



2021–2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Top: Five Mile Creek (ivy eradication trial); Slatey Creek Reserve
Bottom: Five Mile Creek (near Samuel Court); Quarry Road Reserve



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021-2022

To be held

Woodend Neighbourhood House

10.30am Sunday 11 December 2022

Agenda

10.30am – 11.00am AGM

- President's welcome – Kate Daniel
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM 2020-2021
- President's report – Kate Daniel
- Treasurer's report – Nicole Middleton
- Other reports (Thursday Crew, Slatey Creek, MRIMAG) – Annual Report
- Membership fees
- Election of Committee Members – Michael Berechree
- Meeting close

11.00am – 11.10am Launch: Five Mile Creek Master Plan – Krista Patterson-Majoer (Environment Coordinator, Macedon Ranges Shire Council)

11.10am – 11.20am Award: Honorary Life Membership to Kate Daniel

11.20am – 12.20pm Presentation: Pollinator Corridors - Pathways to Biodiversity – John Walter (President, UCLN)

12.20pm onwards End of year celebration (drinks and light lunch provided)

Minutes of the Woodend Landcare Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

1. Opened

The AGM was called to order at 7:30pm on Monday 16th August 2021 by Zoom.

2. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Dave Bower; Peter Yates; Krista Patterson- Majoor; Evan Murfett; Danny Green; Kate Daniel; Jen Firestone; Sarah Frankland; Nicole Middleton; Doug Dalglish; David Gossip; Kate Torgersen; Catherine Sandercock; Eleni Holgate; Hubert Weisrock; Jennifer Anderson; Lulu Cockram; Evan Murfett; Neil. And Martin Roberts, Guest Speaker.

3. Apologies

Susan Carroll; Chris Holmes; Rebecca Richie (Landcare Facilitator).

4. Approval of minutes from 2020 AGM

The Minutes from the last AGM were presented in the Annual Report. The Minutes were accepted as written (moved, K. Daniel; seconded P. Yates).

5. Annual Report

The president, Kate Daniel, offered highlights from the President's report, as presented in the Annual Report:

- Master Plan for the Five Mile Creek – grant application was successful.
- Mechanised weed control at Bowen/East Streets will be in the master plan.
- The year's working bees had good turnouts.
- MRSC roadside management plan – we will pay attention to this in the future.
- Clancy Bridge – we are working on a plan with MRSC.
- Thanks were given to the committee and volunteers.
- Thanks to Krista for the Habitat in a Box project.

Financial Report highlights from the Annual Report, by the treasurer, Krista Patterson- Majoor:

- Not many grants applied for this year; we relied mostly on the MRSC funding and membership fees.
- Habitat Boxes– 95 x \$30, are being subsidized by Woodend Landcare.

- Twelve thousand dollars received from MRSC for the Master Plan.
- We supported Trust for Nature for a grant for a covenanted property.
- Opening balance \$9,816;
- Closing balance \$9,024;
- Committed funds \$3,190.

The treasurer moved that the report be accepted, seconded by D Bower – approved.

The Annual Report was tabled by the president, seconded by L Cockram, that it be accepted – approved.

6. Membership Fees

It was decided to retain the \$20 per family membership fee. Moved K Daniel, Seconded D Dalgleish.

7. Election of Committee Members – Evan Murfett

The current president, Kate, stood down. Evan Murfett took the floor as public officer. All committee positions were declared vacant.

Nominations were received for following positions:

Kate Daniel - President

David Gossip - Vice-President Nicole Middleton -

Treasurer Linda Vale – Secretary

David Bower - General Committee Doug Dalgleish - General Committee

Krista Patterson-Major - General Committee Sarah Frankland - General Committee

Peter Yates - General Committee.

All elected and appointed unopposed.

8. Adjournment:

Kate Daniel adjourned the AGM at 8pm for the talk by guest speaker, Martin Roberts.

Linda Vale Hon Secretary
30 November 2021





PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021–22

The group began last financial year in a gloomy period of the pandemic. Based on health advice and caution, working bees were cancelled at short notice and committee meetings were held the entire year via Zoom. These virtual gatherings were usually welcomed by all at a time when we were keen to tackling our long-term projects but could only weed our own gardens.

Between October and end of May this year we held seven monthly working bees, with a turnout of six to ten people. The Thursday Crew continued to be active when conditions allowed.

In August the Habitat in a Box project came to fruition and 110 mixed boxes went out to 40 properties in the district. Orders were quickly filled for 2022, and another 78 boxes were collected for 40 residents in May this year. It was a fantastic and timely initiative as locals were still reeling from the widespread June 2021 storm damage and huge loss of mature trees. Thanks to Krista Patterson-Majoor for organising the project both years and to Tree Project for very healthy tubestock grown by their engaged and willing volunteers.



The committee's primary focus for the period was implementing our Community Funding Scheme grant to develop a masterplan for Five Mile Creek, partnered with Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Key components of the grant were a detailed ecological assessment and management plan, community input via an initial 'Five Wishes for Five Mile Creek' questionnaire (October), a poster for feedback with QR code, draft display at the Library and online, and promotion on social media. In late June the masterplan itself was finalised. We received an extension to acquit the grant in the next financial year.

The objective of the masterplan is to guide habitat restoration projects along Five Mile Creek and support future grant applications, guided by community input and later feedback received on the draft.



Events during the year included a black gum giveaway stall at the Woodend Farmers Market in October 2021, where close to 500 *Eucalyptus aggregata* were distributed, judiciously, to locals. Pleasingly, some property owners were adding to already thriving native revegetation projects facilitated by the group over the last five years. Members also participated in a community planting at Woodend Golf Club on a very wet Sunday in June, adding to the Club's habitat restoration projects.

After extensive consultation, and with permission of the Trustees, we commissioned a design for the Clancy footbridge project. At the time

of writing, the bridge design has gone to tender with builders, and the results are under consideration. Thanks to Peter Yates for the many hours he has spent advancing the project and his attention to detail along the way.

In November we were successful in our Victorian Landcare Grant to support the restoration of important woodland habitat on a Trust For Nature covenanted property on Woodend's outskirts. We threw our support – the easiest decision for the committee this year – behind further protection of nearly 40ha of remnant Herb-rich Foothill Forest, assisting with exclusion fencing and woody weed control. Trust For Nature covenants are a powerful way for landowners to increase landscape connectivity and create habitat buffers and we'd love to see more of it.

Social media stats for the year consisted of 622 Facebook followers, 531 total page likes, 309 posts in the past year, most popular about an ivy blitz (January 2022) which reached 1.8K, 38 'likes' and 130 post clicks. Also popular was the post about the wildflower protection working bee on Quarry Rd. Our website is unfortunately without a manager at the moment but has still had 2867 views from 1348 visitors. The webpage has 248 followers.

I'm stepping down from the committee after a long and happy association since 2007. I'm really proud of all the work we've done. Thank you to all present and former committee members who have made administration such fun. Peter Yates and the late Jo Clancy, especially, have been wonderful mentors, allies and reliable in every way. They taught me everything I needed to know as an amateur environmental ambassador. I wish the incoming committee every success.

Kate Daniel
November 2022



ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2021/2022

Financial position

Thanks to the Box of Habitat project and two grants, there was a lot of activity on the account during the 2021/22 financial year. While we ended the financial year with substantial funds in the bank (\$34,797.87), most of this was already committed funds (\$29,906.12).

Major income

Five Mile Creek Master Plan \$12,000

See President's report and Krista Paterson-Majoors presentation for details.

NCCMA Pollard Trust for Nature Project \$15,300

This Trust for Nature project aims to covenant and revegetate large sections of the Pollard's property on the western side of the Woodend township. The project has stalled over the past 12 months due to:

- Slow replies to emails, changes in TfN staffing and red tape. Trevor Pollard has to review the final documents for the covenant over his property, which then needs to be signed off by the Minister.
- Contractors for woody weed removal and fencing have been identified but there have been delays in quoting trying to locate additional contractors as at least two quotes are required for works.
- DELWP's new BushBank project is really good news for revegetation plans on the property because now there is direct government incentive for it to be done.
- Difficulty accessing site due to sodden ground.

Krista and Nicole continue to liaise with Elizabeth Newton from Trust for Nature, who are running the project.

Major expense

Box of Habitat – over expenditure of \$963

The Box of Habitat project was rolled out in two stages between 2020 - 2022. While Woodend Landcare typically works on public land, this project provided a great opportunity to engage with private landowners and provide them with indigenous plants, specific to their property's EVC, for the landowners to plant following Landcare's guidance. As such, this provided a huge environmental reward, especially given the habitat loss due to the June 2021 storms, for relatively little effort compared to normal Landcare tree planting events. Approximately 9,000 seedlings were planted across 80 locations within and around Woodend - a fabulous achievement!

During 2021 boxes were sold at \$30 each, while in 2022 this was increased to \$40 each. The project incurred a net loss of \$963, which Woodend Landcare are happy to cover due to the size and nature of the project. Contributing factors for the loss included boxes not being paid for after seedlings had been purchased and boxes were donated to various community initiatives including Woodend Railway Beautification Group, Woodend Play Group and Woodend Primary School's Indigenous Garden.

Financial Summary - Box of Habitat Project (2020-2022)

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|--|-------------------|
| Income | |
| Box of Habitat 2021 (\$30/box) | \$3,200.00 |
| Box of Habitat 2022 (\$40/box) | \$2,800.00 |
| Total | \$6,000.00 |
| Expenses | |
| 14/12/20 Tree project seedlings | \$1,450.00 |
| 27/8/21 Western Plains Flora - seedlings | \$1,685.86 |
| 3/9/21 Tree project seedlings | \$540.00 |
| 27/10/21 Tree Project seedlings | \$1,450.00 |
| 3/5/22 Grow Locals seedlings | \$1,837.08 |
| Total | \$6,962.94 |
| Closing Balance | -\$962.94 |

Membership

Membership fees remained at \$20 per year per individuals or households in 2021-2022. Membership numbers have been stable for the last five years as follows:

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Members | 42 | 33 | 44 | 35 | 37 |

We currently have 2 Life Members (Peter Yates and Paul Newman).

Total income from memberships received 1/7/2021-30/6/2022

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Memberships 2021 | \$560.00 |
| Memberships 2022 | \$260.00 |
| Total | \$820.00 |

Membership is important to Woodend Landcare to cover our administrative expenses. We appreciate our member's on-going support.

Donations

Woodend Landcare received 3 donations during the 2021-2022 financial year totalling **\$350**.

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

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|---|--------------------|
| 1. Total group funds | |
| Opening balance (1/7/2021) operating account | \$5,928.22 |
| Total opening balance (1/7/2021) | \$9,024.26 |
| Income 2021/22 | \$34,600.00 |
| Expenses 2021/22 | \$8,826.39 |
| Closing balance (30/6/2022) operating account | \$4,891.75 |
| Total closing balance (30/6/2022) | \$34,797.87 |
| 2. Committed funds (30/6/2022) | |
| Thursday Crew | \$178.48 |
| MRIMAG | \$1,420.53 |
| Slatey Creek Black Gum Reserve | \$124.07 |
| Box of Habitat | \$882.94 |
| Pollard Trust for Nature Grant | \$15,300.00 |
| Five Mile Creek Master Plan | \$12,000.00 |
| Total Committed Funds | \$29,906.12 |
| 3. Net funds available (30/6/2022) | \$4,891.75 |

Our net funds available are slightly lower than previous years. This is mainly due to the expenditure of the Box of Habitat project (\$883) and two year's worth of Landcare Insurance being paid within the one financial year (\$404.00 and \$560.00).

Net funds available

| 30/6/2018 | 30/6/2019 | 30/6/2020 | 30/6/2021 | 30/6/2022 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| \$5,376.05 | \$5,069.42 | \$6,431.71 | \$5,577.21 | \$4,891.75 |

Finally, I'd like to thank Krista Patterson-Majoor for teaching me the ropes regarding the Treasurer role and for still taking my queries 12 months on.

Nicole Middleton
Treasurer
Woodend Landcare
December 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 30/6/2021-1/7/2022

| | | | Bank Balance | Committed Funds | | | | | | Operating Budget | |
|------------|----------|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------|------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Thurs Crew | MIRIMAG | Slatley Creek | Habitat Boxes | Masterplan | Pollard | Total | |
| 17/7/2021 | | Opening Balances | \$ 9,024.26 | \$ 251.44 | \$ 1,900.53 | \$ 124.07 | \$ 820.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,096.04 | \$ 5,928.22 |
| | Expenses | Cheque | | | | | | | | | |
| 22/7/2021 | | Reimbursement - whipper snipper | \$ 106.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 106.00 |
| 22/8/2021 | | Western Plains Flora - Habitat Plants | \$ 1,685.86 | | | | \$ 1,685.86 | | | | |
| 3/8/2021 | | Tree project Plants | \$ 540.00 | | | | \$ 540.00 | | | | |
| 21/9/2021 | | Victorian Landcare Insurance Woodend Landcare | \$ 404.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 404.00 |
| 27/10/2021 | | Reimbursement-herbicide | \$ 26.99 | | | | | | | | \$ 26.99 |
| 27/10/2021 | | Reimbursement-Tree Project | \$ 1,450.00 | | | | \$ 1,450.00 | | | | |
| 7/12/2021 | | Reimbursement - herbicide | \$ 43.21 | | | | | | | | \$ 43.21 |
| 7/12/2021 | | Consumer Affairs | \$ 121.20 | | | | | | | | \$ 121.20 |
| 7/12/2021 | | Reimbursement - fuel | \$ 35.36 | \$ 35.36 | | | | | | | |
| 7/12/2021 | | Reimbursement -Trailer rego | \$ 61.40 | | | | | | | | \$ 61.40 |
| 9/12/2021 | | Reimbursement - fuel | \$ 37.60 | \$ 37.60 | | | | | | | |
| 9/12/2021 | | Woodenend Star - 1 page ad | \$ 217.50 | | | | | | | | \$ 217.50 |
| 9/12/2021 | | Reimbursement - Sign Obsession fluoro tops | \$ 412.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 412.00 |
| 17/2/2022 | | Reimbursement - herbicide | \$ 56.25 | | | | | | | | \$ 56.25 |
| 17/2/2022 | | Reimbursement - herbicide | \$ 25.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 25.00 |
| 17/2/2022 | 200578 | Post Office Box | \$ 44.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 44.00 |
| 21/3/2022 | | Reimbursat - Trailer Rego | \$ 61.40 | | | | | | | | \$ 61.40 |
| 20/3/2022 | | Reimbursement- Fuel | \$ 42.20 | | | | | | | | \$ 42.20 |
| 30/3/2022 | | Reimbursement- Fuel | \$ 31.34 | | | | | | | | \$ 31.34 |
| 11/4/2022 | | MIRIMAG insurance 1 | \$ 270.00 | | \$ 270.00 | | | | | | |
| 11/4/2022 | | MIRIMAG insurance 2 | \$ 210.00 | | \$ 210.00 | | | | | | |
| 3/5/2022 | | Grow Locals - seedlings | \$ 337.08 | | | | \$ 337.08 | | | | |
| 3/5/2022 | | Grow Locals - seedlings | \$ 1,500.00 | | | | \$ 1,500.00 | | | | |
| 11/5/2022 | | Reimbursement - transport expense | \$ 86.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 86.00 |
| 29/6/2022 | | Mower repair | \$ 462.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 462.00 |
| 29/6/2022 | | Insurance(2022-2023) - Landcare Inc Vic | \$ 560.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 560.00 |
| | | Total Deductions | \$ 8,826.39 | \$ 72.96 | \$ 480.00 | \$ - | \$ 5,512.94 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,065.90 | \$ 2,760.49 |
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| Income | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15/7/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 20/7/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 60.00 | | | | \$ 60.00 | | | | |
| 20/7/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 60.00 | | | | \$ 60.00 | | | | |
| 20/7/2021 | | 3xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 90.00 | | | | \$ 90.00 | | | | |
| 20/7/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 60.00 | | | | \$ 60.00 | | | | |
| 22/7/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 60.00 | | | | \$ 60.00 | | | | |
| 28/7/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 29/7/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 30/7/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 2/8/2021 | | Donation - Linda Vale | \$ 200.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 200.00 |
| 2/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 2/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 2/8/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2021 | \$ 30.00 | | | | \$ 30.00 | | | | |
| 3/8/2021 | | 4xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 120.00 | | | | \$ 120.00 | | | | |
| 3/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 3/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 3/8/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2021 | \$ 30.00 | | | | \$ 30.00 | | | | |
| 9/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 9/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 13/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 17/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 25/8/2021 | | 2xMembership 2021-2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 40.00 |
| 27/8/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 60.00 | | | | \$ 60.00 | | | | |
| 27/8/2021 | | 6xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 240.00 | | | | \$ 240.00 | | | | |
| 27/8/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 27/8/2021 | | 2xMembership 2021-2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 40.00 |
| 30/8/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 60.00 | | | | \$ 60.00 | | | | |
| 6/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2021 | \$ 60.00 | | | | \$ 60.00 | | | | |
| 8/9/2021 | | MRSC Master Plan Grant | \$ 12,000.00 | | | | | \$ 12,000.00 | | | |
| 13/9/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 13/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 13/9/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 13/9/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 14/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 14/9/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 14/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 14/9/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 15/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 15/9/2021 | | 6xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 240.00 | | | | \$ 240.00 | | | | |
| 15/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 16/9/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 17/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 4xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 160.00 | | | | \$ 160.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 120.00 | | | | \$ 120.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | Membership 2021-2022 | \$ 20.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 20.00 |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 3xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 140.00 | | | | \$ 140.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 5xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 200.00 | | | | \$ 200.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
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| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 1xHabitat box 2022 | \$ 40.00 | | | | \$ 40.00 | | | | |
| 20/9/2021 | | 2xHabitat Box 2022 | \$ 80.00 | | | | \$ 80.00 | | | | |
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SLATEY CREEK BLACK GUM RESERVE

Slatey Creek Black gum Reserve has been actively managed for another successful year by local residents doing regular smaller tasks and members of Woodend Landcare helping out at our annual working bee last Autumn.

Tasks performed by residents on a semi regular basis have included picking up rubbish which is mainly along the Ashbourne Road roadside, weed control of flowering gorse and broom, weed control of angled onion, for get me not, thistles, ivy etc.

At the annual working bee there was enough volunteer helpers to clear two thirds of the reserve of emerging weeds with blackberry and gorse the most common problems. Also quite a few piles of storm debris from the June 2021 storm were burnt off. Having Woodend Landcare help out once per year is a huge help in managing the reserve.

With the third wet year in a row the weeds keep on coming so look out for details of the next annual Sunday working bee at the site on the corner of Ashbourne and Donalds Roads in Autumn 2023. Despite

recent flooding the area is looking magnificent at present compared to some of the dry years in the past when it was a struggle to get new plants established.



In February 2023 it will be twenty years since a grooming machine arrived because of fire risk issues highlighted by the then still ongoing 2002/2003 widespread bushfires. The machine removed most of the up to three metre high under storey of mainly gorse and blackberry that covered two thirds of the site. Neighbours Wendy Duncan and David Gossip who were then unknown to each other stood looking at the result and decided at that point to take on the ongoing maintenance. This started with consulting Macedon Ranges Shire Council, a Clean Up Australia event onsite, a series of local resident working bees, a North Central Catchment Management Authority grant for a major replanting, further smaller re plantings and within a year or two joining in with Woodend Landcare. Nowadays the site is unrecognisable with numerous plants added, ongoing weed control and encouragement of natural regeneration. It is a great example of what can be achieved over time with a dedicated group of volunteers with support from the land managers when required.

Submitted by David Gossip.

THURSDAY CREW

This year was one of frustration due to the continued rainfall that normally fell on a Thursday morning. However, when the weather was fine, the crew cleaned up the usual spots around Lake Earnshaw, the St Ambrose School plantings & Mother's Day plantings.

Plants Lane received a much needed attack on the gorse, as did Ella's Way. We also planted some natives along Ella's Way to add some variety to the local flora.

Another new area, we tackled with reluctance was the Golf Club plantation adjacent to the third hole (affectionately known as Jurassic Park). We successfully removed ivy from around fifteen trees. Hopefully this will prevent the further spread of ivy, which seems to be a biggest nemesis along Five Mile Creek.

Special thanks to all our crew, Anthea, Bob, Danny, Howard, Joe & Jan, Ken, Melanie & both Paul's for their continued efforts, sometimes under very trying circumstances.

Dave Bower



MACEDON RANGES INDIAN MYNA ACTION GROUP (MRIMAG)

There was quite a bit of interest and new memberships as a result of an article Kate Daniel submitted to the *Midland Express* in September 2021. I received over 50 calls from across the state, with more trappers joining in Lancefield, Macedon, Riddell, Gisborne and Tylden. Word of mouth alone seems to keep trapper numbers steady in Woodend, with 100 properties with a trap over the past eight years. During this period, the trapping hot spot has been Gisborne, with over 50 active trappers and 190 mynas caught in one month alone. There has also been huge interest from around Castlemaine and Harcourt. I hope I may be able to help those neighbouring council areas to get similar trapping groups up and running like I did in Bendigo.

Figures for Macedon, Gisborne, Lancefield, Riddell, Romsey and Woodend were 763 for 2021. Kyneton is regrouping under a new coordinator and we wish them good luck.

I've had silvereyes and yellow faced honeyeaters in my garden as they migrate north, as well as two visiting spotted pardalotes enjoying my 'no myna' neighbourhood. Thanks to all our trappers your continued involvement in helping our native birds.

Ron Fink
November 2022