

Minutes
Smiths Gully Landcare Meeting
13th February 2012

95 One Tree Hill Road, SMITHS GULLY

Meeting Opened 7.45pm

Present: Pat Reynolds, Trish Ebert, Chris Sanders, John Ryan Mick Okey, Maria Katsikas, Lynlee Tozer

Apologies: Elizabeth Wykes, Delsha Rees

A welcome to Maria Katsikas to the group.

Treasurers Report:

Money at Bank \$2855.00

Cheques written in last period: Delsha for work with the Walking Track sign; and Consumer Affairs.

Market Report: Report of the St Andrews Hall and Reserve Advisory Committee (Pat Reynolds).

As the Committee has not met for 16 months despite requests, I sent an email to Donna Stoddart asking what was the future and purpose of the committee. The committee is part of a formal agreement between DS&E and Nillumbik Shire to care for and maintain the market site and the extended area around the site. I have received a response that partially answers my questions and have printed out the email exchange.

As the Smiths Gully Landcare Rep on the committee, I have continued to be responsible for the site, whether there are meetings or not. Ongoing weeding, planting and pruning are still happening, and the Spring rain has resulted in the plantings flourishing this year. Some species have dropped seed and new plants reappearing all by themselves! Austral indigo seed that I spread just before the first planting ten years ago have even sprouted.

This spring will be the tenth anniversary of the landscaping with the rocks and the first planting. I will see if we can make a bit of a festival of it with the market.

I have continued to keep a photographic record of the site since 1997. I am submitting a sample of these in the "Picture Nillumbik" project Nillumbik have running.

The A/V equipment is up and running , with membership of the Film Society being closed due to such a positive response. It could be a possibility in the future to have films especially for Landcare promotion. We could have our AGM there, and show a film. Just an idea.

I was approached by the organizers of Environmental Film Festival Melbourne to have a festival in St Andrews. I sent in an application, but due to its popularity Victoria wide, they weren't able to fit us in this year.

Correspondence:

- 6th February Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Update – email
- 6th February Julie Franco – Myrtle Rust Workshop - email
- 31st January – Julie Franco – The Local Project Nominations – Community Grant - email
- 23rd January – Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Update – email
- 16th January – Emmanuelle Brunette – Invitation to the Yarra Catchment Advisory Round Table – PPWPCMA - email
- 5th January - Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Update - email
- 21st December – Jackie Waring – Friends Group Training – Nillumbik - email
- 20th December - Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Update - email
- 20th December - Jackie Waring – First Round of Carbon Farming Grants - email
- 14th December – Julie Franco – Communities for Nature - email
- 7th November—Jackie Waring – Invitation to Environmental Volunteers Get Together - email
- 15th October – Kirsty Merrett – Nillumbik Environmental Events Program - email
- 6th October – Emmanuelle Brunet – October E-Bulletin - email
- Late December – Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority – Updated Newsletter – and 2012 Landcare Calendar - mail

General Business

- Review of September's 2011 minutes
- Brochure still to be completed
- Noticeboard still to be updated

Working Bees.

19th February 2012 – Peter Franke Reserve – St Johns Wort weed Pulling.

25th March 2012 – To be confirmed.

Next Meeting: April 2012 (note the normal scheduled time would be the 9th April. That is Easter Monday in the middle of school holidays so I suggest we confirm availability and preferences closer to the date. Pat has suggested that we try to schedule for the 19th).

Meeting Closed: 8.05pm