



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP
Covering Lancefield-Romsey Districts

NOTICE: NEXT MEETING MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010.

- **Spring Planting Projects**
- **Expressions of Interest in Tree Project Seedlings**
- **Another 2 Comfortable Farms Workshops (see attached – be quick they have been very popular!)**

Minutes - General Meeting – May 10, 2010

1. **Attendees:**, Jo & John Anderson, Robert Green, John Blamey, Robin Ford, Hayley Goodman, Pat Toomey, Steve Hendy, George Lobb, Sylvia Richards, Helen Kalajdzic, Pat Connor, David Blicblau and Guest Speaker – Dean Platt.
2. **Apologies:** Hazel Shaw, Jenelle Young, Rod Magor.
3. **Minutes Last Meeting** Accepted with following changes: John Blamey, Robert Green. Carried.
 - Subcommittee on Volunteerism included Steve Hendy (sorry Steve);
 - Offer from Nulla vale LG was to loan Trailer, but we do spraying
4. **Matters Arising From Minutes:** See General Business
5. **Correspondence:**
Outwards – To:
 - Andy Scanlon re weed initiatives
 - John Robinson and Pat Francis re “Moffitts” Workshops
 - Viki Spedding and Romsey IGA re Catering at Moffitts
 - Bendigo Bank RSVPs**Inwards - From:**
 - Upper Maribyrnong Catchment Group Newsletter May.
 - Tree Project- Thanks for visit
 - Tree Project- Newsletter
 - Western Water – copy of Fish Survey at Romsey Plant
 - Western Water – 3 year update of “Impression of Site”
 - Victorian Landcare magazine #48
 - VFF – AGM notice
 - Dung Beetle resource Package (Folder DVD and booklet) to be placed with Library
 - Doug Evans PP&W CMA – Landcare Awards

- Rod Magor – interest in Dung Beetle release/grant (passed to Rachel.)
- Lachlan Milne – response on Carters Reserve
- Lachlan Milne – MRSC offer to assist if we do roadside weed control

Accepted correspondence: Robert Green, John Anderson.

6. Treasurer's Report (attached)

Report accepted, moved Steve Hendy, Pat Toomey. CARRIED.

7. Cheques Required

Per Treasurer's report, moved Steve Hendy, Pat Toomey. CARRIED.

8. Guest Speaker – Dean Platt:

Dean presented an interesting talk and discussion about “Stream Health” and his work as an assessor for Melbourne water’s Stream Frontage program. This was supported by pictures and PowerPoint slides.

Brief summary...

Stream Health is measured by:

- Hydrology (water flows)
- Water Quality
- Streamside vegetation
- Physical form (Bank condition etc)
- Aquatic biodiversity.

He emphasised that different people hold different perceptions on what constitutes a healthy stream. Melbourne water is guided by the science.... But a major challenge is to get the wider community to recognise what a healthy stream “looks like”.

He also went over what is involved in the Melbourne water Incentive scheme, where up to \$10,000 p.a. is available. It is easy to apply, and interested persons can contact Melb water (or DCLG) to get more info.

Thanks to Dean for coming out to Lancefield to talk to us.

9. General Business/Reports

- a) Volunteerism Subcommittee report was presented and discussed. An overview is attached. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- b) Secretary to contact Kerrie Mewett and see if she is prepared to assist with showing students how to propagate seeds.
- c) Display Boards have been picked up. (Thanks John B)
- d) De from Tree Project had an enjoyable visit to our area, and was very thankful to see our past and proposed projects.
- e) The first “Comfortable farming” workshop was booked out (30 attendees) and there is a waiting list of ~ 30. It is proposed to hold 2 additional workshops – see attached for new dates. Interested persons should RSVP ASAP as places are limited.
- f) Motion: DCLG pay Victorian landcare Council \$50 being \$1/member as a “sign of support” for the representation provided by the VLC to Landcare. Moved David Blicblau, Pat Toomey. Carried.

- g) Hayley Goodman has picked up signs, and will erect at Olympic plantation soon. Thanks Hayley.**
- h) DPI plan to do another Rabbit Count at Mt William soon.**
- i) The offer for Nulla vale LG to provide spray trailer to attack gorse/weeds along Burke and Wills Track, was discussed. Lachlan Milne advises MRSC would be happy to support this with herbicide, signage, notification of adjoining residents and road safety issues.**
- j) Water reserve at Doggett's bridge being "sold" with Carters land. Lachlan Milne suggests we contact parks Victoria who are the responsible authority for this reserve. Secretary will follow up.**
- k) "Dung Beetle" proposed project (s). Advice from Rachel is that her latest grant application (EPA?) was not successful, but she intends to meet with interested farmers (probably August) to assess properties, and continue to chase grant monies.**
- l) Next Network Meeting deferred to May 25. However and extra meeting likely to resolve issues on wording of survey to residents of Hotspots to be sent out by MRSC.**
- m) Andy Scanlon has agreed to assist DCLG in our weed initiatives:**
 - To survey and map roadside weeds and set "project priority" (No cost to DCLG)**
 - To assist Western Water with weed control at the Romsey Plant (at WW cost!)**
- n) Romsey/Lancefield Girl Guides are interested in doing some tree planting. John B has suggested some under story at Doggett's Bridge. Secretary to contact UMCG re plant availability.**
- o) Robert Green advises that there will be a change in key/access to "Drop in Centre" which may affect our procedure for access for our meetings. He will advise.**
- p) There are a FEW "Member of Deep Creek Landcare Group" (metal) Signs suitable for fences/gates. Cost \$10/sign. Contact John 5429 2011 or David 5429 5880 if interested.**
- q) Secretary to try and source a few "Safety Vests" for our group.**