



## Gunduwa Regional Conservation Association AGM Minutes

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**Venue** Morawa Community Resource Centre

**Date** 16/08/2016

**Time** 10:00am

<b>Participants</b>	Luke Bayley	Chair GRCA/Bush Heritage Australia
	Jude Sutherland	GRCA – Business Manager
	Jessica Sackmann	Proponent
	Steve Churchill	Proponent
	Richard McLellan	Northern Agricultural Catchments Council
	Raul Valenzuela	Shire of Yalgoo
	Brendin Flanigan	Mid West Development Commission (MWDC)
	Melissa Farrelly	Australian Wildlife Conservancy
	Jo Draper	Shire of Morawa
	Gordon McNeill	North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group
	Leah Bell	Ninghan Station
	Jamie Conway-Physick	Department of P and Wildlife

**Apologies** Laura Ruykys (AWC), Michele Bentink, David Newsome (Murdoch University), Lizzie King (YYCMG), Ben McLernon (AIA), Glenda McNeill (NCMPG), Ashley Bell, Peter Waterhouse (Shire of Perenjori)

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Chair: Luke Bayley

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1.0	<b>Introductions</b>	Luke
	Luke Bayley opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions around the table.	
2.0	<b>Previous AGM Meeting Minutes</b>	
	<b>2.1 Acceptance of Previous Minutes – 23 April 2015</b> Moved: R Valenzuela Seconded: S Churchill	
	<b>2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes</b> No business arising.	
3.0	<b>Chair Report</b>	Luke
	<b>3.1 Gunduwa Update</b> Unique offset arrangement which has established a conservation organisation working with proponents. Acknowledged the work proponents do in support of	

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	<p>the organisation. The beginnings consisted of key people with good communication and trust in discussions which involve, mining, local government, community and pastoralist.</p> <p>Gunduwa became incorporated in February 2015 and we continue to improve the Business Plan. Small projects were encouraged by the proponents to start the on-ground activities with conservation related activities.</p> <p><b>3.2 Future</b></p> <p>Looking at a longer term role, to oversee how Gunduwa moves forward and how Gunduwa is responsible to make the most of the capital available.</p> <p>2014 projects - \$80,000 – total (summary of projects)</p> <p>2015 projects - \$125,000 – total (summary of projects)</p> <p>One project has pulled out of the 2015 projects. Young Leaders Project \$20,000. Looking to future funding.</p> <p>2016 project – Gunduwa Forum \$28,000</p> <p>Comparison of other offset arrangements – Gunduwa represents a real opportunity of how this money could be spent and how the organisation is managed.</p> <p>New committee – high level management to take it through the next 12mths.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Business Managers role in assisting Gunduwa to this stage. The Committee thanked Luke for his commitment to the organisation.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	Jude
	In: Shane Love – Unavailable to launch Gunduwa Forum;	
	Out: Letter of invitation to launch Gunduwa Forum –Shane Love;	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Financial Report</b>	Jude
	<p><b>5.1</b> Audited Financial statement as at 30/06/2016, completed by North Midlands Accounting Service.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> Income &amp; Expenditure as at 30/06/2016 presented by J Sutherland</p> <p><b>5.3</b> Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2016 presented by J Sutherland</p> <p><b>5.4</b> Financial Position as at 31/06/2016 presented by J Sutherland</p> <p><b>Moved: R Valenzuela Seconded: R McLellan</b></p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Business Update</b>	Jude
	<p><b>6.1</b> Website – Presented to Members by J Sutherland. Jude is attending training with Jen Hanrahan (Web designer) to update website as need be.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Business Plan – Presented to Members by J Sutherland</p> <p><b>6.3</b> Project Update – Presented to Members by J Sutherland</p> <p>Members to provide feedback from website if minor errors are found.</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	Young Leaders Project - Update	
	<p>Jo Draper – Community Development Officer</p> <p>Project was postponed due to lack of engagement and support from parents/guardians – looking at new methods to engage the youth.</p> <p>Gunduwa would look at supporting future funding opportunities through connecting with youth in the region.</p> <p>Funding Available: Community Chest Fund Mid West Development Commission \$50,000 or less.</p> <p>Future Activities: Just be in nature, hike from property to property. Gunduwa Bush Rangers – change of title.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	Welcome to Brendin Flanigan and thank you for always supporting Gunduwa RCA. Thanks to Brendin for being our returning officer.	

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9.0	<b>Blues for the Bush Event</b>	Luke
	<p><b>9.1</b> Gunduwa Forum – Challenge of Change Program Dean Revell on the board of NACC has been developing program. 15 minute presentations. Short and sharp interesting presentation. Charles Darwin Reserve Open Day is a free event – attracting between 1000-1300 people.</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Gunduwa Youth Tent – Attending workshops and engaging with various professionals throughout the region for information on career opportunities.</p>	
10.0	<b>Introduction of new Nominating Members</b>	
	Melissa Farrelly: Summary of her role in Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC), includes biosecurity, wild dog management, threatened species reintroduction program. AWC has a big role within the Gunduwa Region and would enjoy being part of the Gunduwa Management Committee.	
11.0	<b>Incorporation – Management Committee</b>	
	Although we have a full set of members, discussions were open to changing the constitution to allow us to co-opt additional members if we wish. The wording will be provided from the NACC constitution as a guide, which Gunduwa might consider adopting. Discussion of this wording will be resolved at our next committee meeting.	
12.0	<b>Management Committee - Elections</b>	Brendin Flanigan
	<b>Retuning Officer – Brendin Flanigan</b>	
	Natural person appointed by Proponent – Ben McLernon	
	Natural person appointed by Proponent – Steve Churchill	
	Luke Bayley nominated by Lizzie King; Seconded by LB - Accepted	
	Raul Valenzuela nominated by Luke Bayley; Seconded by RV - Accepted	
	Richard McLellan nominated by Tom Maina; Seconded by RM - Accepted	
	Peter Waterhouse nominated by Peter Waterhouse; Seconded by PW - Accepted	
	Gordon McNeill nominated by Glenda McNeill; Seconded by GM - Accepted	
	Leah Bell nominated by Raul Valenzuela; Seconded by LB - Accepted	
	Melissa Farrelly nominated by Luke Bayley; Seconded by MF - Accepted	
	A vote was completed as there were 7 nominations for 6 positions and the following people were elected: Luke Bayley, Raul Valenzuela, Richard McLellan, Gordon McNeill, Leah Bell & Melissa Farrelly. Congratulations to the Management Committee. Write a letter to Peter Waterhouse to thank him for his contribution to Gunduwa.	
13.0	<b>General Business/ Late Items</b>	Luke
	<p><b>13.1</b> Thank you Brendin Flanigan for being our Returning Officer. The Management Committee will elect positions at a special meeting held after the AGM has been completed.</p> <p><b>13.2</b> Discussion on the boundary of GRCA, projects don't run to straight lines. Correspondence has been sent to EPA to seek clarification of the region. To demonstrate ecological assets, systems and community in the region. Ideally maximise funding throughout the region and not limit it to a small area. Therefore spread funding further afield to reach other organisation and groups. To be discussed at future Management Committee meetings.</p>	

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	<p><b>13.3</b> Ranger Program – A great pilot project being run on Ninghan Station with the support of Northern Agricultural Catchments Council. Committee would like to see the program expand. If any other organisation have a budget for this program it would be a great opportunity to continue the funding throughout the 12months and beyond. Importantly seeing good social and cultural outcomes. A number of organisations in discussions/planning to establish ranger programs, or ranger teams. Program learning about invasive species, ranger teams, what will and won't work.</p> <p>What's the opportunity for expanding the program? Can we engage with local farming grower groups to continue to facilitate the program. Extend into a shared agricultural program. Australian Wildlife Conservancy extended invitation on being involved in the future.</p> <p>DPaW – Karara Station will become the base for a ranger position. Full time person who can engage with appropriate stakeholders to achieve better outcomes.</p> <p>Luke thanked Proponents for their commitment and Brendin Flanigan for attending the meeting and being our returning officer.</p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Meeting Closed –12.25pm</b>	