

Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water we live and work upon, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.

Meeting Title: Meeting No 4			
Date: 22 February 2021			
Start Time:	7.30pm	Finish Time:	9pm
Location:	MS Teams	Room:	
Attendees:	Roger Wickes (Chair), Andrew Hansen, Daridyn Hayward, Carolyn Shaw, Andrew Biele (Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board) Landscape Staff: Denise Fowles (Committee support), Helene Norman (Minutes), Miranda Leckie (Volunteers)		
Apologies:	Yvonne Smith, Steph Evans (internet unavailable)		

Item	Meeting Items
1. Welcome	
1.1	Welcome and acknowledgement of country.
1.2	Minutes of previous Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee meeting held 21.01.2021 were adopted as circulated.
1.3	Business and Actions arising from the minutes All actions are either on the agenda or have been completed.
2. Items for Discussion	
2.1	'Farming in the Future' Forum The forum program was circulated to members. Members need to register for the event to ensure they are counted. Welcome at 1.15pm by Roger and he will introduce all Committee members and then introduce Andrew Meddle. Andrew Hansen will introduce Brian Hughes and Daridyn will introduce Russell Norman.
2.2	Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Workplan The workplan was updated by Denise Fowles, and circulated. It is included in the board papers for their meeting this Thursday. Karoonda Farm Fair – request space for a static display and members will mingle within the tent talking to people, Static display to include info on committee and committee members, landholder brochure, possible to include projects that have been funded in the area. Lameroo meeting – Andrew Hansen will be an apology.
2.3	Recognising Volunteers A discussion occurred on what the committee can do to recognise the efforts of our volunteers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to partner with LAPs and Landcare Groups in the Murraylands • Invite the Board members to attend so volunteers can meet the Board members • Missing groups – Browns Well Landcare Group • Miranda will talk to the Walkers Flat progress association, Mid Murray LAP, Younghusband Rivercare group (very active), Coorong LAP to get ideas of what can be shown to volunteers • Thinking late June on a Sunday, have volunteer group showing what they have done, lunch and then finishing off with a speaker, • Bats might be a good topic for the speaker. <p>ACTION: Miranda to come back to committee with some suggestions of places and projects to see.</p>
2.4	<p>Landholder brochure</p> <p>Updates have been made to the landholder brochure including a section on drought included under the heading of Climate Risk, along with changing the NRM wording to 'Landscape' terminology. The contact list has also been updated with current staff. Kylie has also suggested some additional changes. Committee members feel it should not be any bigger than it currently is.</p> <p>Good to have some printed for the forum, even if those are not with Kyli's changes.</p> <p>ACTION: Denise to circulate the suggestions and get comments from members on Kyli's changes in readiness for the Karoonda Farm Fair.</p>
2.5	<p>Local Government Advisory meeting</p> <p>The local government meeting is scheduled for July - suggested date is 19th July with the following topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MesoNet (Tanja Morgan) ○ Corellas (Adel Uni presenter), and what are Councils doing ○ Motorbikes on roadsides ○ Promotion of Land Management brochure ○ Update on Lora WAN gateways ○ Update on Carp Virus <p>ACTION: Helene to ascertain if that date is good for councils.</p>
2.6	<p>Membership</p> <p>Aaron Haby who has a broad background in horticulture and agriculture, has been contacted by Darry and also Roger and seems interested to attend a meeting to understand what we do. Aaron has been invited to the April meeting.</p>
3.1	<p>Group member reports</p> <p><u>Andrew Hansen:</u> Coomandook Ag Bureau back meeting again, and are running a meeting talking about the new projects in the area, including new technology in monitoring salinity, and also recent monitoring on the sandy soils project.</p> <p>Attended the GRDC updates in February.</p> <p><u>Carolyn Shaw:</u> Has joined Monarto Ag Bureau, where they had a speaker on regulations regarding employment and contractors vs employees, very interesting.</p>

	<p><u>Darry Hayward</u>: Attended Box Flat Committee meeting today, Dogger was in the area in October/November and caught 1 dog, and committee looking at using Wild Dog Scan to communicate to and from landowners in the community</p> <p>Has been interviewed by Weedsmart for a podcast</p> <p><u>Andrew Biele</u>: Cultural awareness training, and Board meeting this week, including a joint meeting with the Hills and Fleurieu LB, Landscape Plan,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board have set up a number of committees including the Water Advisory Committee. • Grassroots grants will be opening soon • MSF had AGM recently and Andrew is still on Board. <p><u>Roger Wickes</u>: Forum to get balance into the pastoral act coming up.</p> <p>Been busy organising the 'farming in the future' forum.</p>
4.1	Any Other Business Nil
4.2	Next meeting details – Monday April 19 th at MB Forum March 2 Karoonda Farm Fair April 9 and 10 – Team up with staff in areas around the marquee
	Meeting close 9pm

<p>ENDORSED</p> <p><i>Roger S. Wickes</i></p>	<p>Roger Wickes Chair Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Date: <i>23 September 2021</i></p>
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