

## **Tarcutta Valley Landcare Group**

**General Meeting – Date – 27/02/2018 – Meeting started 5.20pm**

**Present:** Julia Hamm, Ainsley Wolter, Nicole Sykes, Tom Molineux, John Jervois, Will Cookson, Trish Cookson.

**Apologies:** Mike and Judy Slacksmith

### **Business Arising and Amendments from the last meeting:**

Minutes read from last meeting by all present and approved

Tom – Have we got a new landcare co-ordinator? – Julia – Yes hopefully – interviews held last week and hopefully the successful applicant will accept the job.

**Reports: Murrumbidgee Landcare –** Looking for interested parties to go onto committee

**Reports: LLS –** Nil – Rob on Holidays

**Paddock Tree Project –** Nicole Maher will follow up with participants

**Treasury Report:** interest on account the only income to date, some to come in from pop up grants and BAS refund. Outgoings will include Rec ground grant and insurance. End balance is \$7,097.21

**New Grants:** Successful with pasture budgeting grant, nothing was unsuccessful as nothing was applied for.

### **New Business –**

Pasture Budget Group has some very positive feedback from all parties involved.

Tom – Lovegrass - Lovegrass on roadways in the borombola area is becoming a concern, many local farmers are taking it on themselves to control their patch of road rather than waiting on the LLS or shire to do so. There needs to be a follow up with Matt Mcgrath on the lovegrass issue.

All present – Noxious weeds - The discussion was had there needs to be better enforcement of weed control on properties (by the LLS or local weed inspectors) on landholders which are doing nothing about their weed issues and their neighbours are. John commented that the state of many properties coming down the valley is disgusting with summer weeds taking hold being either burrs, blackberries or more lately Noogoora burr. These landholders who have these weeds and are doing nothing about it need to be made accountable of their lack of weed control and dealt with more seriously by the LLS or Weed inspectors.

Borombola – has gone quite on carp-a-thon – Maybe October?

Julia – completed a grant writing school (said it was riveting!) and that local regional development board can check individual grants if needed.

### **Forward Planning –**

Guest Speaker – Julia – Charlie Massey?

Weeds day/talk – identify the weed and what action and control is needed on them

Postcard on Noogoora Burr – identify and control letterbox drop – budget \$200

**General Business:**

**AGM – John is standing down – AGM is set for the 9<sup>th</sup> May @ Humula**

**Grant for key speaker – Charlie Massy or Mckinnon group**

**John** – Weeds again – feels that many grants are very broad or not specific to people's needs such as weed control – would rather see interested motivated farmers/individuals focussed on who are already doing some very good weed control rather than others who do nothing – for a weeds day/case study farm we concentrate on them (PBG participants/Individuals who are doing good weed control on their farms) and have them come along/first invites as the people who should be coming along usually don't.

**Group** – following on from above – we need to see what key farmers are doing about their weeds – case study farm, first visit Jervois's farm at Tumbarumba at the top of the Tarcutta Ck to see what their strategy is – 9<sup>th</sup> April for a morning TBC

**Group** – how do we get more people to come to get involved?

**Meeting Closed: 6.32pm**