

# Meeting Minutes

Meeting title: Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee (MCC)

Meeting number: 2

Date: Monday, 23 November 2020

Time: 8:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: MS Teams

Meeting type: Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendees: **Mallee & Coorong Advisory Committee:** Roger Wickes (Chair), Stephanie Evans, Andrew Hansen, Daridyn Hayward, Carolyn Shaw and Yvonne Smith.

**Board Member Representative:** Andrew Biele

**Landscape staff:** Denise Fowles (Minutes); Helene Norman (Support)

**Guests:** Tanja Morgan (MSF)

Apologies:

## Agenda Items

### 1 Discussion of proposed community forum

The purpose of this Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee meeting was to plan for a proposed community forum to be run early in 2021 and identify agenda topics.

- A range of topics were proposed and it was identified that doing a smaller number of topics well is preferable to a large number of topics (quality not quantity);
- Topics discussed were:
  - Frost risk workshops
  - Managing Mallee Seeps (with a farmer panel)
  - Ripping in sandy soils – what next / fine tune the set up / technical aspects
  - Legumes on sands
  - The best of 2020 – nitrogen fixing / erosion mitigation / MSF trial update
  - Council roadside weeds program (Russell Norman)
  - Calici virus (Russell Norman)
  - Cover crops
  - Soils organic carbon
  - Livestock health – pests and diseases
  - What Landscape SA can do for you (Andrew Meddle)
  - Promote grassroots grants and Ag Knowledge grants (out shortly after forum)

- Soil acidity and how to overcome (Brian Hughes)
- research around GM organisms / potential for next 5-10 years (Jamie Wilson)
- Topics relating to the audience in the chosen location were selected and potential speakers identified (no speaker costs are anticipated);
- MSF has topics they wish to include as part of the updates they are funded by the Board to provide to the community;
- It was thought the forum could have MSF topics covering 1 ½ hours, MCC topics over 1 ½ hours and allow time for networking and questions;
- An afternoon event starting with a light lunch and ending with a BBQ dinner was proposed;
- Costs were identified to be related to communications, advertising, catering and venue hire, which it is proposed to meet jointly by MSF (using funding provided through the Board) and by MCC through a request to the Board;
- Based on the topics to be covered, titles for the forum were proposed and included "Farming for (or into) the Future" and "Future, Soil, Roadsides and GM"
- Tools for attendees to participate in interactive sessions were discussed
- The preferred methods for communication / advertising were email, websites, newspaper and e-update (eg. Board's newsletter). It was decided not to use Aust. Post.
- Venue to be the sporting club at Parilla – capacity to be investigated;
- Contingency will be football clubrooms at Pinnaroo;
- Using website Menti will allow attendees to participate in polls using their phones. This was considered preferable to using the clickers.
- Roger Wickes and Tanja Morgan will look to finalise an agenda, Denise Fowles will seek funding via the Board and Helene Norman will investigate catering options. Once venue investigations are complete, a 'save the date' invitation can go out.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Roger S. Wickes  
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 Chairperson

Date 21 January 2021