



Hunter Wildlife Rescue

NATIVE ANIMAL TRUST FUND Inc

Minutes of GENERAL MEETING 6th TH of APRIL 2024

Venue – Hunter Wildlife Rescue Centre, Shortland

Acknowledgement of Country.

Present: Kate Randolph, Chriss Beer, Joan Jones, Desiree Marshall, Joshua Sandeman, Rhonda Wicks, Yolanda Vanderpol, Christopher Marshall, Nicole Jurgielan, Ann Morgan, Garth Christian, Evy Christian, Suzanne Pettit, Michelle Kelly

Apologies: Audrey Koosman, Teresa Purnell, Bronwyn Shields, Robyn Martin, Lisa Thomson, Kerry Walker, Claire Phelps, Susan Nunn.

Meeting Opened: 10:06am

1. Minutes of last General Meeting on the 10th December 2023 are a true copy.

Moved: Kate Randolph Seconded: Chriss Beer Accepted by all

2. Business Arising. Nil.

3. Reports Tabled.

President Report. Refer attached.

Moved: Desiree Marshall Seconded: Rhonda Wicks Accepted by all

Treasurer Report. Refer attached.

Moved: Joan Jones Seconded: Ann Morgan Accepted by all

Report is for the month of March only but includes account and grant balances.

- Treasurer requested that any invoices/ outstanding accounts for reimbursement be forwarded immediately.
- Bunnings BBQ (held Singleton, 1.4.24) raised \$1150.00. Bunnings Singleton donated goods and banked all the money directly. Another fundraising BBQ is booked.

Secretary Report. Refer attached.

Moved: Desiree Marshall Seconded: Kate Randolph Accepted by all

Land Clearing Report. Refer attached.

Moved: Desiree Marshall Seconded: Chriss Beer Accepted by all

4 General Business:

4.1 Nature Conservation Council (Group Award) held 27.3.24.

We did not win this prestigious award but we were placed in the top 6. Peter Jones was our representative at the event.

4.2 Request for swap meet day/ Facebook Market Place for members. (Chriss Beer for Charmian Eckersley).

Discussion held. Trading space requested for members to sell or give away items related to Hunter Wildlife activities that are surplus to requirements.

Motion: Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF) will set up an Hunter Wildlife Rescue 'Trading Post' WhatsApp group.

Moved: Chriss Beer

Seconded: Suzanne Pettit

Accepted by all.

5. Business from the floor.

Fund raising and public relations events:

- Suzanne Pettit: The Family Hotel, Maitland offers community groups fundraising opportunities via a fruit and vegetable raffle. The hotel staff are willing to sell the tickets.
- Chana Schulman of the Upper Hunter will be doing a fundraising marathon [42.2 km, on 13.4.24]
- Kate Randolph: Report - Singleton Emergency Expo 23.3.24: Very successful day- HWR's display one of the most popular. The 'Name the poo' children focused competition was particularly successful.
- Kate Randolph: Judith Hopper also had a very successful day at Wollombi, [Wollombi Easter Market, 1.4.24].
- Nicole Jurgielan: Suggestion to establish a "Gould League" like primary school based bird group. The aim: to educate children about birds. Related Ideas: child-friendly information sheets, stickers, funded by small student membership fee.
Query: possible adjunct to Educational Officer's role. Management Committee to talk to Education Officer (Alexis Ting)-
- Chriss Beer: Advised the next Introduction to Rescue training course is scheduled for Saturday 11.5.24.
- Yolanda Vanderpol: Discussion held regarding feasibility of developing an app. The Vice President explained that the fauna data reporting system is mandated by National Parks and Wildlife, HWR's licensor.
- Outcome: Yolanda offered to compile fauna data reports for any members having trouble compiling their own, on request. Contact her via WhatsApp.

Meeting closed: 11.05 am.