



Murrumbateman
Landcare
Group

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 3rd 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 thank you to all volunteers – you know who you are! The nursery report will be presented as a separate item / doc 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. We started the year with a talk on wallaby grasses by Dr Sue McIntyre at the Gundaroo Hall. In June, we heard from Gill Hall all about the nursery, with a bonus quiz thrown in! In September, we enjoyed a farm walk and lunch at the property of Hugh Lawrence near Murrumbateman. Sue McColl and others provided an excellent woodland birds and kids activities display for the Murrumbateman Field Days, while Sue McIntyre and Annaliese Caston ran a well-attended weeding masterclass at Murrumbateman Village Reserve in November.

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, 7th December 2022



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AGM Agenda

8th December 2022

Gundaroo Hall, Gundaroo

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from 2021 AGM
4. Presidents' Report (Jacqui Stol)
5. Treasurer's/membership reports (Sheridan Roberts)
6. Nursery Report
7. Election of office bearers – call for nominations

Current 2021 Committee:-

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

*Note Public Officer is not an elected position

8. Other business
9. Meeting close