**Present**

Trevor Osborne

Ellisha Burrows

Rowena Turner

Matthew Lincoln

Janice Frey

Damian McKenzie-McHarg

Stuart Lucas

Kaye Lucas

Chester Merrick

David Petrovic

Paula Sheehan

Richard Ahearn

Mike Webb

Tom Webb

Meeting opened at 7.04pm.

1. **Apologies**

Bridget O’Connor

Lou Bull

Sophie Richards

1. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

February minutes were circulated with agenda together with December minutes.

1. **Presidents report**

Plant giveaway – About 3,000 plants have been placed on an interim order with Jayfields.

Plan is that monthly meetings will be held in various locations such as Lake Hume this month. Next month, it is hoped to meet at Table Top.

Ellisha has resigned as Vice President but has agreed to take on the Project Officer role for a period of time to manage the Plant Giveaway and the next stage of revegetation works at Hawksview.

New members were introduced and gave a brief introduction of themselves:

* Rowena Turner – has past experience with Landcare and with gliders.
* Mathew Lincoln – Environmental Lands Coordinator at Albury City Council. Experience with a range of native plants and animals.

1. **Treasurers’ report**

Current cash bank balance is $42,500.

* $20,000 for National Communities Environment Grant for stage 2 fencing and planting at Hawdon’s lagoon, Hawksview in conjunction with Murray River Works;
* $7,000 for plant giveaway from Albury City (plant giveaway);

Insurance has been paid.

PO Box has been paid. Richard is to be refunded the cost of this - $134. Approved.

A small GST refund of $49 received (adjustment from previous quarter).

Need to do some projections of Project Officer wages expenditure to manage the plant giveaway and Community Environment Grant project from March – June / July, noting that Murray River Works cannot commence revegetation works until July 2020. 10-12 hours per week is the likely commitment.

1. **Plant giveaway preparations**

Jayfields order has been placed.

Mathew indicated Albury City Council may be able to coordinate their deliveries from Jayfields to coincide with ours.

Need to clarify what plants went well last year and what didn’t.

1. **Hawksview project stage 2**

Ellisha has made contact with Peter Starr and emailed him the documents.

Murray River Works will do direct seeding on the riverbank but not fencing which is covered by the grant funds.

1. **Upcoming events**

The following suggestions were discussed:

Plant giveaway to be announced at Breakfast with the Birds event to be held in late April / early May. Trevor to contact Rob Fenton to see if we can use NEC (TAFE campus) for Breakfast with the Birds.

Corry’s Wood Reserve – Community event / Albury City sausage sizzle at Corry’s Wood was suggested. This would fit well with other Albury City initiatives such as Garden Guide, water sensitive planting etc. Need to remove guards from now mature trees at this location.

Agreed that we would encourage ACC to host this event to flag its role as new custodian of Albury Environmental Lands.

Visits to less well-known wetlands such as the one on the Eastern edge of Albury Racecourse.

1. **General Business**

Albury City Sustainability Committee

* Joint council Native Vegetation Strategy. Produced. A detailed document.
* Energy Efficiency / Renewables project fund of $100,000.
* Council still going through a settling down phase after the restructure. Lots of things still to be worked out at operational level.

Lake Hume Gliders Friends group – data collected since 2013.

* Some dead gliders due to very harsh season.
* Late 2018 – 60-70% of boxes had gliders in them. By 2019 / 20 there was a significant reduction in numbers.
* Good connectivity in lots of areas of the Hume Weir despite the harsh summer conditions.
* Q – how effective are boxes as homes for gliders?
* Lou Bull doing a presentation this Friday as part of her LAMP project.
* Need information from Albury Conservation Co. on glider monitoring.
* John Shepherd has signaled he will be scaling back his involvement due to other commitments.
* Murray Landcare website is [www.murraylandcare.com.au](http://www.murraylandcare.com.au). Our regional rep is Adrian Wells.
* WTLG is linked to both NSW Landcare and Murray Landcare.

1. **Next meeting**

7 April 2019, Trevor to advise of location

Meeting closed at 8.26pm.