

# Capricorn Coast Landcare Group

## Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes

### 2 December 2021

**Location:** Rooms A & B, Community Centre, 78—80 John St, Yeppoon Q 4703

**Chair:** Malcolm Wells (President); **Minutes:** Coral Rowston (Interim Secretary)

AGENDA ITEM	PROCEEDINGS
Meeting opened	6.00 pm
Welcome	<p>Malcolm Wells thanked all in attendance for their attendance and support of Capricorn Coast Landcare.</p> <p>Malcolm acknowledged that this meeting was being held on Darumbal land. Malcolm went on to acknowledge that there had been some challenges in recent times, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sabrina Burke’s resignation to follow the lure of Tasmania</li> <li>• Lacey Spence resigning from the Treasurer’s position to embrace new ventures</li> <li>• Erin Messenger resigning as Secretary</li> <li>• The new Coordinator, Chantelle James, having to work remotely until the borders re-open.</li> </ul> <p>Malcolm thanked Shelley McArdle for her assistance and Coral Rowston for stepping in as a temporary Secretary through this transition period.</p>
Attendees	John & Cheryle Daly, Ross Healy, Colleen Fagan, Graham & Patricia Solomon, Coral Rowston, Malcolm & Marilyn Wells, Ken Mason, Valerie Fisher, Dale Muir, Arthur Hunt, Janice Millhouse, Gary Hawke, Phil Esdale, Rebecca French.
Apologies	Chantelle James (Coordinator), Sandy Paton, Sabrina Fraser, Vicki Horstman (FBA), Shelly McArdle
Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (2020)	<p>The draft minutes of the Capricorn Coast Landcare Group 2020 AGM were displayed on the screen and read by Malcolm Wells.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Minutes of the 2020 AGM are confirmed and accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Arthur Hunt</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Valerie Fisher</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>
Business arising from previous 2020 AGM minutes	Nil

<p>President's Report</p>	<p>Malcolm Wells presented his President's report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>A video of activities and achievements were displayed during the President's report.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report and Audit</p>	<p>Acknowledgement of, and thanks to, outgoing Treasurer, Lacey Spence.</p> <p>Malcolm presented the financial statement &amp; audited report from Shanahan Swaffield Partners for the 2020-21 financial year for adoption on behalf of outgoing Treasurer, Lacey Spence.</p> <p>Members were invited/offered to ask questions on the Treasurer's report and Audited report.</p> <p>Arthur requested that the next Treasurer provide a new line item covering the costs of electricity for the purpose of recharging the Landcare E-van.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 2021 be received and accepted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Valerie Fisher</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Ross Healy</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>
<p>Appointment of Auditor for 2021-22 FY</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> That Shanahan Swaffield Partners be appointed as external auditors for the 2021 – 2022 financial year</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Valerie Fisher</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Coral Rowston</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>
<p>Nomination of new Management Committee members</p>	<p>Malcolm provided his thanks to outgoing committee members for 2020-21.</p> <p>All elected committee members stood down and Malcolm Wells invited Ross Healy to officiate for member elections of new management committee.</p> <p><b>President</b>  Nomination: Malcolm Wells  Proposed: Valerie Fisher  Seconded: Gary Hawke  <i>Carried</i></p> <p><b>Secretary</b>  Nomination: Valerie Fisher (accepted on the basis of a temporary role pending appointment of a permanent secretary)  Proposed: Cheryle Daly  Seconded: Rebecca French  <i>Carried</i></p> <p><b>Treasurer</b>  Nomination: Ross Healy (accepted on the basis of a temporary role pending appointment of a permanent treasurer)  Proposed: Malcolm Wells  Seconded: Phil Esdale  <i>Carried</i></p>

	<b>Vice - President</b> Nomination: Ken Mason Proposed: Malcolm Wells Seconded: Phil Esdale <i>Carried</i>
General business	No general business matters were raised.
Close of meeting	6.44 pm

## President's report 2020 - 2021

### Malcolm Wells

I'd like to begin with a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers who have become such a tight unit. The Covid experience, with its restrictions, could well have decimated our team, but they pulled together and bonded over the experience. Since Sabrina's departure, long term volunteer Janice, has taken over the task of supplying our morning tea and coffee, which she supplements with home baked goodies. Val and Erin also supplied tasty treats throughout the year. Janice & Val also supplied the snacks for tonight, for which we are extremely grateful. We also have John and Cheryl, who regularly bring along a box of fruit & veggies to share amongst the rest of the team. These morning teas are most welcome after a couple of hours work, and are almost like family gatherings, but without the arguments .

The 2 original sites begun by Alby and his team are still being regularly worked. The Envirotrail at Yeppoon state School is maintained, although a severe Singapore Daisy problem is hampering our good work at the moment. The Fig Tree Creek site, now called Alby Wooler Park is looking good and attracts numerous bird species. We are gradually extending this site in 3 new areas. We also had a project during the year to work with selected residents who live adjacent to Fig Tree Creek, to help them with rehabilitating the creek bank behind their properties; and an associated project working behind homes at Braithwaite St in Yeppoon.

This year we received our third grant through FBA to extend our work on the Farnborough Beach dunes site, where we are now working on zones 3 & 4, whilst still carrying out regular maintenance work on zones 1 & 2. We also carry out monthly maintenance of the former Remveg site on the roundabout at the entrance to Yeppoon, which had been neglected for a few years. In November we also began a regeneration & revegetation project on the Pineapple, or Yeppoon, Rail Trail, also with the aid of a grant obtained through the very supportive FBA. Financial backing for both of our funded projects this year is delivered by Fitzroy Basin Association with funding from the Australian Government's Reef Trust. I'd also like to thank Livingstone shire Council for funding our major clean ups, and for providing plants from the nursery, and support for our on-site regeneration work and other projects.

We still attend the Junior Landcare sessions at Yeppoon State School, and after 4 years I think I'm finally being accepted by the kids as Alby's replacement. We are also beginning a project to help the Farnborough State School restore their great garden, which has become run down after the teachers responsible for its upkeep left. We are also looking at planting native trees shrubs and groundcovers in selected areas outside the school fences.

We haven't had the amount of island work this year that we have had in the past 2 years, mainly due to the Covid situation, but we have been across to the Environment Centre on Konomie twice to assist them with weeding and planting. There is another trip planned shortly, and they want us to make it a regular thing. We also went to Pumpkin Island, to tackle some noxious weeds spreading on that island. We don't normally do work on privately owned property, but we didn't want to see these particular weed species taking hold and being brought back to the mainland by unsuspecting holidaymakers. We did agree a payment on that occasion of a nice, packed lunch from the Waterline restaurant.

I'd also like to commend the work being done by our associated groups, Friends of Lammermoor and Emu Park Bushcare. They do a splendid job, as do the handful of volunteers called Friends of the Beach, who work under the auspices of LSC. We took a team of 12 out to assist Friends of Lammermoor recently with an infestation of Snake Weed; and have offered to do so again if they need a larger team.

Involvement with the Lendlease Springboard program, that brings employees of this global company to Yeppoon to work with local environment groups, has been put on hold again this year because of Covid. It is planned that association will re-commence early next year and I have been asked to become involved with a Junior Landcare program they want to fund, because of my previous experience with the program here.

Sabrina was running a program earlier this year called Drain Buddies, again in association with FBA, and our Cash for Containers involvement that she launched has been very beneficial in not only helping the environment, but also Landcare funds. I'd like to give a shout here to one of our former volunteers Donald Bambrick, who has found paid employment, but would rather be volunteering. Since leaving Landcare earlier this year he has deposited \$803.90 at the Cash for Containers depot.

We were also involved in several events and open days through the year, such as successful Electric Vehicle Open Day, which Sabrina organised in association with LSC, and our member Arthur Hunt. The coordinator and I also sit on 4 different Committees with LSC and other environmental groups, and I am on a Community Voice Panel for Environmental, Waste & Water issues.

Landcare works in collaboration with numerous groups and organizations to not only do on-ground work, but also to make people more aware of the importance of looking after the environment. These include FBA, Capricornia Catchments, Landcare Australia, Queensland Water & Land Carers, Tangaroa Blue, Greening Australia, Gt Barrier Reef Marine Parks Authority, LSC, Emu Park Bushcare & Friends of Lammermoor. The only way any of us can get anywhere is by working as a team, and that is obvious by what we all achieve when we combine our forces.

Finally, I'd like to thank our departed coordinator Sabrina, who played such a major role in getting us where we are today. She put in many more hours than she was paid for, and inspired people with her passion and commitment to what she was doing. We wish her and Patrick luck in their upcoming venture in Tasmania. With any luck, her very capable and equally passionate replacement Chantelle, will soon be able to escape lockdown in NSW and join us here in on the beautiful Capricorn Coast.

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