



# Murrumbateman Landcare Group AGM Minutes

**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 McFarland 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 McIntyre)
- 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 siloes was circulated.

## **9 Meeting close**

Meeting closed at 7 pm.

# MLG Presidents' Report 2022

2022 was another great year for Murrumbateman Landcare including a record number of members. Although we did experience a very rainy 2022 (1000mm+ including huge thunderstorms and floods!) as part of a very challenging 3<sup>rd</sup> La Nina in a row this brought a beautifully green year and, alongside reduced COVID in our community and with many more Landcare activities able to go ahead than in previous years, an opportunity we can celebrate!

**Native plant nursery** One of the great attractions for MLG member are all those free plants! But that takes the hard work and coordinated efforts of the nursery managers and volunteers. As always, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Gill Hall, Annaliese Caston and Lisa Borella who manage the thousands of plants propagated at the nursery, the grants, funding and nursery maintenance while coordinating the climate ready revegetation program. And a big thankyou to all volunteers – you know who you are! The nursery report will be presented as a separate item for this AGM.

**Program of activities and events for 2022** We were able to hold a larger number of events than anticipated this year while working our way safely through coronavirus impacts. Propagation from cuttings in March at Sue and Bob McColl's, a fungal ecology presentation by Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher, Dr Janet Gardner presented effects of heatwaves on Jacky Winters, Elizabeth Goodfellow presented 'Adapting to our changing climate' in Yass Valley, Sue McColl and others provided an excellent woodland birds and kids activities display for the Murrumbateman Field Days with NSW Farmers, SE LLS etc, while Sue McIntyre and Annaliese Caston ran a well-attended weeding masterclass at Murrumbateman Village Reserve.

**Murrumbateman Village Crown Reserve** MLG has the licence for managing this beautiful reserve and this jewel in the crown is a showcase of rare high conservation value Box Gum Grassy Woodland in Murrumbateman. Many thanks 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.

**Murrumbateman Bush Cemetery** MLG is continuing to build on all the activities held in 2021 to and undertook a number of activities including coordinating with the Lions Club for spectacular artwork on woodlands and wildlife to be painted on the water tanks. An important activity will be to coordinate with Yass Valley Council to manage the mowing contractors as there has been some very damaging 'too low' mows on site amongst other issues.

**Membership** 2022 was a record-breaking year where we saw MLG's membership get to 115 families and MLG's financial position remaining very strong resulting from member contributions and funding grants (see Treasurer's report 2022).

**As the impacts of a changing climate increase, MLG continues to be 'climate ready'.** This work is at the leading edge of science and Landcare practices in Australia with MLG and other local YAN Landcare groups continuing their successful collaboration, presenting at the National Landcare Conference and implementing climate ready revegetation practices as part of our native plant nursery standard practice.

**We continue to provide digital and newsletter information** to members / public on other regional Landcare events and provide advice to the local community. *MLG's Facebook page* reaches a wide audience of 600+ followers and *MLG website* content has continued to grow. Regular articles are published in the community section of the *Murrumbateman Directory*. We continue our advocacy and as community representatives for many important regional activities eg. Barton Highway duplication.

We look forward to another great year of activities with all our members in 2023 and a very special thank you to all MLG members and the hardworking MLG committee for their work during 2022.



Jacqui Stol, President, on behalf of Murrumbateman Landcare Group, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022