

## Minutes of the GM 21 November 2022, LVRSL, 7.30

**Present:** David Travalia, Paul Markey, Andrew Reed, Tony Abel, Dave Long, Wayne Bellette, Malcolm Crosse, Craig Granquist, Tom Woolley, John Spencer, Ian Stokes, Tim Lewis, Andrew Blackwood, Norm Cribbin, Tim Urbanc, Denis Abbott, John Smith, Rob Brodribb, Stephen Butler, Chris Medwin, David Young, Mark Aspinall, Michael Bourne.

**Apologies:** Anna Bellette, Glenn Cannell, Lyndon Cubbins, Ken Fisher, Chris Hilton, Andrew Hood, Martin Exel, Stephen Luttrell, James Mackay, Doug Miller, Bill Turner, Noel Wilson.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Tim Urbanc, Craig Granquist

**Correspondence in and out:** Malcolm Crosse re AAT meeting 6 November, see attached report; request from Luke Ellis to transfer to Associate status, approved; Cane Day information from Peter Rasmussen, circulated; Sport and Rec Community Grants information.

### Treasurer's report:

Account Number: 12130456				
Current Balance: \$15,336.68				
Available Balance: \$15,336.68				
Recent Transactions				
Date	Description	Credit	Debit	Balance
Various	Subs	\$420.00		
Various	Shack fees	\$45.00		
22/10/2022	Miena firewood-Tim Urbanc		\$220.00	
21/10/2022	BOC gas		\$7.10	
11/10/2022	NPP CREDIT Alex green joining	\$405.00		
10/10/2022	NPP CREDIT Elliott Blackwood	\$100.00		
10/10/2022	EXT TRF TO 963482088 Fly Tyers Guild-Timothy Tulloch Brock Lewis		\$55.23	
		<b>\$970.00</b>	<b>\$282.33</b>	
	Term deposits	\$7,141.73		
		\$6,266.72		

### Arising:

**Insurance:** the Committee are formulating questions for legal advice.

**Membership:** the Committee have set the joining fee at \$300 for all, except for those under 25, who will pay half. New members from 2020-21 on are entitled to 10 days free use of the shacks in their first year. For those to whom this applies retrospectively, discuss with the Treasurer - it is not a problem.

**Induction materials working group/subcommittee; using our information systems and methods:** from the survey it's clear we need to make use of the best mix of information and media; it makes sense to use all IT and media means available. The Committee has asked for one or two newer members to assist on a subcommittee to inform and action this.

**Fowler trophy:** will become separate River and Lakes categories. Not entirely clear how the trophies will be arranged - more next meeting.

**Upgrading first aid kits for Miena and Sorell:** both shacks will be reviewed/upgraded as necessary and snake kits provided.

**AAT meeting, especially wrt Sorell:** Malcolm spoke to his report, attached. Rather than summarise, I'll let his notes speak for themselves. However, a particular matter is the need for continuing funding for the webcam network. Malcolm said they cost some \$500 each to run and there are 11

to maintain. As he notes, Kingborough have donated to this funding but ultimately it would appear more secure funding will be needed.

 [Malcolm AAT report 6 November 2022.pdf](#)

**Stream access, bio-security:** some further discussion of the river access and bio-security questions raised last meeting. Agreed it will be important for us to keep on top of these issues and firmly support angler awareness and compliance.

**Activities:** Both Fergus and Bothwell were exceptional. Fergus saw 13 account for some 43 fish in very good conditions, both weather and fish. The weather was not quite as kind for Bothwell but some 28 attended, camping and at Henry's and a lot of fish caught. Too many in Brickfield - lots of irritating perch, but also some excellent 'bows. A very good dinner at Denistoun on the Saturday night and huge thanks due to Randall, Henry and Scott, also Steve, Granny and Ken Fisher for the campsite work.

**Forthcoming:** the December week at Miena is attracting a crowd; important to book a shack bed if you need one and to indicate whether intending to come to the mid-week dinner; also some overflow beds available at David Young's.

**Round robin:** it seems things have slowed a bit. Some good reports from Arthurs, which is most encouraging. Otherwise some good reports from Woods, Pine, Penstock, but somewhat inconsistent - pick the right day.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm,** followed by animated presentations and discussion concerning baseline scientific work being commenced wrt aquatic hydrocarbons and insect life, aquatic and more general eg gum beetles, initiatives of AAT and the Hydro. David Travalia and Malcolm discussed the Waterbug/Bug Life day on Penstock recently (David's link to the Waterbug app has now been circulated) and Dennis Abbott pointed to Oliver Milman's recent book - see the links below. A Guardian article from a few years ago points to the world-wide issues and a Google search on insect extinction issues will yield lots of information. I'll ask @ZoomingButler about getting an edited version of the discussion up on the website - it was passionate and informative. For starters, see <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/10/plummeting-insect-numbers-threaten-collapse-of-nature>