

Gunduwa Regional Conservation Association Inaugural AGM Minutes

Venue Dalwallinu Visitors Centre

Date 23/04/2015 Time 10:00am

Participants

Luke Bayley	Chair GRCA/Bush Heritage Australia
Jude Cusworth	GRCA – Operations Manager
Sarah Gilleland	Northern Agricultural Catchments Council
Lizzie King	Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group
Steve Churchill	Proponent
Raul Valenzuela	Shire of Yalgoo
Ben McLernon	Proponent
Bev Logue	Central Wheatbelt Declared Species Group
Keith Jones	Shire of Dalwallinu
Glenda McNeill	North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group
Peter Waterhouse	Shire of Perenjori
Gordon McNeill	North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group
Helen Watkins	Moore Catchment Council
Mary-Anne Clunies-Ross	Rangelands NRM
Leah Bell	Ninghan Station
Robert Nixon	Shire of Dalwallinu
Clare Johnston	Liebe Group
Laura Ruykys	Australian Wildlife Conservancy
John Coetsee	Department of Parks and Wildlife

Apologies

Richard McLellan (NACC), Jane Bradley (Rangelands), Peter Crispin (CEO-Shire of Dalwallinu), Brendin Flanigan (MWDC), Bevan Gray (Rangelands) Gail Pilmoor, Clayton Lewis, Gerard O'Neill, David Rose (DPaW), Sally Hoad (Shire of Morawa), John Roberts (Shire of Morawa), Kiera Foster (DPaW), Ali Mills (Shire of Perenjori), Ashley Bell, Phil Logue (CWDSG), Vanessa Westcott (Bush Heritage).

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Chair: Luke Bayley

Item	Section	Action By
1.0	Introductions	Luke
	Luke Bayley opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.0	Chair Report	Luke
	Gunduwa Update	

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	The starting point of an official incorporated group. Background of Gunduwa and projects that have been funded. Based on an environmental mining offset, the proponents contribute \$100,000 annually to be provided to a conservation association under the Act. Gunduwa is now incorporated after many years of planning and consultation from the proponents, Bush Heritage Lawyers and members and have finalised the incorporation. GRCA was incorporated on the 26/02/2015. Inspiring the group to look into the future, and focus on what could add value to the region. Gunduwa presents a vehicle between many organisations for example, a tool for lobbying to protect the flora, fauna and people within our region. Blues for the Bush launch of the Business Plan, projects presented their plans and speakers presenting on a range of topics throughout the region and country. Various organisations attended including presenters from Central Desert, Rangelands, Millenium Kids, Bush Heritage, Pollinators & Northern Agricultural Catchments Council. At future GRCA meetings we will aim to have guest speakers who will present on interesting topics to present to Members, and an update from the Management Committee.	
3.0	Business Plan	Luke
	Revision and quick summary of the Business Plan. What has been achieved to date.	
4.0	Correspondence	Jude
	In: Certificate of Incorporation 26/02/2015; Hon Albert Jacob – Minister for Environment; Heritage; Hon Peter Collier – Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Electoral Affairs; Paul Brown MLC – Member for Agricultural Region; Robin Chapple MLC – Member for the Mining & Pastoral Region.	
	Out: Letter of invitation to launch Business Plan – Melissa Price & Shane Love; Thank you letter for presenters at Blues for the Bush; Letters recognising our incorporation to proponents, & all politicians previously sent a Business Plan. Letter of support to Shire of PJ – Blues for the Bush.	
5.0	Financial Report	Jude
	Financial statement as at 31/03/2015 Moved: J Cusworth Seconded: R Valenzuela	
6.0	Project Update - 2014 & 2015	Jude
	Summary of the final written report from all projects completed in February 2015. A brief summary of all new applications received for the 2015-2016 projects funding round. 7 projects totalling \$156,000.	
7.0	Management Committee - Elections	Robert Nixon
	Retuning Officer – Robert Nixon	
	Natural person appointed by Proponent – Ben McLernon	
	Natural person appointed by Proponent – Steve Churchill	
	Luke Bayley nominated by Jude Cusworth; Seconded by LB - Accepted	
	Raul Valenzuela nominated by Neil Grinham; Seconded by RV - Accepted	
	Richard McLellan nominated by Luke Bayley; Seconded by RM - Accepted	
	Peter Waterhouse nominated by Ali Mills; Seconded by PW - Accepted	

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	Gordon McNeill nominated by Glenda McNeill; Seconded by GM - Accepted	
	Leah Bell nominated by Jude Cusworth; Seconded by LB - Accepted	
	Rodney Butler nominated by Rodney Butler; Seconded by RB - 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, Peter Waterhouse, Gordon McNeill & Leah Bell. Congratulations to the Management Committee.	
8.0	General Business/ Late Items	Luke
	Thank you Robert Nixon for being our Returning Officer. The Management Committee will elect positions at the next Management Meeting. The projects application approval process will be the first job for the Management Committee. Congratulations from Raul for Incorporation of Gunduwa and to officially move forward. Gordon — Original discussion to find out what had been done and organise a symposium to extend some the previous research. To commission an audit on the research done in the area. A newsletter to go out to members on a quarterly basis. A briefing notes instead of a newsletter. Newsletter once a year at the end of the project period to summarise projects and update on what has happened during the year. Develop and update website. Investigate membership of land care Australia and Local Government Conferences. Discussion on members having input into what projects are funded.	
9.0	Meeting Closed –12:13pm	
	Next Meeting – To be held at Paynes Find 10.00am @ TBA Date to be confirmed.	