

BRUNSWICK VALLEY LANDCARE
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Pioneer Hall, Mullumbimby
19th November 2008

The meeting was declared open at 7:40pm

Present

Adrian Begg, Annette Stanton, Dave Rawlins, Ann Smith, Richard Smith, Gail and Ian Pick, Bela Allen, Kate Cameron, Jan Olley, John Purssey, Vivanne Pyke, Rita de Heer, Merrick Elderton, Rebecca Lines Kelly, Judy Mac Donald, Lisa Castleman, Diana Harvey, Graham Ashcroft, Felicity Grace, Jane Wickers, Susan Skyvington, Martin Smith. Toni Spruce,

Apologies

Pat Skene, Mary Sparke, Michael Brown, Bryan Spruce, Anna Hill, Ian Parer, Wendy Gibney, Keith & Rhonda Wrigley, Jo Green, David Kemp, Jude Alcorn, Tom Alletson.

Minutes of the previous AGM (26th September 2007)

Moved by Rebecca Lines Kelly seconded Graham Ashcroft that the minutes be accepted. Minutes accepted as being an accurate record.

REPORTS

Annual report

Rebecca Lines Kelly read out the Annual Report for 2007/08. Annette moved that it be accepted, Rita seconded. Annual Report accepted.

Financial Report

- Annette Stanton tabled the financial reports for 2007/08.
- Profit & Loss and Balance sheets of the financial year 2007/08 tabled.
- John Robinson Accounting Pty Ltd completed the 2007/08 audit.
- Annette move that John Robinson continue as the Auditor for BVL. Seconded Rita de Heer and carried.

Auditor's report

- Auditor's report on the financial statements 2007/08 tabled.
- Annette moved that the reports be accepted, seconded by Rebecca Lines Kelly and accepted.

Project Officers Report

Judy MacDonald tabled her report.

Election of office bearers

- Vice President: Rebecca Lines Kelly, nominated by Tom Alletson. Accepted and carried.
- Treasurer: Annette Stanton nominated by Toni Spruce Accepted and carried.
- Secretary: Toni Spruce, nominated by Tom Alletson. Accepted and carried.
- Membership Secretary: Jane Wickers, nominated by Felicity Grace, Accepted and carried.
- Committee Member: Rita De Heer, nominated by Rebecca Lines Kelly. Accepted and carried.
- Committee Member: Tom Alletson, nominated by Toni Spruce. Accepted and carried.
- Committee Member: Lisa Castleman, nominated by Rebecca. Accepted and carried.

Locality group reports

Representatives from Locality Groups then addressed Meeting with Brief Outline of progress at their site localities:

1. Jan Olley - Belongil Bird Buddies.

The group participated in the 2008 BVL Nature Festival. They continue with monitoring and education programs - local monitoring every 2 months, first in the "am" then in the "pm". Results are recorded on a spreadsheet. There have been no recorded chick survivors for the Oyster Catchers this year. Dangers include cats, dogs, foxes and sometimes, the general public. They conducted a presentation for local U3A group which included a walk

2. Dave Rawlins Mullumumbimby Town

Areas where work is carried out include Heritage Park, Federation Bridge and the Pool. Signs are in place They had a successful application for Environmental Trust Funds and can employ bush regenerators. A big planting day is planned for March 2009.

3. Kate Cameron – Upper Mullum Creek

Kate reported that the group is a participant in an Environment Fund grant. There are five properties involved and the results of their work are beginning to become apparent. Kate commented that she is feeling enthusiastic about the coming year.

4. Jane Wickers - Tristran Parade

The group has applied for an ET grant. To date 500 trees have been planted with funds from a NRMA Gant.

5. Vivien Pyke - Palmwoods

This group has been working for about 15 years. Trees are looking good and the group hopes to continue with regeneration work.

6. Ian Pick - Ewingsdale Landcare Group

This is a new group with 20 members. They are working on a Public Reserve on Bayvista Drive. They have had a Field Day with tree planting and bush regenerating work is ongoing. They are currently waiting for a workplan which Council is formulating with them.

7. Judy MacDonald – Jingatee, Billinudgel

This site is now a designated Nature Reserve and is listed a "Remnant of true Tropical Lowlands"

8. Upper Marshalls Creek

This is a loose group of properties which has been working together for a while helping each other with riparian work along the creek bank

9. Yalla-Kool

Work at this site is progressing really well after a successful Environmental Trust funding application . A "Vine identification and removal" workshop was held at the site in February, David Kemp is working with Council and Envite to bring to fruition the bridge project that will link the walkways from the site to the Brunswick River Nature Reserve via Inderwong and Rajah Roads.

Planning is in place and planting has started for the "Bush Tucker" gardens at the Warrambool, eastern, boundary of the site.

There being no further business the meeting finished 9.30 pm.