



# South Gippsland Landcare Network

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**South Gippsland Landcare Network  
Annual Dinner incorporating the  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday October 7, 2017  
6.00pm – 9.30pm  
Grand Ridge Brewery, Mirboo North**

### **AGM commences**

**Present:** Elizabeth Anthony, Colin Goodwin, Alex Campbell, Jean Carnell, Mike Carnell, Helen Hasty, Ian Hasty, Rosemary and Graeme Trease, Kevin Hughes, Coral Hughes, Judy Lackman, David Layton, Evelyn Lillie, Denyse Menzies, Sue Miles, Eric Miles, Phil Piper, Ray Saunders, Debbie Birkett, Russell Swan, Jenni Swan, Suzanne Wightman, Ian and Gay Cornthwaite, Fergus and Deb O'Connor, Jill and Mike Vella, Alan Pentland, Frank Dekker, Merran Wilde, Gary Wallis, Viki Sinclair, Jeannie Dekker, Mark Walters, Mark Uren

#### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

Jill Vella, SGLN network coordinator, opened the meeting at 6.35 pm and welcomed the attendees to the Mirboo North Brewery

Apologies were received from; Stephen Hoole, Nuala Connelly, Bruce and Rae Knee, Diana Droog & Hugh Sarjeant, Belinda Brennan, Peter and Kate Walsh, Dan Garlick and Margaret McDonald

#### **2. Previous Minutes & Business Arising;** Minutes of the previous meeting were on the table, and copies were sent to all members on the mailing list. The minutes were accepted as presented as a true and correct record of the 2016 AGM

Moved Libby Anthony, seconded Jean Carnell, carried

#### **3. Chair's Report;** Frank Dekker read out his chairs report which was also on the tables in the annual report.

Frank moved that his report be received as presented, seconded Mark Walters, carried

#### **4. Financial Report;** Russell Swan on behalf of Margaret McDonald. The financial report was on the tables, included in the annual report.

Russell moved that the financial reports for the Network and the SG Landcare fund be accepted as presented, seconded Sue Miles, carried

Annual Report; Jill Vella presented the annual report to the meeting and moved that it be accepted, seconded Mark Uren, carried. It was noted the report is available on our website, and a hard copy can be picked up from the SGLN office.

**Dinner of local food was served to the tables.**



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## 5. General Business

6.1 Appointment of Auditor for 2018. Moved Russell Swan, Cardell Assurance and Audit, Wonthaggi be appointed, seconded Judy Lackman, carried

6.2 Any other business. None was raised.

6.3 Board Honorariums; Moved Mark Uren, seconded Mark Walters, that the Board Honorariums be set at \$25 per meeting attended, passed with one dissenting member, arguing that there should be no honorariums offered. It was noted that Board members do not have to accept this payment.

## 7. Special Resolution – that the changes to the constitution as detailed are accepted.

a. Clause 8 and 39 be amended to be gender neutral and inclusive – chair instead of chairman, and chair/president instead of president

b. Clause 17 Register of members, 'members' be changed to 'membership' to reflect that membership is per address, not necessarily per person

c. Clause 30 Minutes of AGM, making the secretary of the board or the network coordinator responsible for the AGM minutes

d. Clause 34 and Clause 44, Composition of board, splitting the secretary/treasurer role to secretary and treasurer and thereby reducing the number of ordinary board members to 6.

e. Clause 38 Treasurer and Clause 37 Secretary, are altered to reflect the new roles

f. 60 Financial Records, noting that the financial records should be kept at the registered office

## 8. Election of SGLN Board members (2 positions available)

Nomination received from Russell Swan, (re-nominating) nominated by Jean Carnell and seconded by Frank Dekker. As the number of nominations was less than the number of vacancies, Russell was duly elected to the SGLN board.

## 9. Election of Office Bearers. The SGLN Board members took to the stage.

a. Chair, Frank Dekker, nominated Mark Walters, seconded Jean Carnell, carried

b. Vice Chair, Mark Walters, nominated Frank Dekker, seconded Mark Uren, carried

c. Secretary, Jean Carnell, nominated Helen Hasty, seconded Frank Dekker, carried

d. Treasurer, Russell Swan, nominated David Layton, seconded Jean Carnell, carried

The Board were applauded by the meeting in thanks for their service.

## 10. Dick Howarth memorial Life Member Award presentation

Suzanne Wightman was announced as the Dick Howarth memorial life membership recipient.

Suzanne Wightman was an early founder of the Mardan Mirboo North Landcare group. She helped start



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and support the Mirboo North Secondary College Landcare Cadets program; switched her dairy farm to being organic including planting shelterbelts with natives; encouraged others to join Landcare, and has been a consistent volunteer with Tree Bees held by our group. Suzanne has also been our Treasurer for a very long time which is probably one of the hardest jobs on the Committee. She is always willing to help to make sure our group functions well. You can always count on Suzanne to be there.

Suzanne is a "hands on" person who has volunteered hundreds if not thousands of hours to help other people plant trees on their properties. She has also provided advice and support as required. She works regularly at Mossvale Park, maintaining the beautiful facility and is part of the management group. She also works regularly at the Baths Road reserve, clearing weeds and planting new trees. She supported Mardan Mirboo North Landcare group with their recent field days, working at the planning and the implementation stages. Suzanne is the friendly face of Mardan Mirboo North Landcare.

Suzanne was presented her award by Board chair, Frank Dekker

### 7.53pm AGM close

### Tea & Coffee. Dessert

Guest speaker- Alan Pentland

Alan entertained the meeting with short stories told in verse. He held the audience enthralled with the original pieces which included his very popular "Navigator". Remembered as "Ferret" from "Fast Forward"- and a writer on that series, Alan's words took listeners to the race track for the Darwin stakes and then to his Island, which were amongst the pieces he presented. An Islander in real life – French Island – and a passionate Landcare member, Alan was a perfect speaker for our AGM.

Mark Walters thanked Alan for his performance and presented him with a bottle of local wine.