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Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting Friday November 10, 2017 7.00pm Youth Hub, HL&LC

We wish to acknowledge the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land on which we are meeting tonight, their elders past and present.

- 1. <u>Welcome</u>: by Steve Meacher, on behalf of committee, to all
- 2. <u>Present</u>: Lorraine Leach, Margaret and Andrew Blair, Peta and Ian Whitford, Karen Garth, Steve Meacher, Jeff Barlow, Bronwyn Baade, Maureen Bond, Lou Sbalchiero, Michael Feller, Meredith and Laurence Gaffney, Graeme George, Julie Hanman, Samantha Dunn, MP, Aline Scott-Maxwell, Jan Faulkner
- 3. <u>Apologies</u>: Cr McAllister, Evelyn Feller, Anne Fitzpatrick, Bob Rich, Arthur Harford, Jeanette McRae
 - 4. <u>Minutes of last AGM, 13/10/2016:</u>

Tabled: (Received by HEWI committee 17/10/16) Proposed: Maureen Bond; Seconder: Ian Whitford Approved: by all at previous AGM

5. Annual Report:

Presented by: Delegated Committee members - attached

Approved: all in favour

6. Treasurer's Report:

Copies distributed and addressed by: Bronwyn Baade Books were closed at: June 30, 2017 b/f: \$12,326

Income: \$8,333 Expenditure: \$17,361 Balance: \$3,298 Consolidated balance: \$8,298

Proposed: Bronwyn Baade; Seconder: Graeme George Approved: unanimous

7. Election of Office Bearers:

The 2016-7 executive step down and nominations are called for 2017-8:

Chairperson:Graeme GeorgeVice Chairperson:Evelyn FellerSecretary:Maureen BondTreasurer:Bronwyn Baade

Committee Members: Lou Sbalchiero, Karen Garth, Steve Meacher,

Aline Maxwell-Scott Nomination List attached

8. Special Business:

Guest Speaker, Samantha Dunn, MP, was delighted to present Steve Meacher a HEWI Life Membership for his eight years of dedicated leadership as Chairman of HEWI (2008-2015), and "continuing participation on our committee with generous support for all aspects of our projects and advocacy involvements. Your meticulous research and total integrity have given HEWI greater recognition and a highly respected profile within the

environmental movement". Closed: 7.55pm

HEWI ANNUAL REPORTS

1.PLANNING RELATED SUBMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES 2016-2017

As usual HEWI has been involved in responding to, or attending, meetings re state and local planning issues

FEDERAL LEVEL:

1. Adani Mine

Submission re: Proposal to provide a loan to support railway and port development for the Adani coal mine.

STATE LEVEL ISSUES:

2. Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations

We have been responding to NVCR proposals since 2002. The new Andrews government promised a review of unacceptable regulations enacted by the past Liberal government. HEWI has prepared submissions related to drafts of these regulations over the past two years. Our most recent submission was early 2017. We were critical of a lack of a 'net gain' principal in the draft but felt there were quite a few improvements in these draft regulations such as restoring principals of avoid, mitigate and then compensate. Unfortunately, there are still too many exemptions from the regulations for government departments. The process has closed, and the government will be implementing proposed changes in various state-wide planning schemes.

3. Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act

Legislation relating to flora and fauna had not been reviewed since the 1980's, until the government recently prepared a document of review. Our submission included the need for effective enforcement of the legislation, such as species action

plans with clear timelines, and the allocation of adequate resources to implement the legislation.

4. Yarra River Protection Discussion Paper

HEWI wrote a detailed response, including 50m wide habitat corridors, and the <u>Yarra River Protection</u> (Wilip-gin Birrarung murron) Act 2017 has since been passed with an emotional scene in Parliament as the Traditional owners were given a voice in future river management and protection. The Yarra River is now recognised as one integrated natural entity to be protected by all.

5. Healthy Waterways Strategy and the Yarra Strategic Plan.

Most recently HEWI members have attended meetings regarding this proposal by Melbourne Water. This process will continue into 2018.

LOCAL ISSUES:

6. Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme Amendment C148

A complicated restructure of the Planning Scheme required by the State Government with an associated Amendment 122 supporting changes to the Upper Yarra & Dandenong Ranges Regional Strategy Plan to which HEWI had many objections! This will eventually go to a Panel Hearing

7. Yarra Trail

A long-distance hiking and riding trail has been proposed to link Lilydale, Yarra Glen, Healesville and Woori Yallock. HEWI wrote a submission objecting to route options in the Yarra Glen to Healesville and Healesville to Woori Yallock sections because of the impact of these routes on sensitive areas like the Yarra River riparian areas, Yellingbo Conservation corridors and Badger Creek. We supported alternative route options. Decisions about the route of the trail are still to be decided.

8. Coldstream Caravan Park

HEWI wrote submissions to council and VCAT regarding the planned caravan park in Coldstream. We objected to this proposal

because it would mean loss of Green Wedge Land, increased road congestion and a potential precedent for long term housing to be established on this site. Unfortunately, council supported this proposal, but there is a current VCAT appeal by the applicants.

9. Yellingbo Conservation Area and Haining Farm

Several HEWI members have been extensively involved with meetings and writing submissions regarding this issue. In 2012, a VEAC inquiry made recommendations for the management of these areas to provide better protection for the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater and the lowland Leadbeater's Possum with their flora and fauna communities. Implementation of the recommendations began in 2016, but local property owners objected to their grazing licences not being renewed, and the restoration of riparian vegetation corridors. They formed a lobby group and were successful in having the Minister reduce this riparian corridor to 10m width along their waterway frontages. Increased fire risk was also a concern raised by this Waterways Group. In response, the many Yarra Ranges environment groups formed the Yarra Ranges Conservation Alliance, convened by Karen Garth, with its own website and Facebook page for sharing information with the community. HEWI members wrote many separate submissions addressing these issues, and the proposed development of Haining Farm became a test case for the Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning to accommodate the opposing concerns. HEWI attended community meetings on this issue and again wrote submissions. recently members attended a meeting of the governmentestablished Yellingbo Conservation Area Co-ordinating Committee for conservation groups to fully express our support for the implementation of Yellingbo Conservation Area as originally approved in 2014.

Evelyn Feller – apology

Manner Bad

2. GRACE BURN PROJECT FACILITATOR'S REPORT, 6 NOV 2017

As of June 2017, Melbourne Water had 25 properties assessed/engaged in the Grace Burn Project last 2 financial years, with 4 properties having multiple projects.

In 2015-16, 14 projects were assessed; 8 successful, 6 withdrawn

Total of \$3782 MW funding allocated through Stream Frontage Management Plans (SFMP).

In 2016-17, 15 projects were assessed; 11 successful, 4 withdrawn

Total of \$9166 MW funding allocated through SFMP.

Some projects did not require funding, and other work was done by Melbourne Water to address issues such as removing weeds on the opposite bank or large logs blocking the creek and changing its course. Others were withdrawn due to resident's illness, or the applicant did not want to agree to the conditions specified. One property owner has spent their own money to control weeds and revegetate — a wonderful commitment on their part.

Some of these participating residents along the Grace Burn joined HEWI for a waterbug session in Queens Park, and helped plant in the Farnham Rd Reserve on National Tree Day 2017. Six of the residents had not met, and it was great to see some new relationships formed. Prior to Tree Day and in response to our survey, council had removed the old wire fence and dumped rubbish, and prepared the site for planting. Melbourne Water had also responded to a resident's concern and erected a fence across the top of a steep bank, making the reserve safer for local children. Council and Melbourne Water supplied the 600 plants put in during this event, which was also assisted by the Green Army later in the

week. Volunteers came from as far away as Coburg, and there were several family groups.

Work at the Healesville RSL has had a great outcome – over 1000 plants are now in and doing well. Half of the planting was done by a contractor, and half by Healesville High School Year 9 students. We have now had 3 visits by small groups of students, and their volunteering assists in the attainment of a unit in the Certificate 1 Conservation and Land Management.

The Maroondah Retirement Village (MRV) joined the project this year, and one group of Healesville High students helped plant there in September. They put in 200 plants, and learnt about the retirement village from two of the residents. A wonderful engagement took place between the residents and some students on this day, and the students' kindness has ensured a great reputation for themselves and their school, and bodes well for our future visits.

One of the MRV sites is visible from Don Rd, and complements the work done by Melbourne Water on the other side of the creek. HEWI and Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare members also planted here further upstream under magnificent Manna Gums. I was able to obtain 400 free plants for this site and a load of mulch – all thanks to being able to act immediately when free plants and much were offered at short notice by Melbourne Water.

Our major community event was the Protecting Platypus in Healesville evening on September 15th. Despite a thunderstorm at 5pm, around 20 people came along for the survey along the Watts River at 5.30 pm. There was no expectation of seeing a platypus, but we were rewarded for venturing out in the rain by the sightings of two platypuses – one at the RACV and one in Coronation Park. We were joined by more people for the after dinner speakers, and everyone left committed to making

our local waterways more platypus friendly. This was a completely funded event by Waterwatch (MW) and Communities for Platypus (YRC).

This facilitated project has gained new partners for future extensions and we received several appreciative comments from the platypus event, which will ensure more of these community events in the future.

It has been a wonderful year for the project overall, and I thank our many partners — Yarra Ranges Council, Melbourne Water, Healesville Primary School, Plastic Bag Free Healesville, Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare, Healesville Sanctuary, Healesville High School, Woori Yallock Farm School and all the participating property owners along the Grace Burn.

The facilitation of this project has demonstrated the many benefits of having a local person employed. By having my "eyes and ears on the ground", I have been able to act immediately to obtain free supplies of plants and mulch for revegetation sites, and respond to enquiries to visit properties within 24 hours. One such visit entailed walking a riparian strip which had been burnt by a neighbour's out of control burn last month. The property owner was distressed by the damage, and shocked by the threat this had posed to the rest of her property. I was able to contact Melbourne Water on her behalf to have her grant funds reassigned, and MW scheduled an extra visit by the grant assessor as well.

I look forward to building upon the relationships we have formed to date, and consolidating HEWI's high regard in the community for delivering practical environmental actions and outcomes.

Karen Garth

Grace Burn Project Facilitator and HEWI volunteer

3. HEWI Forests Report 2017

Once again we have had a year of very hard work and ongoing frustration. Government policy at every level seems to be obfuscation and delay, and in the meantime habitat degradation is allowed to continue.

After more than a year of intense activity, on the conservation side anyway, the Premier's Forest Industry Taskforce fizzled out without any tangible result. Two VEAC studies were produced for the task force with mixed results, although some interesting and useful information emerged. It is hard not to conclude that the FIT was little more than a delaying tactic to squeeze out another few years of logging.

The debate over planned burning, a term that deliberately conflates coupe burning with fuel reduction, continues and we recently met again with representatives of DELWP. Although they were quite willing to share information with us, there remain no conclusive outcomes.

The revision of the Federal Leadbeater's Possum Recovery Plan, which was supposed to be in effect by the middle of 2016, has also been stalled. The latest news, from Senate Estimates, is that the Minister has now asked the TSSC to review the conservation status of Leadbeater's

Possum. The review is due in March 2018 so the Recovery Plan could still be updated and released in April, almost two years later than promised. It seems most likely on the evidence that the Critically Endangered status will be confirmed by the TSSC, exposing this review, pushed for by the industry and its supporters, including the ineligible Barnaby Joyce, as just another delaying tactic.

In these difficult circumstances the only effective mechanism for immediate protection of Leadbeater's Possum habitat remains the identification of colonies, with each verified site now being protected within a 200 metre buffer zone, adopted under the Coalition's LPAG recommendations. Wildlife of the Central Highlands (WOTCH) volunteers have continued actively surveying several nights a week and their excellently documented records have resulted in the creation of over 100 twelve hectare buffers to date. In fact they have been so successful that the industry has blamed Leadbeater's Possum protection for the reduction in timber that led to the threatened closure of Heyfield Mill. According to VicForests latest Annual Report, without a grant of \$4.8 million for protection of the possum, the corporation would have recorded a loss again this year!

The controversy over Heyfield Mill and the reduction in available sawn timber supply culminated in a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Operations of VicForests. The three days of public hearings were very selective but nevertheless some interesting information on the industry was revealed. I take this occasion to thank Samantha for her minority report, which

ensured that important facts about the native forest logging industry are now on the public record.

Once again, with MyEnvironment and Friends of Leadbeater's Possum, HEWI co-sponsored a stall to promote the Great Forest National Park at the Sustainable Living Festival, which aroused great interest and was very well received. Amelia Young of the Wilderness Society and David Blair of ANU led a panel discussion of the need for a GFNP, which was well attended and helped promote the issue. A similar stall is being planned for 2018 and HEWI has already expressed support.

The benefits of the GFN Park were confirmed to outweigh those of continuing current forest management practices, economically as well as environmentally in a new report by the NOUS Group, commissioned by a coalition of conservation groups.

With the Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement now close to the end of its 20 years, work has intensified on resistance to it, and the other RFAs, being rolled over or renewed, as some industry supporters would wish. Potential legal avenues are being investigated and an announcement is expected soon.

Our program of films on important environmental themes continued this year with The Black Hole and Before the Flood being shown at the Memo. We thank director Joao Dujon Pereira for attending to answer questions. Sadly Leonardo DiCaprio couldn't make it! We encourage you to attend the upcoming showing of Al Gore's An Inconvenient Sequel on

23rd, flagged earlier by Lou, brought to you by Healesville CORE, Yarra Glenergy and HEWI.

Thank you.

Steve Meacher

4. HEWI CELEBRATES 20 YEARS WATERWAYS REVEGETATION

This year's waterways restoration was along Wirrup Yaluk (Blackfish Creek) where our group had first planted in 1998 at the invitation of Yarra Ranges Shire and Melbourne Water. Two years later, Susi Weber and her Year 3 students from Healesville Primary School offered to assist our volunteers, with TAFE conservation and land management students also joining the growing team of planters. When TAFE students were no longer available, (after the closure of Lilydale TAFE), the Kilsyth staff of Cummins Filtration offered to assist HEWI, and these adults now act as buddies to the students. With the holes predug with augers, 2,000 seedlings are planted every year, with fun and efficiency!

HEWI is extremely grateful to all our partners, including Council Bushland staff, who prepare and maintain our sites as well as providing all the plants, tools, stakes and protective bags.

HEWI celebrated their 20years of active partnerships by inviting Nicky Madgwick from HICSA to join our welcome on site. Nicky described the workshops and activities that take place within the Indigenous community services building next to our planting site and the students asked a lot of questions!

Melbourne Water have provided the huge barbeque for ninety participants each year and this year (2017), the presentations were made by the Principal of Healesville Primary School in recognition of their outstanding eighteen years contribution to their local community and the survival of healthy Platypus populations. Everyone received an Acacia mucronata - Narrow-leaf Wattle seedling and the school was also presented with a Correa shrub (school colours!) for their garden.

Earlier this year, the Wurundjeri name of Wirrup Yaluk, chosen By Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin, was finally registered officially to replace the incorrect 'Don Road drain'.

Late last year, HEWI and PBFH volunteers were invited to participate in a small film, *Dulaiwurrong Tamboree*, Platypus's Waterhole, featuring indigenous students. This delightful 'short movie' has been played on the monitor in the Memo foyer, before and after our feature film screenings.

Healesville Primary School students, Maureen and I were also filmed in Queens Park by Melbourne Water to celebrate 21 years of the Stream Frontage Scheme. The snippets were integrated into videos posted on the

Melbourne Water Facebook page, and we enjoyed the celebration evening with an award certificate and many like-minded community volunteers.

This community cooperative activity has achieved the addition of 22,000 indigenous plants protecting our three local waterways as well as enhancing our parklands. Our facilitated project is complimenting HEWI's habitat restoration on public land with even longer creek frontage plantings on private land.

Maureen Bond

Waterwatch Activity Report 2016-17

Background

The Waterwatch Program is an integral part of the Grace Burn Project in monitoring the waterway health of the Grace Burn and educating the community about its ecological values and what people can do to protect and conserve this important and local waterway.

Healesville Environment Watch Inc. has undertaken Waterwatch monitoring of the Grace Burn since March 2012. This has involved monthly monitoring at 2 sites:

- 1. **Wallace Parade**: upstream where the Grace Burn flows under Wallace Parade bridge.
- 2. **Queens Park**: where the Grace Burn flows past the Healesville Outdoor Pool.

Each site is monitored for physical/ chemical parameters (approximately 10 times per year) and invertebrate life (twice per year - Autumn and Spring).

Support & Partnerships

The Waterwatch program is supported by its core group of 6 volunteers made up of Healesville Environment Watch and Mt Toolebewong Landcare members. A big thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers.

- Melbourne Water has been the principle partner with the Waterwatch program operating this program state wide.
- Yarra Ranges Council has been a direct partner of Waterwatch that includes the current 3 year partnership funding of the Grace Burn Project that incorporates the Waterwatch program.

Healesville Primary School with the annual Grade 3/4 Water Bugs Day held in March at Queens Park where students are given the challenge of determining the Grace Burn's health by the types and number of bugs they encounter.

Waterwatch & Associated Community Events and Highlights from July 2016 to June 2017

Activity	Volunteer	In kind cost of
	Hours	volunteers
	Contributed	@ \$25 per hour
World Environment Day	1 volunteer x	\$240
Library Display	12 hours	
July 2016		
HICSA Platypus Video	2 x volunteers x	\$240
production & launch	6 hrs	
November 2016		
Clean Up Australia Day –	4 x volunteers x	\$160
March 2017	2 hrs	
Water Bugs Day with	6x volunteers x	\$360
Healesville PS Grade 3 / 4	3 hrs	
March 2017		
Official renaming of Don	1 x volunteer x	\$400
Road Drain to Wirrup	20 hrs	
Yaluk		
May 2017		
Waterwatch	3 x volunteers x	\$1200
Physical/Chemical	2 hrs	
monitoring		
10 monitoring days		
Waterwatch Invertebrates		
monitoring	4 volunteers x 3	
Spring October 2016	hrs	\$480
Autumn May 2017	4 volunteers x 3	
	hrs	
	154 volunteer	\$3850
	hours	

What does the Waterwatch data tell us about the health of the Grace Burn in 2016 -17?

The good news is that the Grace Burn is in good health. Water quality remains excellent as measured by various physical and chemical parameters and further supported by invertebrate monitoring.

Waterwatch volunteers are observing the increasing frequency of dogs off lead with their owners in Queens Park, increasing the chances of dogs encountering platypus within the Grace Burn.

Summary of Waterwatch data in 2016-17

The following table provides a summary of Waterwatch monitoring on the Grace Burn from July 2016 to June 2017. Waterwatch physical/chemical monitoring techniques were upgraded to the colormetric method during 2016- 17 to improve data accuracy.

Parameter	Wallace Pde Average	Queens Park Average	How does this rate
Water Temp.	13.9 C	14.4 C	overall? Normal
Summer months	13.9 C	14.4 C	NOTITIAL
Water Temp. Winter months Temp. effects water life but also the chemical reactions that take place within water	10.2 C	10.4 C	Normal
Turbidity - suspended particles Basically how muddy	5.71 FAU	5.72 FAU	Excellent

is the water? This			
effects light			
penetration into the			
water impacting on			
aquatic plant			
growth.			
рН	6.7Unit	6.7 Unit	Excellent
What is the acidity or			
alkalinity levels in the			
water?			
Conductivity	50 uS/cm	56 uS	Excellent
Electrical		/cm	
conductivity is			
measured by salts in			
the water. High			
salinity levels is toxic			
to aquatic life?			
Dissolved Oxygen	8.8 ppm	9.1 ppm	Excellent
How much oxygen is			
in the water to			
especially support			
aquatic life			
Phosphate	0.012	0.015	Good
High levels	mg/L	mg/L	
contribute to algal			
blooms			
Ammonium	0.010	0.004	Excellent
Produced as a waste	mg/L	mg/L	
by animals and			
decomposing plants			
and can be highly			
toxic depending on			
pH and water temp.			
Nitrate	0.11	0.12	Fair

High levels	mg/L	mg/L	
contribute to algal			
blooms			
Spring 2016	Very	Very	Very
Invertebrates	good	good	Good
Overall Bug Rating			
Autumn 2017	Very	Fair	Generally
Invertebrates	good		Very
Overall Bug Rating			Good

Moving forward

Waterwatch will continue in 2017-18 with regular monthly monitoring of physical/chemical parameters and invertebrates in the Spring of 2017 and Autumn of 2018. Waterwatch volunteers (citizen scientists) continue to operate the program with primary support from Melbourne Water. WaterWatch continues to be an important program of the overall Grace Burn Project in assisting the broader community to appreciate and better understand the ecological values of the Grace Burn.

Author: Lou Sbalchiero: Waterwatch Convenor, HEWI. 10.11.17

HEWI support for Healesville CoRE

In 2017 under the inspiration and instigation of community member Jeff Barlow, a new community group emerged that aligned with HEWI's ongoing campaign and advocacy on climate change.

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc. - Healesville CoRE has now become an incorporated group with growing member support, has rapidly undertaken community events and is developing project proposals that aim towards Healesville becoming a "Solar Town".

HEWI is a committed supporter of Healesville CoRE and was instrumental in getting the group established by auspicing a\$1000 grant from Yarra Ranges Council for the highly successful Healesville CoRE launch event held on 29 June at the Memo Hall and bringing together over 250 people.

HEWI continues to have strong ties with Healesville CoRE with Lou Sbalchiero being a conduit between the two groups to seek opportunities for further collaboration and partnerships.

An example being the upcoming screening of An Inconvenient Sequel at the Memo Hall on 23 November which will be a collaborative event between HEWI, Healesville CoRE and Yarra Glenergy.

HEWI congratulates Healesville CoRE on its success in establishing and looks forward to continuing to support the group with emerging activities and events in 2018.

Author: Lou Sbalchiero: HEWI committee . 10 .11.17

HEWI Treasurer's Report, Financial Year 2016-7



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Receipts	Ψ		
Memberships	410		
Donations	100		
Grants	5,200		
Bank Interest	63		
Forest	00		
Fund	0		
	•		
Sundries	2,560	0 222	
Total Income		8,333	
Payments	•		
Advertising/Promotions	0		
Memberships	50		
Room Hire	150		
Printing/stationery	0		
Postage	9		
Water watch	0		
Telephone/Internet	208		
Legal	56		
Refreshments - meetings/activities	252		
Sundries	7,270		
Bank Charges	0		
Forest			
Fund	400		
Grants	8,967		
Total Expenditure		17,361	
Balance carried forward, 30th June 2016		3,298	
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Treasurer's Report, Financial Year 2016-2017

Grants:

Yarra Ranges Council: 3-year grant, July 2015- June 2018

"Sustainable Healesville Environment Watch activities supporting healthy and

 $vibrant\ habitation\ in\ Healesville''\ -\ (the\ Grace\ Burn\ Project)$

Carried Forward: \$1,770 Year 2/3 Grant: \$4,100 Total Expenditure: \$4,574 Facilitator \$2,585 Office rental \$ 700 Printer, Scanner, Copier \$ 387 Administration/room hire \$ 902 Balance remaining: \$1,296

Melbourne Water Annual Grant

Carried forward: \$ 550
Received: \$1,100
Expenditure: administration,
planting refreshments \$ 394

Balance remaining: \$ 394

Australian Government Volunteer Equipment Grant

Received:\$4,000Expenditure:\$4,000Equipment - Camera\$1,691Travelling Allowance\$2,309Balance remaining:\$00

Auspice Agreements

Two new groups were auspiced by HEWI, as the incorporated group, for seeding grants from Yarra Ranges Council.

May 2017 Plastic Bag Free Healesville \$1,000

June 2017 Healesville Community Renewable Energy \$1,000

Expenses - Sundries

2016		\$
July 16:		9.50
November 16:	T.A. Baw Baw Study	136.00
December 16:	Student Activity Refreshments	24.40
January 17:	Term Deposit Roll over	5,000.00
May 17:	Secretary Petty Cash	100.00
May 17:	PBFH Auspice Agreement	1,000.00
June 17:	HCoRE Auspice Agreement	1,000.00

November 10 2017

Nominations for the 28th AGM of Healesville Environment Watch Inc

Chairperson: Graeme George (2001 Chairperson!)

Proposed: Bronwyn Baade Seconded: Steve Meacher

Vice Chairperson: Evelyn Feller

Proposed: Steve Meacher Seconded: Bronwyn Baade

Secretary: Maureen Bond

Proposed: Karen Garth Seconded: Steve Meacher

Treasurer: Bronwyn Baade

Proposed: Maureen Bond Seconded: Steve Meacher

General Committee:

Karen Garth Proposed: Maureen Bond Seconded: Steve

Meacher

Steve Meacher "Bronwyn Baade "Maureen

Bond

Lou Sbalchiero "Steve Meacher" Bronwyn

Baade

Aline Scott-Maxwell " Maureen Bond " Karen

Garth

Any other nominations? None

HEWI wishes to thank all our supporting members and agencies

Non-Committee Volunteers:

Michael Feller Planned Burning, Chum Creek Landcare

Meredith Bryce and Laurence Gaffney Planned Burning, citizen science

YREAC, Yellingbo issues

Graeme George Permaculture, YREAC

Carol Jeffs Monthly newsletter design & outlay

Adrian Jeffs Website design and uploading

Arthur Harford Best Auger hole-digger!

Mount Toolebewong& District Landcare Waterwatch/planting/

seedlings grown in their nursery

Healesville Primary & High School staff and students

National Tree Day participants

Agencies:

Yarra Ranges Council staff

Council Community Link staff

Assistance, allocated tray for HEWI

mail

Mel Carmody Acting Bushland coordinator
Jen Ellison Environmental Volunteers Support

Officer

Julie Hanman Communities for Platypus

April Paterson newsletter/ brochures

printing/graphics

Jess Adams Community Liaison
Hannah Sarsons Community Partnerships

Melbourne Water staff:

Katie Drummond Waterways & Land Officer, Upper Yarra Team, North East Regional Services

Steve McGill Customer Response Officer

Tiana Preston Waterwatch Coordinator

Partners:

<u>Healesville Living & Learning Centre staff</u> HEWI office & c'ty display boards; Meeting & Waterwatch ID rooms

Cummins Filtration

Leanne Brown and Dean's team

RSL staff

Maroondah Retirement Village staff and residents