



MINUTES

AGM

29 October 2015
Holbrook Library Complex

Local Government

Albury City
Coolamon Shire
Cootamundra Shire
Corowa Shire
Gundagai Shire
Greater Hume Shire
Junee Shire
Lockhart Shire
Narrandera Shire
Tumbarumba Shire
Tumut Shire
Urana Shire
Wagga Wagga City

Local Land Services

Murray
Riverina

Other Agencies

Department of Lands
RMS
ARTC
State Forests
NPWS

1. **Introductions/Welcome** Neil Hibberson welcomed members at 1000 and a quorum was established. The following was recorded:

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Richard Ahearn	Crown lands	Chris Slinger	RENWA
Cr Jim Morgan	Lockhart	Robert Ferguson	RENWA
Mick Lalor	NPWS	Duane Shawcross	NPWS
Kylie Durant	HLN	Paul McPherson	Tumbarumba
Dale Stringer	HLN	Gus Cox	Tumbarumba
Peter O'Shannassy	Murray LLS	Russell Percival	Gundagai

Attendees

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Neil Hibberson	Greater Hume	Paula Bosse	RNWAGs
Rodney Anderson	Urana	Graeme Worboys	Cootamundra
Jeremy Crocker	Wagga Wagga City	Tony Phelps	Wagga Wagga City
Pat Minogue	Corowa	David Carroll	Corowa
Jan Mitchell	Albury City Council	Mel Wilkerson	Tumut
Sharon Coulston	Tumbarumba	Roger Evans	Narrandera
Darryl Morris	CMCC	Peta Perram	Narrandera
Julia McCourt	Murray LLS	Mich Michelmore	DPI
Edwina Hayes	HLN	Tracey Geppert	Lockhart

2. **Minutes from 2014 AGM and Business Arising.** Previous Minutes were noted from the AGM held at Albury Library Complex on the 16th October 2014 at 9:30am. There were no changes noted and no business arising. Graeme Worboys moved that *the Minutes were an accurate representation of the previous AGM*. This was seconded by Mel Wilkerson and passed by all members.

3. **Correspondence.** Paperwork received from the Office of Fair Trading, the committee updated paperwork to ensure all details filled in correctly. Paperwork since completed by Rodney Anderson and submitted on behalf of the group.

4. **Financial Reports.** The annual financial report was tabled by the Chairman. A full list of income and expenses is in the financial report which is available to members. The final group operating result was \$3785.00. Neil moved that *the financial report was an accurate representation*. This was seconded by Sharon and passed by all members.

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Further discussion was held on the allocation and use of the remaining funds, as the group requires a nil balance. A motion was moved by Mel that *“The balance of funds remaining after all expenses paid be transferred to the account funding the Regional Project officer position”*. The motion was seconded by Jan and carried by all members present.

5. Annual Reports

5.1 Chairman's Report . Neil tabled his final report - The highlights included a thanks to delegates and the committee for their continued support and involvement, and thanks to Paula, Lisa and Julia. He reflected on the success of HMFDC's, the 2013 Weeds conference, Red Guide Post Project and the weed trailer, and said that these were some examples of successful campaigns that the group can feel extremely proud of. He spoke positively about the way forward, and the communication and relationship with Murray LLS. These sentiments were echoed by Paula and other members of the group. Graeme also thanked Neil for chairing the group for so long, and the work of Paula, Lisa and the executive committee.

5.2 Regional Project Officer Report . Paula tabled her and Lisa's reports . a long list of hard work and positive outcomes for weed management in our region . members thanked to Paula and Lisa for their tireless efforts. A copy is attached.

5.3 Invasive Species Officer Report . Mich reflected on the fact that members have travelled often long distances for 18 years to work together to manage weeds in our region . and that in itself was a great achievement. He also spoke positively about the move to the future model, and thanked members for their hard work and dedication.

6. **Notice of Resolution.** The Chairman noted that a special resolution was to be made to wind up the activities of the group. Members were notified of the special resolution in the requisite timeframe. Mel moved the motion that *‘the Eastern Riverina Noxious Weeds Advisory Group ceases all functions and disbands as of the completion of the AGM held on 29 Oct 2015’*. Jan seconded the motion and it was carried by all members. Written proxies were received by Richard Ahearn, Crown Lands and Russel Percival, Gundagai Shire.

7. **Update on RWC.** Neil gave a quick update on the RWC and noted that the first meeting was planned for late Nov 2015, and delegates should ensure that their council had nominated a representative. He noted that the focus will be on direction and planning at a strategic level, not operational. There was a discussion raised by Graeme about the need for an informal operational level group, and it was noted by Paula and Mich that the model allows for that kind of arrangement. Paula suggested that if members had any issues that were relevant across LCA's in our region, let her know and a meeting can be called as required.

8. **General Business.** Paula noted that Tocal college was offering free training with support from local RWAC's. As these will be no longer after the meeting, Paula noted that Weed Officers should contact her if they wish to take up the offer. General discussion ensued, but no further items that require decisions.

9. The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 1130, and the ERNWAG farewelled. Not a dry eye in the house.

Julia McCourt
Secretary