

17th March 2023. HCCC General Meeting – Caveat.

Attendees	Apologies
Lesley Dalziel, Jan & Rob Hayes, Neville Ford, Janet & Justus Hagen, David & Eileen Freeman, Vanessa Malandrin, Jono Tofts, Shannon Roach, Neil & Sue van Buuren	John Curtis, Pauline Roberts, Melissa McDowall, Philip Smith, Erin Ford, Jenny Webb.
Opening meeting	Actions
Welcome to country. Minutes of the prior meeting (16 th February 2023) accepted as read. Moved Rob, seconded Jono.	Passed
Business arising	Actions
Attempts to change over bank signatories met obstacle as not mentioned in minutes.	
Neville moved a motion to add Justus Hagen as new President to the NAB bank signatory and internet banking access. Jenny Webb and Scott McKay to remain as signatories. Seconded by Lesley Dalziel.	Passed. Neville and Justus to present minutes to NAB to add Justus as signatory.
Janet & Vanessa will attend professional facilitator workshop	
Janet suggested running a visit local veggie garden group	
Lesley provided an update of the progress of reviewing and cataloguing the Whiteheads creek archives. Plan is to keep important documents and discard multiple copies, then scan and digitise and store securely. The State library has expressed an interest in assisting.	Lesley and Janet to continue.
Koala numbers are down across the region – Lesley suggested we ask the Shire to plant koala friendly trees.	
Financial report for January 2023.	Actions
Total Income = \$3,283.03	none
Total expenses = \$15,039.40	none
Final Balance = \$248,410.85	none
Check which account Vanessa's salary should come from – should be from projects budget.	Justus to confirm
Motion to accept finance report – Moved Nev seconded Jono.	None.
General Business	Actions
Spray Units: 2 new spray units purchased and delivered to Don Cook. Where will the units be stored? How will people access them? Justus to discuss with Don. One small unit to be stored at Neil's.	Jono and Justus will help Don assemble the units.
April Fool's picnic: advertised on TGN and website. low response so far, so further promotion and call to action for	Janet & Justus to check rooms at Ruffy rec

RSVPs. Zac will be talking about bees; weed sprayer will be discussing best products and methods; spit with lamb and salads to be ordered. Cool room organised.	reserve. Vanessa will pick up salads. Neil will pick up meat.
Facilitator reports	
Janet: investigating how to start conversations with local Indigenous groups. Shane (Taungurung elder) provides cultural heritage bus tour visiting Euroa arboretum, Tahbilk wetlands and Reedy Lake – an idea for members to attend. Janet has applied for a grant for digital equipment and software support for Ruffy Tablelands Centre for \$12,000.	
Neil: Met with LVI – strategic document with priorities is bureaucratic and inaccessible for local Landcare groups. The last meeting for soil carbon was held, hoping for the next round -> workshops and conferences through From the Ground Up. MLA sustainability conference will be held on 17 th May, at Seymour Racecourse – MLA will showcase their app which measures carbon footprint on farms.	
Vanessa: soil carbon project – results will show carbon improvements in the long term. Looking Glass will use the SoilKee in spring to sow again over larger area – after seeing improvements after the trial. Tarcombe waiting to see what happens when the rain comes. ANU will conduct a regenerative agriculture field day at Hagen’s farm on 6 th May. David will talk about farm dams and water reticulation. Will work with Sonia Sharkey o help Seymour locals – backyard bioblitz. GBCMA to provide seedings to plant near Whiteheads creek.	
Motion to accept facilitators reports – Moved Jan, seconded Rob.	passed
Next meeting. Thursday 20th April 7:00pm at Highlands hall.	