

# NEW SPRINGS LANDCARE GROUP

**Tuesday 16 September 2025, at Jenice and Steve Buchecker's property 'Tarramar' 513 Warmington Run**

## AGENDA

### 1. MEETING OPEN 7.11pm

- Welcome and apologies

Thanks to Alan for previous meeting's property tour – am ad solar system, tree seeder – looking at results 30 years on and after the bushfire, plus paddock trees, plus lift up and laydown gate.

Thanks to Jenice and Steve for hosting so well.

- ATTENDANCE

- Kym Gladigau (chair)
- Steve Perkins (deputy chair) TBC
- Karen Ashford (secretary)
- Steve Wright (treasurer)
- Jenice Buchecker (committee)
- Steve Buchecker
- Warren Coombes
- Heidi Sowerby
- Wayne Hein
- Hayden Schulz
- Tammi Collins
- Kathy Szalay
- Anna Kakoschke
- Rob Kakosche
- Karen Rief
- Judi McCallum
- Russell Meade
- Will Hannaford
- Dymphna Sprod
- Neil Carr
- Jo Carr

- APOLOGIES

- Phil and Lisa Eakins
- Ross Leckie
- Kate Constable

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS

- Previous minutes of meeting held 12 July 2025 as circulated by email. Chair asked that they be accepted. Moved: Steve Buchecker Seconded: Judi McCallum. Accepted.

### 3. CHAIR'S UPDATE

- Chair and Secretary presented reports to Northern Hills Biodiversity group on the tree seeder renovation project and its planned use. The unit is now ready to go. Anyone wanting to engage Wayne Brown for planting consultations please liaise with chair, so that funding than be managed for grant acquittal purposes. Will need to buy seeds in the first instance from Wayne Brown, until we can collect our own. May work with Kersbrook or Alan Brice for training in seed collection. Karen R mentioned there is a 'trees for life' tree seed collection training course in October. Anna says Belair NP has a seed collection workshop on November 7. Roadside collection may need permits.
- Bonnie Armour from Landscapes SA has got Todd Price from Nutrien Ag on board to deliver some emission calculator workshops. He's been doing these calculators for a while now and is very well versed in what farmers need, why this information matters to them and how to work the actual calculators, with one-on-one support offered if needed. He'll run through examples, and farmers can bring their own data to run through if they want. Thinking Oct/Nov before hay cutting.
  - Russell expressed interest – especially tree volume calculation. Neil mentioned costs of \$1000 per property, but guidelines aren't very clear and transport calculation needs to be factored. Will mentioned there will be several across area, and well worth attending as there will likely be compliance in the future. Warren asked Will whether he was aware of a specific calculator /calculation being required? Dymphna says there are some industry standards for per kilo production – but if you don't prove you come in under it, you're not going to be as marketable, find it harder to get loans etc.
  - Kym has tentatively said a workshop would be good – especially as have the optiweigh trial in the area. Kym has been using it, and it's amazing to see average daily weight gain (and weekly, fortnightly, monthly), which have gone onto scale.
  - Will mentioned keen to see unit shared around.
  - Kym says big challenge is getting stock onto it – at present about 20% of herd, but now found someone who has been using his own, so he'll seek advice. Russell says there's a heap of info that can be assessed.
  - Russell asked if there is a minimum mob size? Kym said he's not sure – he's mob is 24, angus cross, shorthorn cross murray grey cross and it's not clear yet which is doing best. Super simple to use.
  - Jenice and Steve have applied to be part of the optiweigh trial.

- Upper Torrens Landcare group is staffing is the gate for the Hills Spring Garden Festival at Mount Pleasant Farmers Market this Saturday, as part of their annual fundraising for their group. They're seeking volunteers to help them out for 2 hour shifts between 7am and 3pm, as this will give them capacity to also host a stall. If you can help, email them at [torrenslandcare@gmail.com](mailto:torrenslandcare@gmail.com)
- Upcoming events: Our AGM is due. Date set for October 21. Suggest a meal at a pub. eg Lobethal. Secretary to organise.

#### 4. OFFICE HOLDERS

- Treasurer: EOFY update – awaiting Phil's review (he's overseas), and then submit ACNC report. Roughly \$12K in bank, so well financial.
- Secretary:
  - Memberships for 2025 are now due – currently have 24 financial members (have 49 people who have been on member list in the past). Secretary will follow up with individual reminder emails.
  - Insurance is due – intend to apply for LASA insurance at no cost to NSLG, need financial year documents in order to lodge by October.
  - **Trees for Life** seedling orders have been extended into September, for deliveries in May 2026.
  - HFLB is holding **dam management workshops** covering: How to conduct a dam inspection and what to look for; common dam issues and practical steps to resolve them; tips for improving dam water quality; your responsibilities as a dam owner, including how to apply for permits for major works; understanding your dam's role in the local catchment and broader landscape. **Friday 19 September** from 10am to 12.30 at Green Hills Range near Macclesfield, plus **Friday 26 September** at Green Valley Range near Parawa, and **Friday 24 October** at Dutton, near the Barossa. Will says the workshops may be deferred due to slow uptake – awaiting more details.

#### 5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Karen A** mentioned chap at Lobethal with water flow issue – Will says he can possibly help.

**Russell** says extreme drones at Mt Barker is great for dam sealing polymer distribution.

**Russell** interested in optiweigh... Neil says stations up north have installed units at water points and used in drafting to measure weight gains.

**Will** asked if anyone has seen any deer? No reports locally. Please use feralscan, download, plug in and you'll get a call for someone to get.

General discussion about kangaroo culling and commercial operators. Note permits are required, **Steve B** says they're easy to secure.

#### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Organise carbon workshop (chair)
- AGM in october – guest speaker, maybe on crested shrike tit. (chair and secretary)
- Russell suggests booking Todd from Nutrien Ag for a series of talks.
- Seed collecting (secretary to circulate details of training opportunities)

#### 7. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 21, inc. Annual General Meeting. At Lobethal hotel TBC

Meeting closed 8.07pm