

NEW SPRINGS LANDCARE GROUP

Tuesday 21 January 2025, Tarramar (Jenice and Steve Buchecker)

AGENDA

1. MEETING OPEN 8pm

- Welcome and apologies
 - Thank Jenice and Steve for hosting
- ATTENDANCE
 - Kym Gladigau (chair)
 - Steve Perkins (deputy chair)
 - Karen Ashford (secretary)
 - Steve Wright (Treasurer)
 - Jenice Buchecker (committee and host)
 - Warren Coombes
 - Steve Buchecker
 - Heidi Sowerby
 - Judi McCallum
 - Wayne Hein
 - Karen Rief
 - Phil Eakins
 - Dymphna Sprod
 - Kathy Szalay
 - Neil Carr and Jo Carr
 - Will Hannaford
- APOLOGIES
 - Heather Hartley
 - Kate Constable

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS

- Previous minutes of meeting held 19 November 2024 as circulated by email. Any amendments? Moved: Steve Perkins seconded: Dymphna Sprod, accepted.

3. CHAIR'S UPDATE

- Local news: wattles. Kym mentioned slashing underway of roadside wattles, starting properly on 30 January. Steve P mentioned fox Road was very heavily trimmed, but some species coming back.
- Carbon grant project – livestock weighing system. Pleased to reveal funding has been granted. Two optiweigh units will be able to be purchased, one for cattle, one for sheep. Donna should be able to attend next meeting and advise how it will work. She's interested in knowing who would be interested in taking part. If interested contact Kym. Great technology and exciting project.
- Kym attended meteorology briefing. Three NSLG people attended which was great. Forecast not promising with a dry season predicted. Ine outcome was to provide

feedback on what would be the implications of rise in average temperatures. Probably main thing to come out of it was shelter for livestock/shade, and access to water. Sparks a consideration for landcare group – we lost a lot of trees in bushfire, and should we be getting into more tree planting and shelter.

- Will says there's grassroots grants and could be the opportunity for paddock tree programs. So of NSLG was to do some, talk to mid Torrens which has a program. Wayne says it's hard to keep cattle off new trees. Neil says the redgums planted for the crested shrike tit project have stood up well. Phil says he's struggled, wants to fence off more areas. Steve B says if you can keep cattle off established natural growth they'll take off. Kym says there's lots of info there, if we want to replace tree. Kym thinks we'll pursue something there. Judi says it's a big job for one person, so doing it as a group could be good.
- LASA surveys – completed by the group.

4. OFFICE HOLDERS

- Treasurer: (report provided) thanked Phil for his spreadsheet report. Updated on charitable status and dealing with the ATO. Hopefully to be resolved soon.
- Secretary:
 - Memberships – 16 memberships paid for 24/25. Membership is necessary for who'd like to be actively involved in NSLG. A fourth (personalised) reminder will be sent.
 - LASA is offering first aid training reimbursement for up to 2 members for up to \$200 each. First come first served basis, must be completed by end of May. Steve Perkins and Karen Ashford to do it.
 - LASA advises members are eligible for discounts from two suppliers – 15% off from "Van Shaik's biogrow" for mulches, saw dust and pine chips; and reduced prices from "Arboregreen" for items related to tree re-establishment/revegetation.

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Will Hannford reported on rabbits – every year people say it's getting worse. Would have expected a reduction, sometimes a myxo comes through by autumn. Pindone is being sold – need to be diligent with program. If want to poison rabbits must do online course first. Will sell Calici virus treated carrots in February - not for young rabbits. Steve P asked if we could get carrots as a group as he's not able to attend eventbrite days.
- Dymphna asked about the irrigation giveaway – Toro gave quite a lot away, Steve has quite a lot available for any members needing it.
- Planning a dam field day at Dymphna's place on February 8.
- If there are new people in the area, there's a landholder forum to help better care for land – Sunday 30 March at Gumeracha.
- PIRSA will run a roundtable discussion on the dry season through the SA drought hub next week. Heidi mention stock and feed prices, dryness and water access.

- Steve Perkins raised “on farm drought scheme” but locals probably not eligible.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Heidi says Brukunga progress association has a ‘paddock to plate’ event – free for landholders, BBQ and discussion – 2 March from 11-3pm
- Steve Perkins has offered to assist people with solar pumps to fill tanks for stock.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday 4 March 2025

Meeting close 9.25pm