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Minutes of General Meeting 149
ANFD - Orange
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Meeting commenced at 9.30am

Present

Name	Organisation
Melissa Brennan	Secretary
Roger Smith	Acting RPO
Brian Bonello	Bogan Shire Council
Tina Smart	Forbes Shire Council
Steve Pearson	Crown Land
Archie Harding	Narromine Shire Council
Mick Ryan	Central West LLS
Matthew Anderton	Junior Vice Chairman
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Craig Bennett	Chairman
Andrew Cosier	Dubbo Regional Council
Melissa Gunn	Cobar Shire Council
Kelli Frost	Weddin Shire Council
Mitchell Townes	Mid-Western Regional Council
Rob McAlpine	Mid-Western Regional Council
Noel Ramian	Mid-Western Regional Council
Sean Costigan	Mid-Western Regional Council
David Harris	Mid-Western Regional Council
Chris Jackson	Upper Macquarie County Council
Andrew Gosper	Cabonne Council
Todd Saxelby	Cabonne Council

Cr David Kingham	Upper Macquarie County Council
Tim Nalder	Central Tablelands LLS
Michael Smith	Narromine Shire Council
Cr Rodney Crowe	Bland Shire Council
Glenn Neyland	Bland Shire Council
Graham McCubbin	Bland Shire Council
Kevin Nelligan	Cowra Shire Council
Stephen Johnson	DPI
Laurie Thompson	Lachlan Shire Council
Phil Cranney	Central Tablelands LLS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to Orange and welcome to Lachlan Valley Committee members and thanked those that had travelled for today's meeting.

The Chairman called for apologies.

Name	Organisation
Peter Hutchinson	Brewarrina Shire Council
Cr Lyn Jablonski	Narromine Shire Council
Andrea Fletcher	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
Andrew Mulligan	Central West LLS
Jasmine Wells	Western LLS
Lynton Auld	Dubbo Regional Council
Andrew McConnachie	DPI
Lis Arundell	
Rob Christian	Orange City Council
John Ryan	Forbes Shire Council
Des McKay	Dubbo Regional Council
Matt Croft	Dubbo Regional Council
David Creeper	Western LLS
Neil Boyd	Orange City Council
Nyssa Smith	Cabonne Council

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes on 8th August 2017 at Brewarrina

Moved Guy Marchant

Seconded Mick Ryan

Carried

Business arising from previous meeting held at Brewarrina on 8th August 2017

There was none

Chairman's report

The Chairman talked about the RPO position and meeting with Central West and Central Tablelands LLS regarding the position and with Orange continuing on with the role as project officer.

The Chairman mentioned that we have to review the constitution rules and regulations to comply with the new constitution. He would like to look into this before the end of January.

The Chairman mentioned that the Bi-annual weeds conference in Armidale was very good.

There were no questions

Correspondence

The Chairman read through the incoming and outgoing correspondence.

The Chairman noted that there were many emails to go through but all of them have been circulated.

The Chairman read out a letter from Lachlan Valley regarding merging with MVWAC.

The Chairman called for any questions.

There were none.

Moved Archie Harding

Seconded Brian Bonello

Carried

Financial report

Roger Smith spoke about the WAP reporting and mentioned that Macquarie Valley are doing well at the moment with funds.

Mick Ryan asked about training and Roger confirmed that MVWAC will be subsidising the fee for the new Biosecurity Act training for MVWAC & Lachlan Valley members by 50%.

The Chairman called for any questions.

There were none.

Moved Sean Costigan

Seconded Guy Marchant

Carried

RPO Report

The following activities have been undertaken over the past 3 months.

WAP Reporting: The reporting for the 2016/2017 Weeds Action Programs for the Central Tablelands and Central West LLS regions have been finalised. If OCC is asked to be the Regional Project Coordinator for the 2017/2018 year I will endeavour to visit each LCA in both the LLS Regions.

RPO: MVWAC and OCC have had a face to face meeting with the LLS and DPI and a phone hook up to discuss the RPO position but still waiting to hear.

19th NSW Weeds Conference: Paper was presented on Study Tour with Mick Ryan as part of the conditions of funding provided by the Environmental Trust. A high quality professional DVD has been produced.

Weeds DVD: meeting in Dubbo to decide on content for weeds DVD

Roger Smith also commented on the weed ads campaign and that it will run for 3 months on Prime TV and WIN television depending on available funding.

Brian Bonello and Archie Harding commented on the value of the ads campaign.

Roger mentioned the legal training course for those that haven't already done it. There is one in Dubbo/Orange, they need at least 14 for Orange.

Tina Smart asked a question about the training.

Roger Smith will talk to Pete Turner from DPI about doing up an email to let everybody know about the training requirements and that it is essential to do the training.

Roger Smith mentioned that the roles of the advisory committee over the next 12 months will be winding down – maybe having 2 meetings with LLS and 2 with MVWAC.

Roger Smith mentioned that the next meeting will be at Kelso with Upper Macquarie County Council in February and the meeting in May will be at Wentworth and hopefully we can include some training about GBD weeds with DPI for this meeting.

Roger Smith mentioned about bringing in a 1 day course in recognising water weeds to benefit everyone.

Meeting paused at 1010am for Morning Tea
Meeting recommenced at 1030am

The Chairman thanked Orange City and Cabonne Councils for the catering and meeting today.

Phil Cranney from Central Tablelands LLS talked about serrated tussock and mentioned about everyone's feedback from the survey that was sent out by Roger Smith to find out if we are filling in the gaps and how much new information we need for serrated tussock. He also talked about the video links that are on the DPI website regarding weed management– one is a key messages video and the other is a full presentation.

Phil Cranney mentioned that the LLS will be having an information day on Saturday 11th November to engage new landholders with preventative methods for weeds.

Laurie Thompson mentioned that the TV ads are great as there are a lot of people recognising green cestrum.

Training

Roger mentioned that he had spoken to some weeds officers at the weeds conference in Armidale who said that the 3 day training course was fantastic and definitely worth it.

There were no questions.

Delegate Reports – have been circulated

The Chairman talked about redoing this form as the current form is a bit confusing. We hope to have a new form in place soon.

There were no questions.

New Weed Incursion

There was none.

Weeds Advertising

Roger Smith mentioned that the TV ads campaign was going quite well.

General Business

Tim Nalder from Central Tablelands LLS spoke about the WAP and the Project Coordinators role. The Central Tablelands LLS is waiting on a few things but their preferred option is to go through Orange City Council with Roger as the Project Coordinator and have an LLS officer for the next 6 months to be mentored by Roger with the plan for LLS to take over the project at the end of the 2017/18 reporting period.

Melissa Gunn mentioned that Cobar Shire Council won 2 local government environmental awards, one being for African Boxthorn. Congratulations to Melissa on her effort!

The Chairman mentioned that we have to update the website and the weeds booklet in conjunction with the new Biosecurity Act and several Councils changing.

The Chairman nominated a small committee to look at and run the weeds booklet. The people nominated were Mick Ryan, Matt Anderton, Kevin Nelligan and Andrew Gosper.

Roger Smith showed a DVD/slideshow from the Weeds Study Tour back in March this year. The main focus of the tour was to have a look at the weeds growing on the coast that could become a problem in the western areas.

The Chairman thanked the weeds study tour committee for helping organising the study tour – they were Jay Stephenson, Mick Ryan, Melissa Gunn, Roger Smith, Andrew Gosper, Melissa Brennan, Craig Bennett, Andrew Cosier, Lis Arundell, Rachel Bailey and David Wurst. Thanks to everyone for your efforts.

The Chairman spoke about an email from Brooke Kirkman in regards to asking for people to be nominated for the pest animal committees. If anyone is interested please get back to Brooke.

Next Meeting

The next meeting which is the February General Meeting will be held in Kelso on 13th February 2017. It will be hosted by Upper Macquarie County Council. The venue will be advised closer to the date.

The meeting closed at 1145am.