

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 7th February 2024

5.30 pm Eskdale Hall

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	Welcome	President Acknowledgement of Country We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and pay our respects to their elders past and present.	Aaron Scales
	Conflict of Interest	The chair would like to give members the opportunity to declare any conflict or raise any concerns regarding potential conflict that may arise in this agenda. No conflict recorded.	Aaron Scales
No.	AGENDA ITEM		RESPONSIBILITY
1	Attendance Apologies	Jeff Taylor, Robyn Scales, Aaron Scales Marie Condon, Doris Razeng, Simon Feillafe, Vicki Anderson, Marie Condon, Rod Paton, Christina Aston, Sam Reynolds, Joanne Otto, Jo Brookes Glenda and Ron Turnbull, Graham Anderson, Libbe Paton, Chloe Giltrap, Anita Reynolds	Secretary
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Tabled minutes of the general meeting held on 9th November 2023 at Eskdale Hall as an accurate record of the meeting.	Moved: Vicki Anderson 2nd Marie Condon
3.	Business Arising from Previous Meeting	Sophie Hanna Riverine Plains Refer General Business Letter to be sent to Mitta Muster thanking them for grant of \$500- for BBQ BBQ for trailer purchased at cost of \$799- Defer purchase of marquee till cost of trailer finalized. Robyn following up on logo to go on marquee.	
4	Correspondence/	Partnerships Against Pests Grant Info- Refer General Business	Robyn Scales

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		<p>Sophie Hanna proposal- refer General Business Back on Track Project from National Centre for Farmers Health</p> <p>Jo Brooks offered to attend a meeting in Tallangatta to report back to the next meeting.</p>	
5.	Treasurer's Report	<p>Jeff Taylor presented Financial Report</p> <p>Detailed project reports presented for committee approval.</p> <p>Total Assets \$51,750.49</p> <p>MVLG Equity \$18,336.16</p>	<p>Moved: Jeff Taylor</p> <p>2nded: Rod Paton</p>
6	Membership Report	<p>Jeff Taylor reported 54 financial members</p> <p>1 member still to pay.</p>	<p>Moved Robyn scales</p> <p>Seconded Doris Razeng</p>
6	Facilitators Report	<p>Simon explained Partnership Against Pests Grants that he was working on with Libbe Paton and Jeff Taylor. See general Business 7.4</p> <p>Tallangatta Expo coming up in April.</p> <p>Upper Murray Landcare Group is running a soil management project and has vacancies. Contact Simon if you would like to join in.</p>	Simon Fellafe
7	PROJECT REPORTS		
7.1	Doing it with Dung Project	<p>9 colonies of gazella beetles ordered and paid for. Gazella to be for paddock release. Project now complete. Robyn asks Judy and Irene to complete the final report.</p>	Robyn Scales
7.2	Deer	<p>Sam reported that Wild Game Resources was defunct. Deer harvesters now had to pay farmers directly. DECCA staff had carried out air and ground shooting of deer, reporting 4000 culled. Over 8000 kg of deer are removed from the Mitta valley per week by harvesters.</p>	Sam Reynolds
7.3	Mitta Valley Healthy Rivers Project	<p>All projects completed. Grant was officially acquitted. Robyn Scales thanked Irene Lewis for her contribution to the final report.</p>	Robyn Scales
7.4	Pest Weeds and Animals	<p>Partnership Against Pests grant applied for. 30 property plans to be completed if grant is successful with 5-year plans of action. Also includes a Rabbit Control Boot Camp and workshop with First Nations People. We will be notified in April if</p>	<p>Simon</p> <p>Libbe Paton</p>

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		successful. Libbe to lodge application once we are happy with it.	
7.5	Victorian Landcare Grants 2023-24	Simon has declined payment for project management for Vic Landcare grant. Money to be donated back to the group. Maroney project to go ahead, however, due to death of Mike Parfitt, an alternate project on Yabba Road will be carried out subject to variation being accepted by the funding body. Simon to complete variation in consultation with Robyn Scales. A new agreement with landholder to be developed once variation is approved. Jeff Taylor to be consulted on agreement details.	Robyn Scales Simon Jeff Taylor
7.6	Birds	Marie Condon reported that she has been in contact with Ben Humphris from Bird Life Australia who will be happy to lead a field day on Bushland and Wetland birds. Deep Gully was suggested as an accessible location for bushland birds and Giltraps for wetland birds. Objective of field day would be to document birdlife in the area. Marie Condon to follow up and organize suitable dates. Doris, Marie, and Jo Otto meet to discuss locations. Funding available of \$1500- from Vic Landcare Grant.	Marie Condon Doris Razeng Jo Otto
7.7	Website and Facebook	Need to update the website with new office bearers and AGM reports. Bird report also to be uploaded.	Robyn Scales
7.8	MVLG Trailer Project	Stev had problems with the trailer manufacturer. Suggestions included Lyford Engineering if still needing to find an alternative.	Robyn scales Marie Condon
7.11	Bike Park/ Mill Park	E Bikes to operate in Mitta for hire. Bike Park is progressing well and should see a start on track this year.	Doris Razeng
8	NEW BUSINESS		
8.1	Agricultural Workshops	Workshop proposed for 17th April at Eskdale Hall. 9 am start. Workshop to address climate adaptation and emission reduction on farm with guest speakers including Lachlan Campbell, Brad Costin and Juliane Carroll. This is one of the key pillars in our strategic plan. Riverine Plains to fund the whole day including food, hall hire, guest	Libbe Paton

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		speakers and promotions.	
8.2	Mitta Muster Display	Our Landcare group sell merchandise on the day and put up a small Landcare display. Memberships can also be promoted. Roster required. Robyn to organize this.	Robyn Scales
8.3	Eskdale hall Lease	Hall hire due for 12 months. Everyone agreeable that it was a good central venue and payment approved for 12 months \$520- Letter of thanks to be sent to the Secretary of hall and box of chocolates.	Moved Rod Paton 2nd Doris Razeng
8.4	Update Contact Details New Office Bearers	Secretary has list of agencies to send new office bearers' details to including Landcare Vic, NECMA This will be done in next few weeks.	Robyn Scales
9.	Next Meeting	Thursday 11 April 2024 5.30 pm Eskdale Hall.	
10.	Close	Meeting Closed 7 pm	