



## **Chum Creek Landcare Group**

### **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Chum Creek Primary School**

Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm

Minutes taken by Evelyn Feller

#### Present:

Debbi Weaver, Rob Fallon, Linden Danks, Tim Lambert, Michael Feller, Evelyn Feller, Keith Wade, Gerd Bachman, Heidi Wild, Lorna Emary, Helen Nichols, Linda Hultgren, Ann Nowland, Phil Hipwell, Mary Jane Vincent, Chris Alford, Bernice Egglestone, Helen Nicholls, Ellen and Tom Whelan, Arthur Harford, Lana Wild, Michael Nardella, Rob and Heather Highsted.

#### Apologies:

Susi Sheaffe, David Blair, Lou Sbalchiero, Liz James, Rosemary Langmaid

Welcome Debbi Weaver welcomed members to the meeting and briefly discussed the structure of the Committee and what the opportunities for potential committee members were, in the hope of getting candidates to replace two retiring members. Current committee members are:

- Debbi Weaver (President)
- Evelyn Feller (Vice President)
- Neal Jeans (Secretary) - retiring
- Michael Feller (Communications)
- Susi Sheaffe (Treasurer)
- Linden Danks (Volunteers)
- Keith Wade (General Member ) - retiring

Minutes of the 2013 AGM Accepted Moved: Keith Wade Seconded: Arthur Harford

#### President's Report

Debbi Weaver distributed a printed report and discussed some items. She reported that tasks around setting up the new committee, such as funding grants and establishing banking procedures, took time in the first year. A lot of effort and time went into training around communications and now a website is being developed. Currently we have a Facebook page. Three workshops - on weeds, blackberries and healthy waterways - occurred and a fourth is planned in late October on sustainable gardening. A number of properties have had groups of volunteers working on weed removal and other tasks. We are now developing a project that will hopefully improve the health of Chum Creek and its catchment in terms of weed management and

water quality. We have been indebted to Rob Fallon, our Landcare facilitator for his valuable assistance and advice.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Debbi Weaver on behalf of Susi Sheaffe (treasurer). We currently have a bank balance of \$6537.50 Moved Michael Feller and seconded by Tom Whelan Accepted

### Elections

Tom Whelan nominated to join the committee to fill one of the positions vacant, and as no other nominations were received, was duly elected. Appreciation was expressed for the contributions of retiring members, Neil Jeans and Keith Wade.

### Chum Creek Project

Michael Feller gave an overview of the project and asked for further volunteers to assist. A critical first stage is weed and endangered species mapping of Chum Creek.

### Date of 2015 AGM

Early August 2015

Official business was closed at 8.05 pm.

### Keynote Speaker

Dr Paul Eden, head veterinarian at the Healesville Sanctuary spoke about the Australian Wildlife Health Centre at the sanctuary. Their focus is firstly on animals from the sanctuary then threatened species and then injured wildlife. Both clinical services and research are carried out. There is still a lot to learn about animal diseases and health. The centre sees over 1300-1500 patients in a year with 60% birds and 30% mammals. Paul stressed that in bringing animals back to health it is necessary to bring them to a health level equivalent to that of a professional athlete in human terms for the animals to survive and return to the wild. He indicated that volunteers could help the sanctuary and animal care shelters by planting and collecting suitable eucalypts to feed koalas and collecting organisms like snails to feed some wildlife. He was also interested in connecting with volunteers who are successful in trapping Indian Mynas. The sanctuary also needs old sheets and towels and pillowslips. He advises carrying an old pillow slip, antiseptic and rubber gloves in the car in case one has to deal with injured wildlife.