

Murrumbateman Landcare Group



Presidents Report, AGM 6th November, 2014

- **Monthly meetings** Meetings were held on the first Thursday's of most months introducing a new range of meeting formats including a Feral Fox Control LLS accredited fox baiting training session; information session on Indian Myna control; Landcare issues field session at Merryville Estate; high quality speakers including Dr Josh Dorrough on grazing and biodiversity; facilitated discussions led by Sue McIntyre (ecologist) and Alan Cole (forester) exploring the sustainable use of firewood and revegetation on properties with Owen Whittaker (native vegetation specialist) and small hidden paddock plant gems under the microscope
- **Projects and funding** Murrumbateman Landcare Linking Biodiversity (MLLB) is very much on track with strong interest being shown by the broader community. A further 14 new landholders were signed up Jan-July 2014 covering an area of 658.5ha. This addition brings the total area to be protected, enhanced or revegetated through the MLLB project to 1689ha. Environmental outcomes include the protection and enhancement of almost 1700ha of habitat linking remnant vegetation throughout the project area
- **Native Plant Nursery** New planning and development for expansion of MLG native plant nursery continued with building of a new seed propagation greenhouse; 5000+ native plant tubestock distributed; 2 x \$1000K private donations; pre-school propagation session; 10+ propagation sessions, providing tubestock for give away at field days and markets, operation and maintenance of 5000+ plants; purchase of new marquee and equipment for displays and nursery
- **Field Days** In November 2013 and Nov. 2nd 2014 MLG had 70+ people attend a native plant survey and birds on farms field day on a valuable High Conservation Value remnant identified through the LLB project and providing bird and plant experts, morning tea and lunches. Over 90 native plant spp were identified including many rare and endangered species. Additionally MLG undertook a display stall at local Murrumbateman Farmers monthly markets providing advice and native tree/shrub give aways. This has boosted numbers also of new financial members to approx 70+ not including non-financial members
- **2014 Murrumbateman Field Days** MLG presented a large and comprehensive landcare display of native plants, propagation demonstrations, family activities for children (birds on farms) & provided a wide range of information and advice to visitors as well as free native plants, in conjunction with the South East Local Land Services and other Landcare groups and attracted over 1000 visitors and new members
- **Communications** a range of communications were undertaken including local electronic newsletter items; showcasing and discussing project management for the Murrumbateman LLB project to the Australian National Audit Office and Australian Clean Energy Biodiversity Fund Project Managers; interviews with IntrepED Learning Journeys; submission to NSW Office of Environment and Heritage on draft NSW legislation thinning native vegetation, clearing isolated paddock trees in a cultivated area and clearing invasive native species; drafting up a publicity strategy and implementing new activities such as engaging with pre-school children.
- **Redeveloped newsletter distribution and disseminated a wide range of information** via updated email distribution list (170+) on a broad range of local and regional field days, training courses, funding opportunities etc
- **Provided advice, on-ground work, assisted applications for funding and letters of support** to 30+ local landowners, NPWS, local school students, Lions Club, Rec Grounds,
- **Distributed a broad range** of latest land management factsheets and booklets to members at meetings, field days etc
- **Living Murrumbateman Native Plant Display** coordinated with Lions Club on developing a native plant display garden in Jones Park
- **Indian Myna Control Program** continued with 5-6 traps continuously deployed through the area, myna numbers continue to decrease and remain low in comparison to numbers prior to trapping

Jacqui Stal

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**Agenda AGM ,
November 6th, 2014
Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds Hall**

- i. Welcome**
- ii. Apologies**
- iii. Minutes from 2013 AGM**
- iv. Chairperson's report**
- v. Treasurer's report and presentation of financial statement**
- vi. Election of office bearers**

Call for nominations

Current nominees:-

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| President | Jacqui Stol |
| Vice President | Sue McIntyre |
| Treasurer | Sheridan Roberts |
| Secretary | Gill Hall |
| Public Officer | |
| Committee members | Lisa Borella, Sue and Bob McColl, Hemmi Voges, Sarah McClintock |

- vii. General Business**
- viii. Date of next meeting**

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