



**Murrumbateman Landcare Group
Draft AGM Minutes
December 14th 2017
'Gang Gang'
1227 Dick's Creek Rd Gundaroo**

Present

President – Jacqui Stol

Vice President – Sue McIntyre

MLG Executive - Gill Hall, Sue McColl, Bob McColl, Sheridan Roberts

MLG members – Bronwyn Barnard, David Barnard, Mike Bray, Christine Butt, Linsey Butt, Anne Dash, Graham Dash, Klaus Huenke, Jon Lewis, Geoff McFarlane, Ro McFarlane, Georgie Pankhurst, John Storey, Michelle Storey.

1. Welcome

The president Jacqui Stol opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lisa Borella and Ann Milligan.

3. Minutes from 2016 AGM

Motion: Jacqui Stol proposed and Sheridan Roberts 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 (see attachment 1), and then presented her report, noting that 2017 had been a very successful and active year with a wonderfully diverse range of activities and a strong and vibrant membership – so a big thank you to all our hard working and dedicated volunteers.

Motion: Sue McIntyre proposed and Sheridan Roberts seconded that the president's report be accepted. All agreed.

5. Treasurer's report and presentation of financial statement

Sheridan Roberts and tabled, and then presented her treasurer's and membership officer's report (see attachment 2).

Sheridan noted MLG's strong financial position resulting from strong membership levels and both terminating funding from the completed LLB projects and continuing grant funding, particularly grants to the MLG nursery. She described the nature and use of the various accounts identified in her report. For LLBIII, whilst the funding finished in June 2017, related activities continue in 2017-18 in the form of MLG funded projects meeting LLBIII criteria. Nursery income is separately identified from 2016-17

On the expenditure side, Sheridan noted that the main item for 2016-17 was a first aid kit, followed by meeting costs and some field trip costs and the purchase of IT to connect a laptop and the projector.

Sheridan referred to the membership details in her report and noted that, from 2016, the membership year had been changed to start at 1 July instead of 1 September.

Jacqui Stol thanked Sheridan for the great job she was doing (with acclamation from the meeting).

Motion: Jacqui Stol proposed and Sue McIntyre 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	Seconded
<i>President</i>	Jacqui Stol	Sue McIntyre	Gill Hall
<i>Vice President</i>	Sue McIntyre	Jacqui Stol	Gill Hall
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sheridan Roberts	Gill Hall	Bob McColl
<i>Secretary</i>	Bob McColl	Gill Hall	Sue McColl
<i>Public Officer</i>	Sheridan Roberts	Gill Hall	Bob McColl
<i>C'tee member</i>	Lisa Borella	Jacqui Stol	Gill Hall
<i>C'tee member</i>	Gill Hall	Sue McIntyre	Bob McColl
<i>C'tee member</i>	Sue McColl	Gill Hall	Bob McColl

Jacqui thanked Geoff for officiating over the election process.

7. General Business

None

8. Date of next meeting

The first MLG meeting in 2018 will be in February as usual (details to be provided in the new year).

9. Meeting closed 7.30 pm.

ATTACHMENT 1

Chairpersons Report, AGM 14th December, 2017

President's report 2017

*In summary, and as in 2016, in 2017 MLG had a very successful and active year 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**.*

2017 was:

- a year of recognition

The year started by acknowledging **Virginia Rawling's** 2017 Australia Day award for Senior Citizen of the Year for our region for her wide and varied contributions to the community, sustained over a long of time. In that context MLG celebrated her award and specifically thanked Virginia for all her work and support for our Landcare Group, from its inception and still continuing today. Virginia is still a very active member of MLG, regularly helps out at the community nursery, and we do really appreciate everything she does.

The year ended with **Gill Hall's** 2017 Landcarer of the year award in recognition of her sustained leadership with MLG's Nursery volunteers, her leadership and management in the inaugural year of MLG funded revegetation projects and her role on the MLG committee.

And Lisa and Gill's work with their volunteers has been recognised and rewarded with a \$1,000 **Landcare Australia grant** for activities expansion at the MLG community nursery (should mean bubbly as well!)

- a year of celebration

We celebrated our 20th year since incorporation with a bit of bubbly after Dr Strive's very informative March monthly talk on the biological control of rabbits. A lot has been achieved in those 20 years of MLG and the enthusiasm and effort of our membership grows.

We also celebrated the completion of the multi-year LLB joint project with Greening Australia (with more bubbly) – more on that later.

- a very busy year

Early in the year the membership made several suggestions for MLG activities in 2017 including:

- **Riparian zone management** -a field trip was held in June and the host's very useful report loaded to our website
- **Ecological sustainability** – Dr McIntyre presented and lead discussion on the topic at our August monthly Mtg.
- **Alternative fertilisers** - Fiona Leach's reports on alternative fertiliser trials in our region were loaded to our website for easier membership access.
- **A repeat of the 2016 solar energy talk** – held over to 2018.

Other well received monthly meeting topics were Beetles in the Farming Landscape by Dr Ng, and the LLB Manager Jeni Delandre's presentation on that project.

Other field trips included: a farm dam walk on Gill Hall's place, visits to 2 LLB project sites, a yass Gorge walk led by Jill McGovern, and a visit to the Lerida TSR led by Ben Serafin and Sue McIntyre.

Huge year again for our nursery, with many working bees, and many volunteers just turning up to help whenever they could.

In my report to the 2016 AGM, I noted that for the first time we had sufficient accumulated resources to **jointly fund, with land holders, revegetation projects** to complement other larger scale projects such as Murrumbateman Landcare Linking Biodiversity (LLB). In 2017 we provided plants for and helped in planting at Sue and Peter Watson's, and at the Martin/Walker property.

MLG volunteers also helped out with the planting at the McColl's

GA-sponsored project to provide fodder for the Glossy Black Cockatoo.

And again we attracted a lot of interest in our presence at the Murrumbateman Field Days (and not just for the scat competition!)

No wonder we are all a bit tired!

a- year of achievement

The Landcare Linking Biodiversity Project ran for over 5 years, and by working together with GA and land holders we have achieved significant results at a large landscape scale for environmental restoration.

The community profile gained through that project, and thru our in-house funded extensions, the contribution of the nursery to both projects and member activities, and our program of talks and field trips have all raised community awareness of and enthusiasm for landcare. Sheridan's report has the membership numbers, but they are close to the highest they have ever been.

In the new year I hope we keep building on that enthusiasm to be involved in landcare, and I look forward to hearing your ideas on how we all can do more.

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ATTACHMENT 2 Treasurer's report to 2017 AGM

https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/murrumbateman-landcare-group/agm-documents/agm-2016-17fy_treasurer-report_14-dec-17.pdf/@download/file/AGM%202016-17FY_treasurer%20report_14%20Dec%2017.pdf