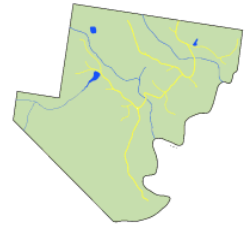


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SGM Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2022

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Aaron, Chris, Matt, Bjorn, Lisa, Gudrun, Neil, Max, Alan, Bob, Christine, Margaret, Paris, Rebecca, Karen, Matty, Ruben, Felix, Chibo, Kristen, Helen, Brian.

**APOLOGIES:** Ingrid, Monica

### ❖ Election of Chairperson

- Bjorn nominated by Paris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron, all in favour.

### ❖ Minutes of previous general meeting

- Minutes read. Bob moved the meeting accept the minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> Paris, all in favour.

### ❖ Business arising from minutes

- Zero turn has been purchased. Thanks Matt.
- Paris moves we thank Venu for her work on getting \$5000 towards road repairs from a flood recovery scheme. Meeting unanimously thanked Venu for her efforts on our behalf.
- Bob has transferred all power accounts from his name into Nmbngee's name. thanks Bob.

### ❖ Correspondence

- From Lisa re Resilience grant through Kyogle Council
- From Venu re Flood Recovery submission on behalf of Nmbngee
- Correspondence from fair trading

### ❖ Business Arising from Correspondence

- Election of new board member. Monica is unable to serve on the board so a replacement is required. Alan nominated Paris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine. All in favour. **Passed.** Thanks Paris.
- Discussion – Lillifield has received a large grant through resilience fund to buy a new fire truck. Meeting discussed finding out more info so maybe we can access funds from this source as well. Felix suggested we ask them to fix the fire trail between the two communities. Alan to follow up.

### ❖ Resident Non-Shareholders – Abha, Gary, Karen, Josie & Paul, Zoe, Juliska, Luke, Diana, Aiti & Johnny, Venu, Yamala, Julie.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **That the members of Nmbngee Community Cooperative form a land-care group with a budget to be allocated at this meeting.** (Put forward by Ruben).

Meeting heard from most members regarding the need for oversight and clear direction regarding weed removal, clearing and regeneration. Chris proposed a motion that, under Bylaw 12 (a) the meeting form a landcare group, who is empowered to apply for grants on behalf of Nmbngee Community Cooperative, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paris. **Passed unanimously.**

Nominees:

Lisa, Ruben, Alan, Venu, Karen, Helen, Rebecca, Aaron, Margaret, Max, Mattie.

Paris moved that all those nominated be accepted. 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil. Voted and **passed unanimously.**

Ruben asked for money from budget. Max noted that money needs to be moved around in the budget and cautioned moving things around too much. Aaron spoke to need for tools such as electric chainsaw, loppers, secateurs.

Paris proposed a motion that (since we got \$5000 grant towards roadworks) we take \$1500 out of road budget to allocate to the landcare group. 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt. **Passed unanimously.**

Helen suggested a slush fund to be paid into by resident non shareholders. She was encouraged to form a proposal and bring it to another meeting.

2. **That every shareholder participates in an updated community mapping of Nmbngee zones.** This will include areas considered to be of private influence and responsibility, as well as common areas such as hamlets, community infrastructure (roads, dams, fire-trails) community buildings and industrial areas, forest (regrowth and remnants), cleared commons, potential food-growing areas and habitat conservation areas. This will enable clear environmental management policies to be formulated for each zone. (Put forward by Paris)

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Much discussion regarding what constitutes a 'zone of influence' with dissenting views aired. Kristen left the meeting. All agreed there is a need for a common project to help disperse ill feeling. There was general support for Kristen's position that she does not want heavy machinery to be used near her home.

Rebecca proposed Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August we all convene on front creek crossing site at 10am for community project day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan. All in favour. **Motion passed.**

Discussion moved on to the subject of methods for weed eradication with many members suggesting that chemical herbicides should not be used on Nmbngee. Current position, as per Bylaw 16:

*(a). No chemicals (i.e. pesticides, herbicides, etc.) are to be used without permission from a Directors' meeting. (28.7.90)*

*(b). That the use of Roundup (using cut and paint method) be approved for the removal of groundsel, camphor laurel and privet. (29.4.2000)*

Motion from Paris to remove bylaw 16(a) and 16(b). 2<sup>nd</sup> Max. **passed by majority.**

Paris proposed a motion that synthetic herbicide use be banned on Nmbngee, with Bylaw 16 to read:

*No synthetic (chemical) herbicides are to be used on Nmbngee.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Matt. **Passed unanimously.**

Karen to follow up requirements for Envite funding and Ruben to follow up with Leon Kindeman about access to plants for regeneration projects.

Lisa and Max are continuing to work on mapping each shareholder's areas of influence, common areas etc. This map will come to the next meeting, date to be set by the board, to inform ongoing environmental management plan.

**MEETING ADJOURNED FOR A BREAK AT 11.33am.**

Bob and Diana left.

**MEETING RECONVENED 11.50am.**

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KAREN LEFT THE MEETING AT 12.30

Paris asked Bjorn, Matt and Neil if they felt that the member discussions at this and other meetings adequately dealt with consequences of the recent logging activities in the hamlet. Much discussion. All agreed that the landcare group provided another avenue of communicating in the future.

3. **That a date be set for a future Special General Meeting to formulate an Environmental Management Plan, informed by the above mapping project.** (Put forward by Christine)

**Motion Withdrawn.**

4. **That the members discuss dogs on Nmbngee** (Put forward by Matt.)

Bylaw 7 - CATS AND DOGS currently reads:

*(a). No more cats/dogs brought onto the farm, other than the ones already here. (7/10/82)*

*(b). All cats now on farm be desexed. (7/10/82)*

*(c). That we enforce the policy of no dogs and cats*

*(d). Amended that Directors inform non-resident shareholders that they can bring no more cats or dogs onto the farm. (17/11/84)*

Meeting heard multiple complaints relating to dogs on Kristen's share. Paris informed the meeting that, under recent changes to Federal law, companion dogs can no longer be banned. It was noted that Daniela has previously been granted permission to keep a companion animal on Nmbngee. There was much discussion but no resolution was reached.

5. **That one day per month be nominated as "Nmbngee Day" – a day of action for the community to undertake projects around common areas.** (Put forward by Rebecca)  
Discussed as part of Item 1 & 2 above.

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6. **That Nmbngee set aside funds for a weekend celebration in Spring 2023 to mark 50 years of existence.** This will require a co-ordination group to do some initial planning as well as attempting to contact as many ex-members as possible, and possibly co-ordinating with the Aquarius Foundation to dove-tail our celebration with planned Rainbow Region activities & festivities celebrating 50 years of Aquarius. (Put forward by Bob)

Neil and Bob would like to work on this. Neil moved to add this as an item on next AGM agenda.

7. That the members retroactively approve the submission to the Flood Recovery grant team on behalf of Nmbngee Community Co-op. (Put forward by Bjorn; documentation attached).  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alan. **Passed unanimously.**