



## **Murrumbateman Landcare Group**

### **AGM Minutes**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Sheridan and Geoff's, Dicks Creek Road, Murrumbateman**

#### **1. Welcome**

Jacqui Stol, President MLG, welcomed members and guests to the 2021 AGM and Christmas party and thanked our hosts Sheridan Roberts and Geoff McFarlane for generously hosting the Christmas party and AGM in their new home.

#### **2. Present**

Merry and Steve Branson / Crabb, Lindsey and Christine Butt, Annaliese Caston, Marjorie and Jack Docherty, Sonya Duus, Simon and Kylie Evans, Gill and Chris Hall / Kenna, Janette Hannan, Klaus Hueneke, John and Robyn Ive, Colin and Esther Lee, Sue and Bob McColl, Jon and Sue McIntyre / Lewis, Katherina and Dimitris Ng / Tsifakis, Chris and Frosso Pap, Cathy and Clive Richardson, Sheridan and Geoff Roberts / McFarlane, Jacqui and Mike Stol / Bray, Judy and Wayne Huxley

Apologies (not recorded)

#### **3. Minutes from 2020 AGM**

Minutes from 2020 Motion to accept. Proposed, and seconded that the minutes previously circulated be accepted. All present (and who had also been present at the 2020 AGM) agreed.

#### **4. Presidents' Report (Jacqui Stol) – attached to end of minutes**

#### **5. Treasurer's/membership reports (Sheridan Roberts) – attached to end of minutes**

#### **6. Nursery Report**

2021 was the biggest propagation year ever last year; MLG distributed over 7500 native seedlings to our members. We have orders for a similar amount this year

The nursery would not do it without our volunteers; a sincere and enormous thanks to our regular volunteers but please note we'll always welcome new people coming along, no prior knowledge necessary, we'll teach you!

MLG continue to trial different propagation methods to ensure the best germination and growth rates and the healthiest seedlings. Other activities include an overhaul of the nursery compound for best use of the space available.

Noting we're waiting on final plans for the Murrumbateman primary school to come through from NSW Education, so we know for sure the nursery compound is staying where it is

We were very fortunate to get grant funding to assist with this project, through our Yass LLS and through the Michael King Landcare Grants. First job will be a very much needed overhaul of our irrigation system at the nursery

We also secured, earlier in the year, funding through a separate Michael King Landcare Grant to continue the next phase of the Climate Ready Revegetation project, including purchase of seed from various locations. This project, where we are collaborating closely with other YAN nurseries, is cutting-edge in terms of leading the way on ensuring natives in our local area have the best chance of surviving long-term in a changing climate. The basic principles are to firstly to grow local species that we have assessed as having a better chance of tolerating climate change, and secondly obtaining seed for these species from multiple areas to ensure wide genetic diversity. The resulting tube stocks from our nurseries are called 'Climate Change Ready'.

## **7. Election of office bearers – call for nominations**

Geoff McFarlane agreed to be the election officer.

All committee members and office holders indicated they wished to continue in their MLG roles

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

### Results of 2021 Committee nominations:-

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

## **8. Other business**

Not recorded

## **9. Meeting close**

Meeting closed at 6.45pm



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## MLG Presidents' Report 2021

Fortunately 2021 has been a welcome contrast to the drought and bushfires of 2019/20 with La Nina bringing excellent seasonal conditions although the COVID pandemic continued to impact on our

community and with a number of Landcare activities such as meetings, field days and other community events postponed or cancelled. The plant nursery and projects continued thanks to our hard working and dedicated volunteers.

**Native Plant Nursery** Our MLG nursery managers and volunteers continued their sterling efforts to continue propagating thousands of local native plants, even having working bees when covid safe. A large number of plant orders have been taken from members with much hard work going into getting these established. Some unexpectedly good news came from the local South East Local Land Services at Yass, and also the Michael King Landcare Grants, who generously provided very welcome grants for the MLG community nursery including a much needed overhaul of the irrigation system.

**Program of activities and events for 2021** As for most community groups our events and program of speakers were often put on hold during 2021 as coronavirus impacted however four video and live meetings were managed to be held with great speakers (Fungi 4 Land, birds and climate change, local climate challenges), a field day on propagation by cuttings and a Christmas party at Four Winds Winery was also enjoyed by all!

**Murrumbateman Village Crown Reserve** A great deal of work has continued in managing the project on this 4.5ha crown land reserve in the middle of Murrumbateman Village including a successful grant application to the Crown Lands Improvement Fund (supported by Yass Valley Council and Crown Lands) for new fencing and entry points to the Crown Reserve. Delightful interpretative signage has been developed and set up at entry points highlighting the important suite of rare native wildflowers. A comprehensive report has been produced as a result by Umwelt Consultants detailing the high conservation values and legislative protection it falls under to ensure the significance of the reserve's values are well understood by developers and others.

**Murrumbateman Bush Cemetery** A huge range of works continue including new signage in development, aerial imagery, mapping and surveys by Umwelt providing recommendations on conservation area 2a and the condition of the conservation areas within the burial section of the cemetery and reseeding using Kangaroo Grass harvested from the Village reserve.

**Membership** It was encouraging to see MLG's membership to continue growing to 86 families during the year and MLG's financial position remains strong resulting from member contributions and funding grants (see Treasurer's Report 2021)

**As the impacts of a changing climate increase MLG continues to be "climate ready"** with MLG and other local Landcare groups in these very successful collaborations which are now in their third year. Tasks include continuing to develop strategic planning and implement on-ground actions including sourcing seed with genetic diversity amongst selected local native plant species identified as suitable for resilient revegetation plantings across the region and setting up trial plots. This work is at the leading edge of science and landcare practices in Australia

**We continue to provide digital and newsletter information** to members and the public on other regional landcare events and provide advice to the local community. *MLG's Facebook page* reaches a wide audience and MLG website content has continued to grow. Regular articles are published in the community section of the Murrumbateman Directory reaching a new large local audience.

We look forward to another great year of activities with all our members in 2022 and a very special thank you to the hardworking MLG committee members for all their tremendous efforts during 2021

Jacqui Stol, President, on behalf of Murrumbateman Landcare Group, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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Treasurer's Report to Annual General Meeting of 8 December 2021

Item	Financial position at 30 June										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cash at bank <sup>1</sup>	\$28,814	\$90,096	\$69,844	\$39,223	\$38,979	\$50,439	\$32,120	\$33,439	\$33,742	\$52,614	\$48,164
<b>Income, financial years to 30 June, cash basis, net of GST</b>											
Project funding	\$10,053	\$59,409	\$30,566	\$203,059	\$68,773	\$28,634	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$19,260	\$0
Nursery <sup>2</sup>	Note 2	Note 2	Note 2	Note 2	Note 2	Note 2	Note 2	\$995	\$1,736	\$331	\$8,958
Member subs/donations	\$1,132	\$1,095	\$1,000	\$1,295	\$1,615	\$1,786	\$2,036	\$1,541	\$1,464	\$1,730	\$1,986
Bank interest	\$625	\$700	\$438	\$625	\$221	\$154	\$63	\$384	\$256	\$225	\$5
Miscellaneous <sup>3</sup>	\$320	\$1,182	\$0	\$100	\$136	\$0	\$238	\$36	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total income</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>\$3,456</b>	<b>\$21,546</b>	<b>\$10,949</b>
<b>Expenditure, financial years to 30 June, cash basis, net of GST</b>											
Funded projects	\$8,045	\$2,436	\$46,500	\$230,329	\$69,501	\$17,023	\$29,991	\$437	\$0	\$853	\$10,165
Nursery <sup>2</sup>	Note 2	\$2,808	\$2,207	\$1,779	\$339	\$797	\$656	\$795	\$2,063	\$606	\$3,044
Meeting costs	\$131	\$140	\$204	\$294	\$730	\$329	\$538	\$384	\$218	\$191	\$1,434
Insurance	\$320	\$320	\$344	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$373	\$393	\$393	\$424	\$409
Murrum field days	\$50	\$588	\$0	\$85	\$0	\$27	\$45	\$45	\$157	\$769	\$0
Miscellaneous <sup>3</sup>	\$691	\$813	\$63	\$92	\$145	\$120	\$238	\$0	\$127	\$138	\$41
Office of Fair Trading	\$55	\$79	\$92	\$84	\$86	\$54	\$44	\$45	\$0	\$151	\$0
<b>Total expenditure</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>\$2,958</b>	<b>\$3,132</b>	<b>\$15,092</b>

Membership statistics

Membership status	8/1/21 <sup>1</sup>	12/1/21 <sup>2</sup>	7/1/13	6/1/14	5/1/15	1/1/16 <sup>5</sup>	12/1/17	6/1/18	1/1/19	24/1/20	5/1/21
Financial members	42	33	27	40	42	58	64	64	60	68	85
Non-financial members	31	20	31	46	56	60	77	74	66	58	25
Corporate members <sup>6</sup>	Note 6	Note 6	Note 6	Note 6	Note 6	Note 6	Note 6	10	18	17	17

Notes

- (1) At 30/6/21, MLG had three bank accounts - a main operating account that receives revenue and is used for occasional large outlays, an account allowing the treasurer to make EFT payments and a term deposit.
- (2) Nursery income was separately identified from 2016-17. Expenditure was separately identified from 2011-12.
- (3) The composition of this item has varied over the years. From 2016-17, it includes bank fees and refunds. From 2017-18, it also includes petty cash allowance and myna bird expenditure.
- (4) 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 17 long-term non-financials on our list.
- (5) From 2016, the membership year was changed to start at 1 July instead of 1 September.
- (6) 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 before 2018. Additional corporate members were added in 2019 following a reconciliation with Yass Area Network mailing lists.