paterson, Libbe Paton	Judy Cardwell
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of meeting held on November 4th 2020 tabled for acceptance as an accurate record of meeting: It was raised by Robyn Scales and Irene Lewis that an addition to the conversation had in Item 10 on the said minutes should be included to articulate the discussion on Incorporation in more detail. ACTION: Item to be amended as tabled and read out and to be included in the final draft. Amendment: Item 8.1 Change to spelling of reference from Bubas bison to Bubas bubalus.	Moved: Bob Kendall Second: Glenda Turnbull ALL: Agreed
3	Business Arising from Previous Meeting	* LOGO * BEETLE ACQUISITION/GRANTS * INCORPORATED QUOTE * LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING These points will be discussed in point categories below:	Moved:Viki Anderson Second: Robyn Scales

4	Correspondence/Receipts	<p>In: The annual Victorian Landcare magazine (Winter 21) edition is seeking articles with a focus on invasive plants and animals. It was discussed that this could be an opportunity to highlight what the MVLG has been doing in this area. Karen Moroney will submit an article on our Deer Project.</p> <p>Other suggestions were Dung Beetles and Frog Survey but it does not fit the focus area for this edition,</p> <p>Motion to Send out biosecurity survey to everyone</p>	Anita Reynolds
5	Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurers Report presented for discussion and endorsement - Financials reported on specific project areas.</p> <p>All reports presented.</p>	<p>Moved: Irene Lewis</p> <p>Seconded: Karen Moroney</p>
6	Facilitators Work-plan	<p>Simon Feillafe summarised his activities for the past month with a focus on the Frog Survey Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Simon was thanked for his attention to detail and the report to come out of the survey with Anna Turner of Charles Sturt University. Facilitator Grant is open and will need a letter of referral/ support. ● No response to other Grants applied for yet (Federal Funding). More Grants coming up to use if current Grants do not come through. ● Aboriginal Training grants available. Eg. Burning off. There was a lot of interest in learning more about burning off. ● CMA grant opens in March 21 . Simon will apply for this funding as it is broad ranging. This will be done as a group at the next meeting allowing for an extra hour. 	All

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7	<u>PROJECT UP-DATES:</u>		For Noting:
7.1	DUNG BEETLES	<p>Simon Feillafe travelled to South Australia and picked up dung beetles from the breeder Greg Dalton of Creation Care. 1010 Onthophagus vacca were delivered to Irene Lewis at Dartmouth on 20.12.20. There are now 4 sites in the valley where O.vacca are being actively raised. Results have been a little more encouraging this year but not as good as we hoped. We are waiting to hear if the dung beetle grant application for M2M is successful.</p> <p>Hopefully on the 23rd February 2021 the Breeder is coming over to the Mitta Valley - Greg Dalton</p> <p>Discussion was had on how different varieties of paddock dung beetles have been patchy this year.</p> <p>Discussion was had about the need to check the Dung Beetle tent at the Eskdale School as may be hatching in February.</p>	Judy Cardwell
7.2	DEER	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hume Regional Meeting being held on 9th February 2021 via MS Team 1- 3pm Karen Moroney will attend this meeting on behalf of the group and report back at the next meeting. Discussion was held with those present on what they are seeing regarding deer activity. - . 	Karen Moroney
7.3	WEED CONTROL	<p>-Updates since previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thistle Galls active <p>Discussion about the rust people are seeing in</p>	Simon Feillafe

		<p>the Blackberries at present, when conditions are right you will see this, wet and humidity present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on English Broom and the prevalence we are still seeing • Karen Moroney raised the possibility of again attempting a Field Day where the community could participate to go to an area that is displaying the bi-control working to collect and then distribute. Scales farm was suggested but Robyn has to much on at present . Anita will contact Jim De Henin to organise a day through M2M. Suggested we have a lunch as well. • Maybe contact Frans as well and do a bio-control swap, ie the thistle gall.It was suggested a day at the end of March. More information to be provided once the appropriate people are contacted. • Discussion on the Good neighborhood program what it is and how it benefits farmers. There is funding for this year, Judy will contact Arthur Scholz, who runs the good neighborhood program, and give contact details to MVLG members who wish to have crown land adjoining their properties sprayed by DELWP. 	Anita contact Jim
7.35	BLACKBERRY BIO-CONTROL GROUP	-Updates since previous meeting: Some discussions had but Doris was not here to present.	Doris Razeng/Simon
7.4	FROG/WATERWAYS GRANT	<p>Current Activities/Developments :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It is being Finalized. -No Growling grass frogs found. -It was suggested by Simon Feillafe to offer a landcare membership to Anna Turner-Motion 	Simon Feillafe

		moved by Anita Reynolds and seconded by Irene Lewis. All in agreement.	
7.5	FUNGI/WORM WALK	<p>Updates for event possibilities this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimal time for Fungi walk is in July21. • Judy to check the availability of Audrey Beard for this activity. <p>Discussion was held about the possibility of school children joining us with the walk.</p>	<p>Simon Feillafe Put in an Action list.</p> <p>Judy</p>
7.6	RABBITS	<p>Discussion on what action may be possible. Outcomes from investigations by Simon at Mitta and any Grant possibilities. No good grants available. Kiewa doing a rabbit baiting day in February with dozing and baiting. We could join in with them (pindone less effective but better safer than 1080). Simon will send info to hand out about baiting.</p>	<p>Simon Feillafe</p> <p>Judy talk to Sam % caravan park</p>
7.7	WEBSITE	<p>Updates needed from December: Karen presented the traffic report on the site since the website has been up-dated. A more consistent effort will be made to market the site via FB. Karen will up-to-date for this month as well with AGM reports and the Frog Survey and Dung Beetle reports. Karen aims to up-date after each meeting (bi-monthly) as grouping information is important to making it cost effective for the group.</p>	All
8.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>		All
9	<u>NEW BUSINESS;</u>	<p>LOGO: Wattle and dung beetle logo suggested and to get a draft on this. All in agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to take old signs away: It was 	<p>ACTION: Robyn Scales to ask in Bush N Bull for good photos from the</p>

		<p>identified that there are in fact 3 signs. Stephen & Marie Condon offered to help and will remove two of the signs and Glenda Turnbull to ask Mr Walsh to help on the Tallangatta South side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karen agreed to ask the Progress Society about putting up the refurbished Landcare sign at the information centre site in Eskdale.. ● Agriculture Victoria are circulating a Bio security survey Anita has circulated this to members who are encouraged to fill it in. The focus is on the management of pests, weeds and diseases. ● The impending change to legislation by the Victorian State government allowing public access which allows camping on river and creek frontages caused quite a lot of discussion. It was agreed that our community and members need to be informed on just what these changes may mean for them. Judy Cardwell to lead this initiative. ● Some follow-up discussion on MVLG considering -Incorporation Quote: \$220 a session with David Hardwick. Look at model rules. It was suggested that David be contacted to do a presentation to the group and explain what it means for us legally at a future meeting or day we set aside.. ● Irene will circulate model rules around members for feedback. Meeting needed to discuss this separate from a regular meeting. <p>-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carbon Farming could be mentioned 	<p>community.</p> <p>Anita</p>
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		at the next meeting.	
	See 7.6		
10	EVENT CALENDAR: FUTURE DATES	Is there an expo?- Did not discuss. To be on the agenda next time as this affects the application of the WAW sponsorship.	ALL
11	Next Meeting	31st March 2021, 6.30pm at Noorongong Fire Shed conference room.	All
12	Meeting Closure	9.40pm	

ITEM	ACTION	Responsibility	COMPLETED
BEETLE GRANT	Planning	Judy/Irene	In Progress
DEER ARTICLE	Submit Article for the Victorian Landcare magazine	Karen Moroney	In Progress
WEBSITE	Karen to include further up-dates from the AGM and articles.	Karen Moroney	In Progress
Apply CMA Grant	Simon coordinating with in-put from members.	Simon	
Incorporation of MVLG	Progressing as per discussions Perhaps 14th March	Robyn Scales	In Progress
FUNGI/WORM EVENTS	See item 7.6 Maybe in MAY	Simon	In progress
DUNG BEETLES	23rd February Visit	Judy	
BIO CONTROL	See item 7.4	Simon	In progress
PUBLIC	LOGO	Robyn Scales	In progress

SIGNAGE	Renovate Sign on Roadside \$900 NECMA17/18 Grant		
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