



Black Range
Land
Management
Group

BRLMG

2024 Annual Gathering + Annual General Meeting

Sat. 9th November 2024 - Bunjil's Shelter Reserve 10am

Minutes

The Black Range Land Management Group met at Bunjil's Shelter Reserve together with guests. At an introduction circle, the story of Bunjil was read followed by a walk through the reserve.

Upon return, the group sat in a circle where there was a conversation with members of the Mt Korong EcoWatch Kate Lee and Freya Mathew followed by Fiona Copely from Trust for Nature discussing what they do and the benefits of land tax exemptions.

A delicious lunch was shared by all under the canopy of trees followed by the official proceedings of the annual general meeting commencing at 1:26pm:

Attendees:

Members - Mick Douglas, Amaara Raheem, Neil & Wendy Marriott, Tanya Meares, Michelle Wood, Mike Opie, Greg Burgess, Tanya Coburn, Andrew Gunstone, Fernanda Del Lama Soares, Celia Mason.

Guests: Kate Lee and Freya Mathew from Mt Korong EcoWatch; Fiona Copley from Trust for Nature.

Apologies:

Ross & Carole McGregor, Peter & Carole Brazier, Greg Davis, Ann Davis, Mark & Jen Farrer

Minutes:

Documented by Michelle Wood

Chair's report:

The group chair, Mick Douglas, presented his annual report - a copy of the report had been circulated by email to members and was handed out at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Tanya Meares, the group treasurer, presented the annual financial report 1/7/2023 - 30/6/2024. The end of year financial balance at 15/8/2024 was \$22,711.16.

It was noted that there are still amounts committed to grants that are due to be spent and acquitted by the end of this calendar year.

Wendy M. commented that she would like to see this amount reported in more detail in the future. This resulted in some discussion around grant reporting and acquittal to be undertaken to ensure compliance with our funding agreements.

The financial report was moved by Fernanda Del Lama Soares as being received. This was seconded by Michelle Wood.

Election of office bearers:

This process was facilitated by Fiona Copely, Trust for Nature:

- **Chair** - Mick Douglas - nominated by Fernanda Dell Lama Soares, seconded by Tanya Meares, and position accepted by Mick
- **Deputy Chair** - Fernanda Del Lama Soares accepted nomination by Tanya Meares, seconded by Neil Marriott.
- **Secretary** - Tanya Coburn accepted this position nominated by Mick Douglas which was seconded by Andrew Gunstone. The outgoing secretary Michelle Wood advised that she would assist Tanya with this transition.
- **Treasurer** - Tanya Meares was nominated by Mick Douglas and seconded by Fernanda Del Lama Soares. Tanya accepted this position advising that it would be her last term and that Pru Sheppard would assist her in the role this coming year.
- **Project Platypus Board Representative** - Mark Farrer was nominated to this position.
- **Project Platypus Voting Members** - are committee members.

Project Groups & Invitation to join

An outline and a brief update of the current project groups was given together with an invitation to members to join groups that they have a particular interest in.

Reduced Motorcross + 4WD access into Black Range - Celia, Mark

BR Flora and Revegetation Program - Neil, Wendy, Mick

Invasive Plant control - Mark

Invasive Animal monitoring & control - Mark, Tanya, Michelle

Cool burning & Traditional Owner partnership - Mick, Mark

Reading Fire Country - Fernanda, Mick

BRLMG Website & Archive - Andrew, Fernanda

Gariwerd - Black Range - Pyrenees Bio-links - Mick

Brain Storm of Projects

There was a healthy and vibrant discussion by members of suggested new projects and building on existing ones that the group could undertake. Some of these are:

- Communication Group - utilising 'What's App' to enable easy and informal discussion between members (Andrew)
- Organisation of archived material (Amaara, Neil, Fernanda)
- Erosion Management, funding opportunities (Celia)
- Review of the 2003 Black Range Information and Management Guide
- Bandicoots reintroduction to the Black Range
- Bio-links project - provide education/improve the communication between farmers and environmental/landcare groups using art (Amaara - attending forum at University of Tasmania next year).

Meeting concluded at 2.30pm.