

Murray Regional Weeds Committee (RWC)

MINUTES

Date:	3 December 2015	Start Time: 10.00	Finish time: 12.30	Meeting No: MRWC 01
Venue:	Corowa RSL Club, 30 Betterment Parade COROWA NSW 2646			
Meeting Objective/s:	Progress regional weed strategic management planning and implementation			
Attendees:	Neil Hibberson, Chris Gillard, Sunil Prakash, Daryl Morris, Jan Mitchell, Duane Shawcross, Andrew McCurdy, David Smith, John Ward, Andrew Holmes (new RMS member), Syd Lisle (acting DPI), Shona Cowley, Geoff Corboy (acting MLLS).			
Apologies:	Ex-officio – Paula Bosse, Liz Whykes			
Apologies:	Ken Crossley, Dan Francis (ex RMS nominee), Gus Cox, Michael Michelmore, Rodney Anderson			
Chairperson:	Neil Hibberson			

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1.	Meeting opening	The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.10 am	
	Acknowledgment of Country	The Chairman acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land and paid respects to elders past and present	
1.1	Apologies	Ken Crossley, Rodney Anderson, Gus Cox, Michael Michelmore, Dan Francis.	
1.2	WHS	The Chair outlined potential WHS hazards and explained evacuation procedures and emergency	

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		exits.	
1.3	Introduction of Members	Each member introduced themselves and advised who they represented on the committee.	
1.4	Action list review	N.A.	
2.0	Matters for Decision		
2.1	Election of Deputy Chair	The committee considered the election of the Deputy Chair.	Motion: 01.01 The election of Deputy Chair will be held at the next meeting of the committee. Moved: Sunil Prakash, Seconded: Geoff Corboy CARRIED: Resolution R01.01
3.0	Matters for Discussion		
3.1	RWC Terms of Reference	Geoff Corboy briefed the Committee on the approved MRWC Terms of Reference, the proposed Executive Project Team activities and the relationship of MRWC to the MLLS Board and State Weeds Committee. Regional Weeds Project Officer, Paula Bosse provided details of her role working on the Weeds Action Program 1520 (WAP) and its relationship to the RWC.	

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3.2	WAP & funding update	<p>Paula Bosse provided information on the Murray WAP & draft funding allocation.</p> <p>The committee noted the forecast reduction in funding for the Murray region over the period of the WAP 1520.</p> <p>The current year reduction affected both the regional WAP project delivery and local authorities program delivery.</p>	<p>ACTION 01.01 The committee write to the MLLS Board raising extreme concern regarding the unfair forecast reductions to the WAP1520 funding allocation for the Murray region and request that MLLS raise this issue with government.</p> <p>Moved: Sunil Prakash Seconded: Chris Gillard CARRIED</p> <p>ACTION: 01.02 Paula Bosse to provide to committee members the WAP project state and regional actual/budget figures for 14-15</p> <p>ACTION: 01.03 Paula Bosse to collate figures from each Local Control Authority identifying what programs were affected through the reduction in funding for 2015-16.</p> <p>ACTION: 01.04 Syd Lisle will provide a presentation at the next meeting of the MRWC explaining the WAP program and proposed funding allocation to regions..</p>
3.3	Regional Weed Management Strategic Plan	<p>The MRWC was advised it is expected the Regional Weed Strategic Plan will be formulated for approval by 31 December 2016 and it is expected further details on the Plan format and content will be known following the formation of the State Weed Committee in the coming months.</p>	

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3.4	Technical group options	The LCA members of the MRWC agreed the continuation of operational staff meetings is a matter for Local Control Authorities to consider, probably through the Regional Organisation of Councils..	
3.5	Executive Project team	An LCA representative from MRWC was required to fill a position on the Executive Project Team as per the Terms of Reference. Jan Mitchell nominated Daryll Morris to represent LCA on the Executive Project Team. Nomination seconded Sunil Prakash. Daryll accepted the nomination.	
4.0	Matter for Noting	.	.
5.0	Meeting Finalisation		
5.1	Review of Actions to be taken		
5.2	Future Meeting dates/Venue	Meeting locations – TBC with Corowa as default. Meetings schedule for 10/3/16, 9/6/16 & 13/10/16 Start time: 10am.	ACTION: 01.05 Meeting minutes are to be circulated to members by MLLS and all members to request changes within three weeks of circulation. After this period Chair will sign minutes as final. ACTION: 01.06 MLLS to add Syd Lisle and Scott Charlton of NSW DPI to the calendar invitation for three meeting dates set.

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5.3	Meeting evaluation	On-going feedback was encouraged to ensure the committee meetings were valuable for members and the region.	
5.4	Meeting close	There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.15 pm	
	Minutes approved		
	Chair – Neil Hibberson		Date: 27/1/2016