



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

2:00 PM Sunday 10th September at Claude Road Hall

Present: Leonie Hiscutt (MLC), Mayor Kate Haberle and Mike Haberle, Deputy Mayor Penny Lane, Mark Woods (Department of State Growth), Rudy van der Korput, Jenny Zautsen, Kylie Tune, Paul Spillane, Kate Fraser, Rob van der Weide, Cr Don Thwaites, Janet Dunbabin, Kristen Lang, Tracy Kelly, Geoff and Rani Page, George Callister, Michelle Hutt and Bethany and Tony, Josh Gordon and Beck Drake (Tasmanian Wildlife Hospital), Ronlyn Duncan, Elizabeth Dale, Nick Gill and Juliet Kelly, Jennifer Stackhouse and Julie Button (Kentish Garden Club), Dean Cameron, Julie Hargreaves, Shayn Harkness, Mike Hancock, Bob and Leoni Reed, Barbara-Helen and Matt McLennan, Barbara Alsop, Colin Alsop, Donna Reedy, Julie Page, Lochie (from Lorinna), David and Peggy Phillips, Leoni Howell, Dominic McAlinden, Hardy Goodwin, Jo Easton, Joanna Marchewicz, Greg Taylor (mins)

Apologies: Sarah Lloyd and Ron Nagorka, Christine and David Fraser, Matt Fell (Wilder Tasmania), Melissa Moore (Sustainable Timbers Tasmania), Thomas Webster (Tas Networks), Daniel Lester (Cement Australia), Jodie McQueen, Sam Blackwood-Beattie (Kentish Council), Janette Bartells (Reliance), Cr Terry Huges (Kentish Council), Charles Toth, Charlotte King, Paul Fraser, Alison Wild and Laura Wild-Smith, Matt and Sarah Watt, Cynthia (Tas Landcare).

1. **Welcome**

Arriving guests were welcomed by the harp playing of Kate Fraser. Kristen Lang (outgoing President) welcomed all, acknowledging our shared history and interconnectedness.

2. **Confirmation of minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the 2022 AGM were tabled. Moved Greg Taylor, seconded George Callister that the Minutes be accepted.
AGREED

3. Presentation of Reports

- Annual Report – Kristen Lang presented the Annual Report. Kristen moved that the Report be accepted, seconded Barbara Alsop. **AGREED**
- Financial Report and Auditor’s Report: Treasurer Janet Dunbabin presented the Financial Report and the Auditor’s Report. Janet moved that the reports be accepted, seconded Greg Taylor. **AGREED**
- Comments from the floor
Leonie Hiscutt (MLC) congratulated the Group on its efforts and spoke about foxgloves, consultation re upcoming Biosecurity Zones, and tabled an Off Label permit from APVMA for herbicide options for foxglove control.
Mark Woods (Department of State Growth) thanked the Group for its efforts, and spoke about the Department’s ongoing roadside weed management program, responses to Platypus road kill at Lower Barrington and more widely, responses to Giant Freshwater Crayfish Road Kill, and the preparation of a Statewide Roadkill Strategy.

Leoni Reed spoke about management of roadside litter.

Clive Bott highlighted the need to consider biosecurity risks when purchasing plants from nurseries and markets.

4. Election of Executive and Committee members

Kristen Lang vacated the Chair. Greg Taylor acknowledged the enduring and inspiring commitment of Clive Bott, and recognised this on behalf of MRLC with bestowal on Clive of 'Honourary Life Membership of the MRLC Committee'.

Mayor Kate Haberle, assisted by Deputy Mayor Penny Lane assumed the Chair to conduct the Election of Executive and Committee members. Mayor Kate congratulated the Group on its efforts, its professionalism, and its community involvement, noting the substantial volunteer contributions by Group members, averaging 15 hours per day over the whole year. Deputy Mayor Penny thanked the Group for its many contributions to the local community – 'Where would we be without you!' and invited ongoing communication and contact with Council in regard to Landcare matters. Mayor Kate chaired the election process with the following outcomes.

President: Tracy Kelly nominated by Greg Taylor, seconded by George Callister. No other nomination. Tracy accepted the role of President.

Vice President: Kylie Tune nominated by Elizabeth Dale, seconded by Julie Page. No other nomination. Kylie accepted the role of Vice President.

Treasurer: Janet Dunbabin nominated by Elizabeth Dale, seconded by Kate Fraser. No other nomination. Janet accepted the role of Treasurer.

Secretary: Greg Taylor nominated by Rob van der Weide, seconded by Don Thwaites. No other nomination. Greg accepted the role of Secretary.

Committee members: Nominations were received from: Rob van der Weide, Geoff Page, Ronlyn Duncan, Cr Don Thwaites, Barbara Alsop, Paul Fraser, Donna Reedy, George Callister. No other nominations. All appointed as Committee members. Cr Terry Huges appointed as Kentish Council representative to the Committee. All congratulated and thanked for their ongoing commitment.

Mayor Kate and Deputy Mayor Penny vacated the Chair and were thanked by Kristen, and Tracy.

Tracy and Greg acknowledged the contributions of outgoing President Kristen Lang over the last twelve months. Kristen has been an amazing and inspiring leader, and MRLC is so very grateful to Kristen for her many and diverse contributions, she has transformed and elevated the Group, and warmed our hearts. To Kristen – Thank you and our very best wishes for whatever you do in future.

5. **Appointment of the Auditor:** Moved by Rob Van der Weide, seconded by Janet Dunbabin that Summit Advisors be appointed as the MRLC Auditor for the 2023/2024 financial year. AGREED.
6. **Appointment of the Public Officer:** Moved by Greg Taylor, seconded by Rudy van der Korput that Cr Don Thwaites be re- appointed as the Public Officer: AGREED. Don accepted the role, many thanks to Don.
7. **Guest Speakers –Josh Gordon and Beck Drake (Tasmanian Wildlife Hospital)** spoke about the impressive and exciting plans to develop the new Tasmanian Wildlife Hospital at

Forth. A large and inspiring project, aiming to provide a much-needed care facility in the North of Tasmania. Kristen and Tracy thanked Josh and Beck, and presented the TWF with a cash donation and a pledge of 200 native trees + accessories + volunteer planters to assist in the establishment of habitat for the Hospital.

Michelle and Bethany Hutt (wildlife carers from Cradle Mountain) spoke of their experiences with wildlife care, and provided wonderful pictures of their facilities and the many native animals they have provided with care and support. Utterly inspiring, and heart-warming. Kristen and Tracy thanked Michelle and Bethany for their presentation with a gift, and expressed admiration for their efforts in providing such valuable assistance to our local wildlife.

8. **Afternoon Tea** - Greg expressed thanks to especially Tracy Kelly and Geoff Page for preparing an amazing afternoon tea, and encouraged all to enjoy the delicious refreshments provided.
9. **Meeting closed:** 3:40 PM