



Mount Roland LAND CARE

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2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

1:30 PM Sunday 28th September at Claude Road Hall

Live Music from 1:00 courtesy of Jacob and Oliver Boote

1. **Welcome:** Greg Taylor and Kristen Lang reading her poem "Splendour"
2. **Present:** Ruth Rutherford, Jennifer Stackhouse, Julie Button, Anthony Schindler, Don Thwaites, Ian Lavery, Laurie Goldsworthy, Paul Riggs Barker, Geoff Page, Greg Taylor, Janet Dunbabin, Michael Mouatt & son, Noel Meyers & Rikki Keyssner, Kristen Lang, Elizabeth Zuluaga & two grandchildren, Stephano Kim & Tracey Nixon, Joanne Marchewicz, Cr Kate Harberle & Mike Harberle, Elizabeth Dale, Anne Gilles, Robert Van Der Weide, Joseph Stapleton, Josh Gordon, Quentin Kelly, Barbara Alsop, George Alsop, Alison Wild, Laura Wildsmith, Merv Zell, Robert & Leoni Read, Margaret McLaughlan, Hardy Goodwin, Clive Bott, Karen & Brad Oborn, Eileen Worssam, Julie Hargreaves & Shayn Harkness, Mike Hancock, Rod & Linda Hutton, Clive McWhir & Viv Rowe, George Callister
3. **Apologies:** Kaye Kingham, Kate & Paul Fraser, Tracy Kelly, Fiona Solomon, Anna Maddick, Andrew, Toni & Maggie Gillard, Jodie McQueen, Donna Reedy, Cr Terry Hughes, Cr Penny Lane (Kentish Council), Jonathon Magor (Kentish Council), Claire Jinette (CCNRM), Ben Hill (PWS), Edwina Duffy (DHHS), Peter Stronach (Landcare Tasmania), Todd Walsh, Heather Eiszele (Kentish Voice), Leslie Begg (Kentish Voice), Tim & Helen Wilson, Hon Brian Mitchell (MHA, Lyons), Casey Hiscutt (Legislative Council), Simon van der Veen (Australian Plant Society), Darryn Cook (Reliance), Melissa Moore (Sustainable Timbers Tasmania), Thomas Webster (Tas Networks), Mark Woods (Dept. State Growth), Amy Edwards, Kristina Goldsworthy, Toni Van Der Weide, Simon Worssam, Barb & Matt McLennan
4. **Confirmation of minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:** Moved Janet Dunbabin and seconded by Rob Van Der Weide that the minutes of the last AGM are a true and accurate record - AGREED

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5. **Confirmation of minutes of the Special General Meeting (5 April 2025):**
Moved Janet Dunbabin and seconded by Geoff Page that the minutes of the Special General Meeting are a true and accurate record - AGREED
6. **Presentation of Reports:**
- **Annual Report:** Moved Greg Taylor and seconded Merv Zell that the Annual Report be accepted - AGREED
 - **Financial Report and Auditor's Report:** Moved Geoff Page and seconded by Quentin Kelly that the financial report and auditor's report be accepted - AGREED
 - **Comments from the floor:** Nil
7. **Election of Executive and Committee members:** Mayor Kate Harberle took the chair to conduct elections. Kate expressed her thanks to the group for its contribution to our community.
- 7..1 **President:** Greg Taylor nominated & nominee Janet Dunbabin
- 7..2 **Vice President:** Barbara Alsop nominated & nominee Don Thwaites
- 7..3 **Treasurer:** Geoff Page nominated & nominee Elizabeth Dale
- 7..4 **Secretary:** Janet Dunbabin nominated & nominee Don Thwaites
- 7..5 **Governing Committee:** Rob Van Der Weide nominated & nominee Janet Dunbabin
- 7..6 **Governing Committee:** George Callister nominated & nominee Greg Taylor
- 7..7 **Governing Committee:** Don Thwaites nominated & nominee Elizabeth Dale
- 7..8 **Governing Committee:** Tracy Kelly nominated & nominee Janet Dunbabin
- ALL DULY ELECTED, leaving four casual vacancies, which can be filled at the discretion of the governing committee.
8. **Appointment of the Auditor:** Moved Greg Taylor and seconded Geoff Page that Neil Wilkinson continues to be the Group's Auditor - AGREED

9. **Appointment of the Public Officer:** Moved Greg Taylor and seconded Ruth Rutherford that Don Thwaites continues to be the Group's Public Officer - AGREED
10. **Guest Speakers:** Six informative presentations followed:
- **Kristen Lang** – Kristen provided an update on Life on the Mountain, which is a longitudinal study building up a wealth of invaluable knowledge about the fauna and flora of the Mount Roland Reserve using remote sensor cameras and an acoustic recorder and personal observations. Kristen shared some wonderful footage of inhabitants going about their business. She followed this up with various approaches to presenting the wealth of data she is collecting.
 - **Tree Planting Video** - presented by Laura - finalist on display at the Landcare Australia Conference in September.
 - **Culverts for Wildlife** – a multimedia presentation ably put together by Elizabeth Dale to showcase outcomes from our Landcare Australia grant.
 - **Anne Gilles** – Anne is a passionate and effective advocate for platypus and presented a summary of the precarious life of a platypus at several hotspots on Sheffield Road. She discussed the outcomes of working with State Growth to achieve a culvert near the intersection of Sheffield Rd and Roscrea Rd. She also paid a tribute to David Spiers, who championed the cause within State Growth, but sadly passed away recently.
 - **Joseph Stapleton (CCNRM)** – Joseph gave an update on the Giant Freshwater Crayfish habitat recovery project along the Dasher River and tributaries. He also updated the CCNRM work with barriers to movement of the Australian Grayling and to a lesser extent the GFC.
 - **Josh Gordon (Tasmanian Wildlife Hospital)** – Josh gave an inspiring insight into the journey of developing the Wildlife Hospital. If it's worth doing, it's worth doing BIG! Support and volunteering are always welcome. MRLC is proud to support this work.
11. **Afternoon tea:** The meeting concluded with afternoon tea prepared by Naomi from Roaming Harvest.

Meeting concluded at 3.40 pm