



## **Murrumbateman Landcare Group Annual General Meeting**

7 December 2023, Murrumbateman Recreation Hall

### **Agenda**

- 1 Welcome**
- 2 Apologies**
- 3 Minutes from 2022 AGM (attached)**
- 4 Presidents' report (Jacqui Stol)**
- 5 Treasurer's report (Sheridan Roberts)**
- 6 Nursery report (Gill Hall)**
- 7 Election of office bearers – call for nominations.**

Current 2023 Committee:

- President            Jacqui Stol
- Vice President      Sue McIntyre
- Treasurer            Sheridan Roberts
- (Public Officer\*     Sheridan Roberts)
- Secretary            Kylie Evans
- Committee member   Annaliese Caston
- Committee member   Fiona Hamer
- Committee member   Gill Hall
- Committee member   Janette Hannan
- Committee member   Lisa Borella
- Committee member   Sue McColl

\*Note Public Officer is not an elected position

- 8 Other business**

Introduction of Kaz Kagohashi, who wants to set up a Landcare network in Japan and has come to Australia to study Landcare operations.

- 9 Meeting close.**

# AGM Minutes 2022

8 December 2022, Gundaroo Hall

## 1 Welcome

Jacqui Stol, President MLG, welcomed members and guests to the 2022 AGM and Christmas party.

## 2 Apologies

From committee members Lisa Borella and Fiona Hamer.

## 3 Minutes from 2021 AGM

Motion to accept the previously circulated minutes from 2021: proposed by Geoff McFarlane and seconded by Sheridan Roberts. All present (and who had also been present at the 2021 AGM) agreed.

## 4 Presidents' report (Jacqui Stol)

As circulated.

## 5 Financial and membership reports (Sheridan Roberts)

As circulated.

## 6 Nursery report (Gill Hall)

## 7 Election of office bearers

Geoff McFarlane agreed to be the election officer.

He thanked the outgoing Secretary, Bob McColl, for his valued contributions to MLG over many years.

All other committee members and office holders indicated they agreed to continue in their MLG roles; Kylie Evans indicated that she agreed to be confirmed as Secretary; Janette Hannan was proposed as a new committee member.

The resulting committee confirmations were:

- President Jacqui Stol (nominated by Sue McIntyre and seconded by Sheridan Roberts)
- Vice President Sue McIntyre (nominated by Jacqui Stol and seconded by Anneliese Caston)
- Treasurer Sheridan Roberts (nominated by Gill Hall and seconded by Sue McIntyre)
- Secretary Kylie Evans (nominated by Gill Hall and seconded by Jacqui Stol)
- Committee member Lisa Borella
- Committee member Anneliese Caston
- Committee member Gill Hall
- Committee member Janette Hannan (nominated by Sue McIntyre and seconded by Sue McColl)
- Committee member Fiona Hamer
- Committee member Sue McColl.

## 8 Other business

The new MLG mission statement was announced:

New: The Murrumbateman Landcare Group works with the community to increase native biodiversity and environmental resilience in the Murrumbateman region.

(Original: Our mission is to promote sustainable land and water use and to develop an attractive living environment, with a particular focus on the Murrumbateman region)

The proposed box-gum woodland artwork for the watertank was circulated.

## 9 Meeting close

Meeting closed at 7 pm.

# President's report 2023

I'm pleased to present this wrap-up for 2023 – another great year for MLG!

## Membership

MLG continues to grow, with 122 financial members at the end of the financial year, and more than 600 Facebook followers. Our members are active in the group, with good turnouts for our various events and activities.

## Projects and activities

Our main activity is of course our **native plant nursery**, with our amazing team of nursery managers and volunteers, who take on the enormous task of propagating and growing thousands of plants every year. This year we delivered more than 7,000 plants and I would like to thank Gill, Annaliese and Lisa for their amazing work. With such a huge workload, the team has also been working out a new system to streamline plant ordering and match plants to landscapes. We are looking forward to rolling out the new system next year. We'd also love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer in the nursery – more hands are always welcome!

Our work on **climate-ready revegetation** continues, and this year I assisted the Yass Area Network of Landcare Groups (YAN) team in the successful application for Environmental Trust funding for YAN of \$198,000, which is funding project officer Sonya Duus to coordinate the Landcare nurseries and the project. Congratulations to the climate ready revegetation team!

We don't just produce the plants – we have been busy developing new information materials to help users who want to increase the biodiversity of their land, with tips on how to plan new planting areas, plant and take care of plants. This year MLG produced documents on **bushfire landscaping**, including flammability information on local species (see <https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/murrumbateman-landcare-group/>). It is an amazing pack of resources – well done Sheridan, Gill and Sue McIntyre.

A new activity this year has been **Junior Landcare**, set up in collaboration with the new Murrumbateman school and run by Fiona, Annaliese and Gill. The kids have been very enthusiastic and it's great to see the next generation of our local landcarers get a headstart in learning and engagement.

**Communications** - Our website is continuing to look very impressive as a result of Sheridan's excellent work in coordinating all the resources generated by MLG and other sources onto the website. Sheridan has also been coordinating our Facebook page, this year's Christmas party, our Landcare events as well as managing the Treasurers duties so a big thank you to Sheridan for all your great work.

## Places

We continue to manage key conservation areas – MLG has the licence for managing the Murrumbateman **Crown Reserve** and **Bush Cemetery**. Both are areas of Box Gum Grassy Woodland with high conservation value, and thanks again to Annaliese for coordinating and managing a range of activities along with the volunteers who keep a close eye on the reserve and jump in to work when required.

This year MLG coordinated with the Lions Club for spectacular artwork on woodlands and wildlife to be painted on the Murrumbateman water tanks. The **Water Tank Mural** is complete and was launched to great acclaim on Saturday 4 March 2023.

## Events

It was exciting to be able to hold a full range of events and activities this year, with no COVID restrictions. Events included a talk from Peter Abbott on **native bees**, a presentation from committee members on **designing gardens for bushfire-prone areas** which has created a great deal of interest from other Natural Resource Management groups, a community workshop on managing for Landcare concerns on Stage 2 of the Barton Highway Duplication, and a combined Bowning-Bookham/MLG event called '**Take me to Your Weeder**' at Sue McIntyre's place which looked at managing vegetation around a house. Sue has also been active leading other very interesting and informative events in conjunction with other Landcare experts in the region.

In October we again had a display at the **Murrumbateman Field Days**, with a theme of birds and their habitats. We focused on 6 species in box-gum woodlands with a variety of foods and nesting places: grey fantail, rufous whistler, grey shrike thrush, striated pardalote, white-eared honeyeater, yellow-rumped thornbill. We had a great response from visitors and a huge thanks go to Sue McColl for coordinating, and to Fiona and all the volunteers who helped at the display.

So congratulations to MLG members and committee for all your great work over this year and I'd like to wish you all a very happy holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you at MLG events throughout 2024.



*Jacqui Stol, President, on behalf of Murrumbateman Landcare Group, 7 December 2023*