

## **Murrumbateman Landcare Group**

### **Draft AGM Minutes**

**December 6th 2018**

Gundaroo Colonial Inn, Cork St, Gundaroo



## **Present**

President – Jacqui Stol

Vice President – Sue McIntyre

MLG Executive - Gill Hall, Sheridan Roberts, Lisa Borella

MLG members – Kat Ng, Dimitris Tsifakis, Janette Hannan, Mike Bray, Christine Butt, Lindsey Butt, Anne Dash, Graham Dash, Jon Lewis, Geoff McFarlane, Kylie Evans, Ray Newcombe, Charles Willcocks.

### **1. Welcome**

The president Jacqui Stol opened the meeting at 6.50pm and welcomed everyone

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Ann Milligan, John Ive, Robyn Ive, Ro McFarlane.

### **3. Minutes from 2017 AGM**

*Motion:* Graham Dash proposed and Jon Lewis seconded that the minutes previously circulated be accepted. All present (and who had also been present at the 2016 AGM) agreed.

### **4. Chairperson's report**

Jacqui Stol tabled and presented her report (Attachment 1), highlighting the major activities undertaken in 2018 and noting the continuing energy and enthusiasm of the committee and the membership..

*Motion:* Sue McIntyre proposed and Lisa Borella seconded that the president's report be accepted. All agreed.

### **5. Treasurer's report**

Sheridan Roberts tabled the financial report, (Attachment 2 and presented her treasurer's and membership officer's report.

Sheridan noted MLG's continuing strong financial position resulting from the membership fees, regular grants for the running of the nursery and project grant funding. MLG has not sought major funding in 2018, still having enough funds to support new initiatives in 2019.

MLG currently has 64 financial members plus 10 corporate members. It was noted that membership fees had not risen for at least 18 years, but no proposal to raise them was made. The membership year now starts at 1st July instead of 1st September.

Motion: Jon Lewis proposed and Lindsey Butt seconded that the treasurer's and membership officer's report be accepted. All agreed.

## **6. Election of office bearers**

Geoff McFarlane agreed to be the election officer.

A call for nominations at the meeting did not add any nominations to those already received as shown below, and all were elected.

Office:	Nominee:	Proposer	Secunder
President	Jacqui Stol	Lisa Borella	Gill Hall
Vice President	Sue McIntyre	Jacqui Stol	Lisa Borella
Treasurer	Sheridan Roberts	Gill Hall	Jacqui Stol
Secretary	Bob McColl	Gill Hall	Sheridan Roberts
Public Officer	Sheridan Roberts	Gill Hall	Lisa Borella
Committee member	Lisa Borella	Gill Hall	Jacqui Stol
Committee member	Gill Hall	Lisa Borella	Bob McColl
Committee member	Sue McColl	Gill Hall	Lisa Borella
Committee member	Kylie Evans	Sheridan Roberts	Graham Dash
Committee member	Fiona Hamer <sup>1</sup>	Sheridan Roberts	Lisa Borella

Jacqui thanked Geoff for officiating over the election process and welcomed Kylie Evans to the committee.

1. Fiona Hamer was not present at the meeting but had indicated earlier by email her willingness to join the committee.

## **7. General Business**

Sue McIntyre was presented the award of MLG Landcarer of the Year for 2018

Geoff MacFarlane move that there be a vote of thanks to Rod Johnston for his various contributions to MLG including the landcarer trophies and work in Jones Park.

## **8. Date of next meetings**

The first MLG meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The topic proposed was the new work on climate-ready seed collecting initiated by Gill Hall and other YAN members, to be presented jointly by Gill Hall and Sue McIntyre.

The first MLG Committee meeting will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Lisa Borella's.

## **9. Meeting closed 8.08 pm.**

## Attachment 1. President's report 2018

*In summary, and as in 2017, MLG had another successful and active year in 2018 with a wonderfully diverse range of activities & a strong and vibrant membership – so a big thank you to all our hard working and dedicated **volunteers**.*

**It was MLG's 21<sup>st</sup> year since incorporation & a year of diverse activities.....**

We started a **MLG Facebook** page in June and within a few days already had 60+ followers!

MLG was part of the organising committee for the Yass Area Network of Landcare Groups very successful **Climate Forum** with over 200 attendees and where MLG sponsored a number of aspiring young Landcarers from Yass High School students to attend.

Our **MLG website** had a big makeover with a great range of new resources added to the website to provide information on a vast range of Landcare topics to assist local landowners making informed land management decisions for their properties and to undertake revegetation.

**We started our journey to become “climate ready”** so that MLG can provide plants and advice for revegetation suited to expected climate change for the Murrumbateman region including documenting seed provenance for MLG's current nursery species, investigating the suitability of other species, sourcing seed from areas with current climate similar to Murrumbateman projected climate and other strategies to lead to best adapted plants for revegetation into the future.

**Provided information** to members on other regional landcare events and advice to local community organisations and the Barton Highway Upgrade Planning team for environmental planning.

Our **MLG native plant community nursery** held many working bees with many volunteers turning up to help whenever they could producing again lots of local native plants. Also nursery managers Lisa and Gill's work with their volunteers has been recognised and rewarded with another \$1,000 **Landcare Australia grant** for activities and materials.

We had extensive range and number of presentations, discussion nights and field days which included:-

- *a native plant cuttings for propagation day in March*
- *March Farm Visit via Kaveney's Road to identify best practice management for revegetation, pasture management, plant ID, sourcing appropriate native plants and site preparation*
- *May Part 1 of the climate change content – a film “The Wisdom to Survive” with Part 2 YAN climate change day later in May*
- *July ‘Planning for planting – a guide to plant selection for your property’*
- *August ‘Glimpse the private life of fauna with trail cameras’*
- *September ‘Solar generation and storage/Electric cars’*
- *October Murrumbateman Field Days and helping organise another fantastic display of Landcare activities in the large Landcare and South-East Local Land Services marquee*
- *Late Spring wildflower walk at ‘Gunyi’ in November 2018*

The year ended with **Sue McIntyre's** 2018 Landcare award, AGM and Christmas Party at the Gundaroo Pub!! We look forward to another great year with all our members in 2019

*Jacqui Stol, President, on behalf of Murrumbateman Landcare Group 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

# Attachment 2. Treasurer's report 2018

## Murrumbateman Landcare Group Treasurer's Report to Annual General Meeting of 6 December 2018 Financial position at 30 June

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cash at bank (1)	\$26,656	\$28,814	\$90,096	\$69,844	\$39,223	\$38,979	\$50,439	\$32,120	\$33,439
<b>Income, financial years to 30 June, cash basis, net of GST</b>									
<i>Item</i>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Project funding (2)	\$19,596	\$10,053	\$59,409	\$30,566	\$203,059	\$68,773	\$28,634	\$10,000	\$0
Nursery (3)	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Note 3</i>	\$1,740	\$995
Member subs/donations	\$1,176	\$1,132	\$1,095	\$1,000	\$1,295	\$1,615	\$1,786	\$2,036	\$1,541
Bank interest	\$0	\$625	\$700	\$438	\$625	\$221	\$154	\$63	\$384
Miscellaneous (4)	\$0	\$320	\$1,182	\$0	\$100	\$136	\$0	\$238	\$36
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$20,772</b>	<b>\$12,129</b>	<b>\$62,386</b>	<b>\$32,004</b>	<b>\$205,080</b>	<b>\$70,745</b>	<b>\$30,574</b>	<b>\$14,077</b>	<b>\$2,957</b>
<b>Expenditure, financial years to 30 June, cash basis, net of GST</b>									
<i>Item</i>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Funded projects (2)	\$976	\$8,045	\$2,436	\$46,500	\$230,329	\$69,501	\$17,023	\$29,991	\$437
Nursery (3)	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Note 3</i>	\$2,808	\$2,207	\$1,779	\$339	\$797	\$656	\$795
Meeting costs	\$192	\$131	\$140	\$204	\$294	\$730	\$329	\$538	\$384
Insurance	\$320	\$320	\$320	\$344	\$336	\$375	\$375	\$373	\$393
Murrum field days	<i>Note 4</i>	\$50	\$588	\$0	\$85	\$0	\$27	\$45	\$45
Miscellaneous (4)	\$1,014	\$691	\$813	\$63	\$120	\$145	\$120	\$238	\$0
Office of Fair Trading	<i>Note 4</i>	\$55	\$79	\$92	\$84	\$86	\$54	\$44	\$45
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$2,502</b>	<b>\$9,292</b>	<b>\$7,184</b>	<b>\$49,410</b>	<b>\$233,027</b>	<b>\$71,176</b>	<b>\$18,726</b>	<b>\$31,885</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>
<b>Membership statistics</b>									
<b>Membership status</b>	<b>8/12/11</b>	<b>12/12/12 (5)</b>	<b>7/11/13</b>	<b>6/11/14</b>	<b>5/11/15</b>	<b>1/12/16 (6)</b>	<b>12/12/17</b>	<b>6/12/18</b>	
Financial members	42	33	27	40	42	58	55	64	
Non-financial members	31	20	31	46	56	60	77	74	
Corporate members (7)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	10	

(1) At 30/6/18, MLG had three accounts - a main operating account that receives revenue and is used for large outlays, an account allowing the treasurer to make small EFT payments and a term deposit.

(2) The funding for our major project, LLBIII, finished in June 2017, though related activities continued in 2017-18 in the form of MLG funded projects meeting LLBIII criteria.

(3) Nursery income was separately identified from 2016-17. Expenditure was separately identified from 2011-12.

(4) The composition of this item has varied over the years. From 2016-17, it included bank fees and refunds. From 2017-18, it also includes petty cash allowance and myna bird expenditure.

(5) From 2012, *Non-financial members* excludes long-term non-financials, who are presumed to be effectively lapsed. Periodically, these members are contacted and removed from our mailing lists if they are not interested in being involved. There are currently 30 long-term financials on our list.

(6) From 2016, the membership year was changed to start at 1 July instead of 1 September.

(7) Corporate members are separately identified and include related organisations, such as Greening Australia and Friends of Grasslands. They do not pay subscriptions. Data are not available for previous years.