

**Minutes**  
**Smiths Gully Landcare Meeting**  
**30<sup>th</sup> April 2012**  
160 Black Cameron Road, SMITHS GULLY

Meeting Opened 7.45 pm

**Present:** Pat Reynolds, Chris Sanders, John Ryan, Delsha Rees, Maria Katsikas, Lynlee Tozer, Trish Ebert

**Apologies:** Mick Okey, Gael Macpherson, Alan Bamford

**Treasurers Report:**

Money at Bank \$2593.00 after insurance \$350.00

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

Pat reported that the council is winding up the St Andrews Hall and Reserve Advisory Committee. The Hall (along with the St Andrews Community Centre) will now be managed by Julie Kelly. Please see report below supplied by Pat after meeting (in quotation marks).

Chris Sanders proposed a formal thank you to Pat for being the Smiths Gully Rep on the Committee.

“Darrell James, a stall holder at the market, and a Market Committee member, had a good landscaping suggestion that will improve the grounds, and create more room in front of the hall for music events on market days. The contractors who were used for the work behind the toilets and the retaining wall at the lower level of the market site have been contracted to do the work.

A low rock retaining wall will be constructed, and the badly eroded area next to the brick circle will be leveled.

The Lasting Memories Mosaic seat below the deck will be enhanced by the new area. The launch of the seat is on Sunday 13th May at 4pm Every one is welcome. It is well worth a look. It has taken two years to construct, and really is a work of art that the women can be proud off!”

**Correspondence:**

- 30<sup>th</sup> April – email - Sarah Drew – Nillumbik Environmental Network Update
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – email - Sue Aldred St Andrews’ Landcare – Hop to it – Invitation to talk on Eastern Grey Kangaroos on 10<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm – RSVP 8<sup>th</sup> May
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – email - Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Shire Council – advertising for Winter Veggie Gardening workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> April

- 24<sup>th</sup> March – email - Elizabeth Wykes – Invitation to assist the Queenstown Cemetery Trust in an ecological burn Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April
- 23 April – email -Tim O’Donnell – Nillumbik Shire Council – Property Management Course – 2 day across two weekends – 6<sup>th</sup> & 20 May
- 10 April – email - Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Network Update - notification of various workshops and environmental services
- 27 March – email -Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Network Update
- 26 March – email - Jackie Waring – Landcare Facilitator position advertisement
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – email - via Pat Reynolds – notification of Photography Photopoint Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 – held by Osborne Road, Landcare
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – email - Elizabeth Wykes – initial notification of Queenstown Cemetery Trust working bee on 15<sup>th</sup> April
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - email - Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Network Update
- 12<sup>th</sup> March – email - Elizabeth Wykes – explanation of Queenstown Cemetery Trust burning of cemetery
- 28<sup>th</sup> February – email - Kirsty Merritt – Nillumbik Environmental Network Update
- April 2012 – mail – Queenstown Cemetery Trust – Grave Concerns

### **General Business**

- **Article on Elizabeth Wykes** – was published in Roundabout Hurstbridge
- **Notice Board Beautification**– not complete
- **Walking Track** – Pat has organized Parks Vic to replace the rotten 4x2 holding back soil at the start of the tack. Another section of the track (where the track has fallen away) also needs to be ‘mended’ Parks Vic have been notified and will fix in due course
- **Photographic Workshop.** Trish and Delsha attended a Photopoint Monitoring & Environmental Photographic Workshop organized by Osborne Road Landcare. The training was specifically focused on setting up photopoints for the long-term photographic monitoring of work sites. Both attendees found the day valuable in learning more about the use of their own cameras and how they could be best utilized in environmental photography. Trish has got the presenter’s permission (Alison Pouliot) to distribute the notes from the workshop to the rest of the group.
- **Revitalising Landcare Groups.** Chris attended a forum on how to revitalize landcare groups in February. The overriding point from all the attendees was that the groups need to be social to survive. We need to become more social.
- **Brochure.** Comments from the two responses to the current version of the brochure were discussed. The group present liked the idea of cutting down the words in favour of pictures. Trish and Delsha will investigate the options for changes and revert with a new version for discussion.
- **PPWPCMA Forum.** Lynlee attended a forum run by the Port Philip and Western Port Catchment Management Authority aimed at helping Landcare groups with focus and resources for present and upcoming projects. Attendees were asked to outline current and proposed works to establish focus for the project and to allow the PPWPCMA to ensure groups are not overlapping but are focusing on useful projects that may be eligible for funding. Lynlee has provided them with several

examples of our work on public land. To add to the list to report back to PPWPCMA Maria is to provide Lynlee with a précis of the work she'd like help with on her property. The PPWPCMA would like to see each group have a management plan with regard to future scheduling. No further discussion was taken on this.

- **Biodiversity Study.** Nillumbik Council provided a Public Viewing of their Biodiversity Strategy. Lynlee responded on our Landcare's behalf and she noted that it was one of the best documents to come out of Nillumbik Shire for a while. A big thank you to Lynlee for her effort in producing a response and presenting to Council.
- **Landscape Study.** Nillumbik Council has commissioned Micheal Buxton to produce a Landscape Study. The study seems to have embraced and supports the idea of a green wedge. Lynlee suggests we have a look at it.

#### **Working Bees.**

*27<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – Tree Planting at Marias – 75 Broadacres Road , Smiths Gully*

*24<sup>th</sup> June 2012 –To be decided at the June Meeting*

**Next Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (11<sup>th</sup> June PH). 95 One Tree Hill Road, Smiths Gully.

**Meeting Closed:** 10 pm