2025–2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Woodend Landcare Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025-2026

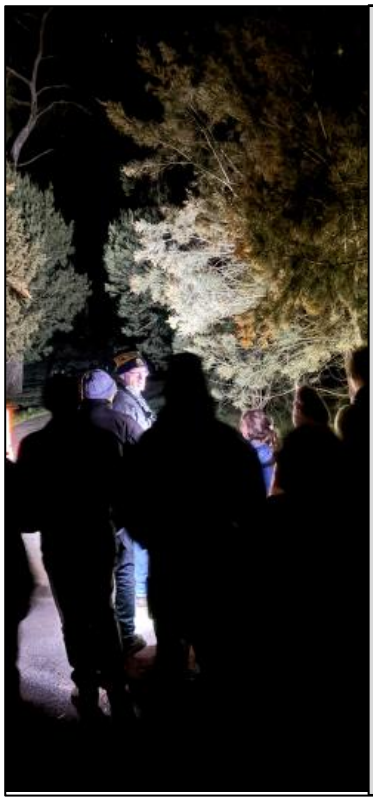
10:00 AM Sunday 25th October 2026

Agenda

1. 10:00 AM AGM:
   - Welcome – Nicole Middleton
   - Apologies:
   - Minutes of previous AGM 2024-2025
   - President's report – Nicole Middleton
   - Treasurer's report – Jessica Parker
   - Other reports: Slatey Creek, Thursday Crew, MRIMAG
   - Election of Committee Members
   - Setting of membership fees and committee numbers.
   - Meeting close

2. 10:45 AM Refreshments

3. 11.15 AM Presentation: John Harris – Wildlife Experience



Spotlighting community event conducted by John Harris 16/4/2026. Photo: N. Middleton

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N. Middleton Black Gum Biolink working bee planting and mulch spreading

Minutes of the Woodend Landcare Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024-25

1. The AGM was called to order at 10:00 AM on Sunday 10th August, 2025 at the Woodend Neighbourhood House.

2. President's Welcome

The president, Peter Yates, acknowledged the traditional owners and welcomed all to the meeting.

3. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Jennifer Anderson, Doug Dalgleish, Kate Daniel, Mel Ball, Heidi Fisher, Sarah Frankland, Mark Horner, Nicole Middleton, Jessica Parker,; Peter Yates, Michael O'Connor, George Roberts, Michael Sutton, Michael Clarke, Michael Berechree, Robert Bruhn, Stan Wawrzyczek.

4. Apologies

David Gossip

5. Approval of minutes from 2024 AGM

The Minutes from the 11th August 2024 AGM were presented in the Annual Report. The Minutes were accepted as written (moved P Yates; seconded N Middleton).

6. President's Report

The president, Peter Yates, noted highlights from the President's Report 2024-2025, as recorded in the circulated Annual Report. These included the and the President thanked the members who contributed a great amount of work to all our endeavours.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Annual Treasurer's Report, as circulated in the Annual Report was presented by the treasurer, Nicole Middleton. Of particular note was the EOFY position of $19.604.22 available funds, and the donations and bequests received. (Acceptance of Treasurers Report was moved N Middleton; seconded S. Frankland).

8. Election of Committee Members – Kate Daniel

The current committee stood down and Kate Daniel took the floor as public officer. All committee positions were declared vacant.

Nominations were received for following positions:

- Nicole Middleton - President
- Peter Yates - Vice-President
- Jessica Parker - Treasurer
- Anthea Ryall – Secretary (compliance)
- David Bower - General Committee
- David Gossip - General Committee
- Sarah Frankland - General Committee
- Mark Horner - General Committee
- Michael Sutton - General Committee.

All elected and appointed unopposed.

9. Membership Fees

It was decided to retain the $20 per family/household membership fee (moved N. Middleton; seconded J. Parker).

Meeting closed the AGM at 10:45 AM.

Sarah Frankland
Secretary (Meetings)
10th August 2025

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025–2026

Another productive year for Woodend Landcare. Our three biggest achievements this year include:

- Woodend Landcare's highest number of members ever - 52 families/households!
- Awarded a $20,000 Landcare Victoria grant to undertake a Fauna Discovery of Five Mile Creek.
- Featured in an article in Landcare Victoria's 40th Anniversary magazine - *Slow and steady story of change*.

None of this could have happened without our dedicated committee, our behind-the-scenes helpers, the volunteers who pull up their sleeves at weekly and monthly working bees and our financial supporters. THANK YOU everyone!

Committee

It's been just over 12 months since we undertook strategic planning and split the large Secretary role into 3 smaller task-based positions. We are yet to fill the Communications Secretary role, but otherwise all is going well.

A huge thank you to our committee (Peter Yates – Vice President, Jessica Parker – Treasurer, David Gossip – Operations Manager, Anthea Ryall – Compliance Secretary, Sarah Frankland – Minutes Secretary; Michael Sutton – Membership Secretary and Mark Horner – Equipment). Special mention to Vice President, Peter Yates, whose extensive local knowledge and availability, enables him to take the lead on many tasks and projects.

Much appreciation also to our wonderful team of behind-the-scenes helpers (Kate Daniel & Chris Holmes – catering, Dave Bower – Thur Crew coordinator, Heidi Fisher – working bee flyer production and posting, Krista Patterson-Majoor – social media). Without these 13 people, Woodend Landcare simply could not function.

Membership (Michael Sutton - Memberships Secretary)

Sincere thanks to our members for their on-going support. Membership fees are important to help cover administrative expenses such as insurance. High membership numbers are also looked on favourably when we apply for grants.

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2025-2026
Total number of member households/families (members and life members)	37	42	41	41	52

Currently four Life Members - Kate Daniel, Peter Yates, John Newell and Doug Dalgleish.

Highlights:

- Highest ever memberships – 52 households/families (as of 13/10/2026 we have 55 membership families!)
- Eleven new members 2025-2026
- Nearly all Sunday working bees had at least one non-member attend
- Approx 50% non-members who attended working bees subsequently signed up as members
- Many new members are younger and at some working bees >50% of attendees are under 60 years of age – bucking the trend of most landcare groups and providing encouragement for a strong future.

Communications (position vacant)

Social media - Krista Patterson-Majoor
Print media - Peter Yates & Nicole Middleton

Website/blog woodendlandcare.org	• Views: 4,605 views (up 5%) • Visitors: 2,823 (up 16%) • Subscribers: 276 • Number of posts: 18
Facebook	• Number of followers: 667 • Total views: 11,999 • Engagement (likes/comments/shares): 225 (down 22%)
Print media	• Woodend Star: 11 articles, one each month • Star Weekly: 1 (20260415 *The secret life of Five Mile Creek* about Fauna Discovery Project) • Midland Express: 1 (20260505 *A major myna problem* callout for MRIMAG trappers) • Landcare Magazine: 1 (Winter 2026 *Slow and steady story of change* in Landcare Victoria magazine 40th anniversary edition)
Other	• NCCMA Chat Dec 2025 – Woodend Landcare's fauna discovery project.

Compliance (Anthea Ryall - Compliance Secretary)

Bureaucracy and compliance requirements are an ever-growing workload.

- Annual requirements completed during 2025-2026: ACNC report (includes ATO & CAV), Landcare Vic, UCLN health check, MRSC permit and V/Line permit.
- Ongoing requirements completed: WWCC, ACUP, grant application and acquittals.

Activities

While approximately 50% of the time commitment provided by volunteers involved behind-the-scenes administration, much of the on-ground work was undertaken by the fabulous Thursday Crew, who are out most weeks, weed-busting around town.

Summary – Time commitment of Woodend Landcare volunteers

Activity	Hours
On-ground (working bees)	~1180
Admin, learning, training, comms, meetings, etc	~1430
Total	~2610

During 2025-2026 a total of 71 individuals attended Woodend Landcare run activities.



Planting at Black Gum Biolink working bee 26/4/2026. Photo: N. Middleton

Summary – Events/Activities

Event Type	Number of events	Examples
Working bees	~48	Sunday (8)and Thur Crew (~40)
Community events	4	• Planting day and evening with Woodend Scouts • Black gum Q&A and gorse control (arranged by TSC) • Fauna Discovery Project spotlighting event • Clean up Australia
Providing guided tours/educational tours	13	Braemar College University of Melbourne, Victoria University MRSC, NCCMA, Sth Ecosystems, etc
Attended training/events conducted by others	15	ACUP, first aid, webinars, MRIMAG at Kyneton Show, Youth for Climate planting
Meetings (in person, inline and phone)	~50+	Committee meetings, UCLN, MRSC, NCCMA, TSC, etc



- **Community Feedback** - Woodend Landcare provided comments on development and subdivision proposals across the Shire as well as feedback on the following Macedon Ranges Shire Council strategic documents:
  - Biodiversity Strategy
  - Woodend Racecourse Precinct Master Plan
  - Open Space Strategy Plan
  - Domestic Animal Management Plan
- **Signage** - To inform the public of site-specific information, Woodend Landcare produced and put up signage about the presence of wallabies along Five Mile Creek and significant flora (restricted mowing) along Quarry Road. These signs have generally been well received with little vandalism.

Projects

Other than continuing to work on weed control and revegetation along Five Mile Creek (Gregory St to Romsey Rd), Quarry Road Rail Reserve and Slatey Creek Black Gum Reserve, additional projects in 2025-2026 included:

- **Black Gum Biolink**

Between 2023-May 2026, over 2618 indigenous seedlings have been planted during 6 planting events for the Black Gum Biolink Project. This project was conducted in collaboration with Woodend Scouts and Macedon Ranges Shire Council with the main aim of replacing mown grass with a biodiverse understorey of indigenous plants surrounding the mature Black Gums between the Woodend Tennis Club and Jeffrtey's St. Further funding is required to undertake in-fill planting and produce an information sign.

- **Black Gum Strategic Framework**

During 2025, Woodend Landcare worked with Threatened Species Conservancy (TSC) and other collaborators on a strategic framework for the conservation of Black Gum. TSC distributed Black Gum seedlings to private landowners, arranged a planting on private property and a Black Gum Q&A and Gorse Control community forum in which Woodend Landcare participated.

- **Fauna Discovery Project**

Sightings of platypus, rakali and wallabies along Five Mile Creek within the township prompted application for a $20,000 Landcare Victorian Grant. During 2026, fauna ecologist John Harris (Wildlife & Ecology) has undertaken numerous surveys discovering what mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, frogs, bats and macroinvertebrates live and visit Woodend's Five Mile Creek Reserve. As part of this project, four educational community events have been held throughout 2026. Results of this project will be available in February 2027.

13/10/2026
Nicole Middleton
President, Woodend Landcare

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2025-2026

Financial Position

Woodend Landcare remains in a healthy financial position, with net funds available of $21,663.70 at 30 June 2026, an increase of $2,059.48 on the previous year.

Income increased to $23,512.07, largely due to a $20,000 grant for the Fauna Discovery Project, while expenditure decreased to $6,480.99. This resulted in an annual surplus of $17,031.08, reflecting the timing of grant income and project expenditure, with a significant portion of the funded project activities still to be completed in the coming financial year.

We are grateful to our grant providers, donors and members for their ongoing support, which enables Woodend Landcare to continue delivering valuable environmental work in our local community.

Balance Sheet Summary

	2024-2025	**2025-2026**
1. Total funds held		
Total opening balance (1 July)	**$24,653.90**	**$23,759.52**
Income	$13,995.46	$23,512.07
Expenses	$14,889.84	$6,480.99
Total Closing Balance (30 June)	**$23,759.52**	**$40,790.60**
2. Committed funds (30 June)		
Total Committed Funds	**$4,155.30**	**$19,126.90**
3. Net funds available (30 June)	**$19,604.22**	**$21,663.70***
Cash available (Net funds minus Term deposit)	$9,131.14	$10,693.69

Net funds available YoY 2020-2026

30/6/2020	30/6/2021	30/6/2022	30/6/2023	30/6/2024	30/6/2025	30/6/2026
$6,431.71	$5,577.21	$4,891.75	$5,632.57	$18,148.31	$19,604.22	**$21,663.70***

* Net funds available includes $10,970.01 held in a term deposit from the Jo Clancy bequest, reserved for a future project and not immediately accessible.

Committed Funds

At 30 June 2026, $19,126.90 in grant funding was committed to specific projects and operational purposes. This includes $17,700.32 for the Fauna Discovery Project, $479.58 for the MRIMAG Indian Myna control project, and $947.00 remaining from the 2025–26 MRSC Support Grant, which contributes to insurance and other operating costs.

The Fauna Discovery Project funding will support further survey activities and eDNA analysis in the coming financial year. These committed funds are carried forward to support the delivery of their intended activities and are not available for general expenditure.

In addition, $10,970.01 from the Jo Clancy bequest is held in a term deposit and reserved for a future project. While included in net funds available for accounting purposes, these funds are not immediately accessible, with the term deposit maturing in August 2027.

Cash Flow Summary

For further details, see the cash flow spreadsheet at the end of this report.

	2024-25	2025-26
Income		
MRSC Black Gum BioLink	$5,000.00	$ -
Support (MRSC, MRSC for MRIMAG & DEECA)	$2,100.00	$1,000.00
MRSC Weed partnership	$1,500.00	$ -
Landcare Victoria/NCCMA Fauna Discovery Project	$ -	$20,000.00
Grants Total	$8,600.00	$21,000.00
Donations		
Individual Member Donations	$2,308.22	$245.08
IGA Community Donation	$-	$70.33
Container Deposit Scheme	$-	$26.90
Woodend Rotary	$750.00	$-
Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG)	$400.00	$500.00
Donations Total	$3,458.22	$842.31
Memberships	$1,280.00	$980.00
Interest	$657.24	$689.76
Income Total	**$13,995.46**	**$23,512.07**
Expenses		
Projects	$8,301.63	$2,895.75
Operating Expenses	$2,219.79	$1,353.45
Environment & Weed Control	$4,368.42	$2,231.79
Expenses Total	**$14,889.84**	**$6,480.99**
Net surplus/deficit	**($894.38)**	**$17,031.08**

Major income (>$250)

Item	Total received
Landcare Victoria/NCCMA Grant (Fauna Discovery Project)	$20,000.00
MRSC Support Grant	$1,000.00
Donation - MRSG	$500.00
Term Deposit Interest	$496.93

Major expenses (>$250)

Item	Total paid
Landcare Victoria/NCCMA Fauna Discovery Project This expense represents the work completed this FY for the Fauna Discovery Project. Activities include the hire and installation of cameras and review of footage, bird	$2,895.75

survey, community presentation and spotlighting event on 18 April, in addition to vehicle hire and travel. The remainder of the activity is expected to be conducted and invoiced in FY26/27.	
Weed control Contractors were engaged for weed management (spray of mulched revegetation beds) at the Black Gum Biolink planting site. Cost includes labour and herbicide.	$1,200.00
Insurance Annual insurance premium paid to Landcare Victoria.	$830.00
Quarry Rd Signs At the end of 2025, Woodend Landcare invested in 20 aluminium signs to be placed along Quarry Road walking path to inform residents and visitors of the presence of significant native vegetation and to inform VicTrack workers and local mowers to minimise mowing in the vicinity.	$462.00
Stakes & Guards To increase the success of plantings Woodend Landcare purchased a bulk order of bamboo stakes and biodegradable mesh guards. These are being used in various planting activities around Five Mile Creek.	$286.39

Grants and Projects

Two grants were received in 2025–26: the MRSC Support Grant and the Landcare Vic/NCCMA Fauna Discovery Project grant. Total grant income increased to $21,000, primarily reflecting the new fauna survey project.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	**2025-26**
Total grant income	$2,300.00	$29,600.00	$3,165.50	$11,536.00	$8,600.00	**$21,000.00**

Donations and Bequests

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	**2025-26**
Donations	$1,060.00	$2,120.23	$3,458.22	$842.31
Bequests	$-	$10,009.30	$-	$-
Total Donations & Bequests	**$1,060.00**	**$12,129.53**	**$3,458.22**	**$842.31**

Bequests

From the Jo Clancy bequest of $10,009.30, $10,000 was placed in a term deposit with Bendigo Bank. Term deposit interest is reinvested.

	1/7/2024	**1/7/2025**	**1/7/2026**
Jo Clancy Bequest Term Deposit	$10,000.00	$10,473.08	$10,970.01

The term deposit matured on 9 August 2025, adding $496.93 in interest to the fund. On 21 July 2025, the Woodend Landcare Committee had agreed to roll over the deposit for a further 12 months at 3.60%, with maturity on 9 August 2026.

On 9 August 2026, the deposit matured, adding a further $394.92 in interest. On 3 August 2026, the Committee agreed to roll over the deposit for another 12 months at 5.00%, with the next maturity in August 2027.

Donations

Six individual member financial donations were received, totaling $245.08. While total donations were lower than last year, when several larger individual contributions were received, we have established additional community fundraising streams through the IGA Community Chest and VISY container deposit schemes.

We thank individual members of the community who kindly donated funds and the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) for its generous $500 donation from the Community Bags initiative, which have been earmarked towards our eDNA survey. The IGA Community Chest program contributed $70.33 this year, with regular monthly donations now being received, while the VISY container deposit scheme contributed $26.90, with ongoing contributions expected.

We are grateful to everyone who supports Woodend Landcare financially. A special thank you also goes to Chris Holmes and Kate Daniel for regularly catering our working bees and keeping our volunteers well fed and happy to return each month.

Interest

	2024-25	**2025-26**
Transaction Account	$164.28	$192.83
Term Deposit	$473.08	$496.93
Total Interest	$657.24	$689.76

Regulatory Reporting

As Woodend Landcare is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), we submitted our financial statement at the end of 2025. We will need to submit the corresponding report for the 2025–26 financial year toward the end of 2026/early 2027. The ACNC shares relevant information with Consumer Affairs Victoria and the Australian Taxation Office.

Jessica Parker
Treasurer
9 October 2026



N. Middleton. Black Gum Biolink revegetation Jeffrey's St (*Wahlenbergia & Poa*

INCOME STATEMENT 30/6/2025 - 1/7/2026

Woodend Landcare Inc.

ABN 22 805 605 523. Incorporated registration A0059765X			Bank Balance	Committed Funds								Operating	Net Funds
				MRIMAG	MRSC Support Grant MRIMAG 24-25	NCCMA (Fauna Survey)	MRSC Support Grant 2024-2025	MRSC Support Grant 2025-2026	MRSC Weed Grant 2024-2025	BioLink Grant2 2023-2024	Total	Budget	Available
1/7/2025		**Opening Balances**	**$ 23,759.52**	**$ 479.58**	**$ 800.00**	**$ -**	**$ 85.26**	**$ -**	**$ (1,511.43)**	**$ 1,279.03**	**$ 1,132.44**	**$ 22,627.08**	**$ 12,154.00**
INCOME													
Date		Transaction	Amount										
1/7/2025		Interest	$ 9.69								$ -	$ 9.69	
4/7/2025		Membership - Ralf Thesing	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
11/7/2025		Membership - Ron Fink	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
23/7/1905		Donation-Landcare Fund (Lulu Cockram)	$ 47.91								$ -	$ 47.91	
29/7/2025		Membership- P.Newman	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
30/7/2025		Membership-Catherine Stone	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
30/7/2025		Membership-Tarni James & Clive Warner	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
30/7/2025		Membership-Jessica Parker	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
1/8/2025		Membership-Krista Patterson-Majoor	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
1/8/2025		Interest	$ 9.99								$ -	$ 9.99	
7/8/2025		Membership-Mel Bull	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
8/8/2025		Membership-Rose Perich	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
9/8/2025		Term deposit interest	$ 496.93								$ -	$ 496.93	
10/8/2025		Membership-Michael Clarke	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
12/8/2025		Transfer from WL Westpac to Bbank $120									$ -	$ 120.00	
1/9/2025		Interest	$ 9.02								$ -	$ 9.02	
2/9/2025		Donation-IGA	$ 11.43								$ -	$ 11.43	
7/9/2025		Membership-Misba Jumana	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
17/9/2025		Donation-MRSG Community bags	$ 500.00			$ 500.00					$ 500.00		
30/9/2025		Acquitt Support grant transfer from Op Budget					$ 160.28				$ 160.28		
30/9/2025		Acquitt Weed grant transfer from Op Budget							$ 1,511.43		$ 1,511.43		
30/9/2025		Acquitt BioLink grant transfer from Op Budget								$ 0.97	$ 0.97		
1/10/2025		Interest	$ 6.70								$ -	$ 6.70	
27/10/2025		Donation - Krista - Wordpress	$ 31.10								$ -	$ 31.10	
30/10/2025		NCCMA Grant (Fauna Survey)	$ 20,000.00			$ 20,000.00					$ 20,000.00		
1/11/2025		Interest	$ 7.18								$ -	$ 7.18	
24/11/2025		Membership - Grace Elazary	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
24/11/2025		Donation - Grace Elazary	$ 30.00								$ -	$ 30.00	
28/11/2025		VISY Can Deposit Scheme	$ 5.50								$ -	$ 5.50	
1/12/2025		Interest	$ 16.91								$ -	$ 16.91	
28/12/2025		VISY can deposits scheme	$ 1.90								$ -	$ 1.90	
1/1/2026		Interest	$ 17.40								$ -	$ 17.40	
25/1/2026		VISY can deposits scheme	$ 2.40								$ -	$ 2.40	
1/2/2026		Interest	$ 17.30								$ -	$ 17.30	
11/2/2026		Membership - Shane Le Fevre	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
1/3/2026		Interest	$ 18.22								$ -	$ 18.22	
1/3/2026		Family Membership - Lauren Smith & Michael Bourke	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
11/3/2026		IGA Donation	$ 10.73								$ -	$ 10.73	
15/3/2026		VISY can deposits scheme	$ 1.50								$ -	$ 1.50	
31/3/2026		Donation for Fauna Survey - Annabelle Smith	$ 96.07			$ 96.07					$ 96.07		
1/4/2026		Interest	$ 23.59								$ -	$ 23.59	
1/4/2026		IGA Donation	$ 11.19								$ -	$ 11.19	
28/4/2026		Membership - Suzanne Jordan	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
29/4/2026		IGA Donation	$ 10.17								$ -	$ 10.17	
1/5/2026		Interest	$ 26.97								$ -	$ 26.97	
13/5/2026		Membership - Bart Spence	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
16/5/2026		Membership - Rachel Hook	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
19/5/2026		Membership - Stirling DA	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
31/5/2026		VISY can deposit scheme	$ 15.60								$ -	$ 15.60	
1/6/2026		Interest	$ 29.86								$ -	$ 29.86	
2/6/2026		IGA Donation	$ 16.22								$ -	$ 16.22	
3/6/2026		Membership - James O'brien	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
4/6/2026		Membership - Michael Sutton	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
4/6/2026		Membership - Nicole Middleton	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
4/6/2026		Membership - Carl Bicknell	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
4/6/2026		Membership - Michael Clarke	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
4/6/2026		Membership - Jessica Parker	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
5/6/2026		Membership - Peter Wilson	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
6/6/2026		Membership - David Bower	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
6/6/2026		Membership - Katherine Scott	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
6/6/2026		Membership - Janette Petre	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
10/6/2026		Grant - MRSC Support Grant	$ 1,000.00					$ 1,000.00			$ 1,000.00		
11/6/2026		Membership - Dirk Hagen	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
11/6/2026		Membership - D & DM Green	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
11/6/2026		Donation - D & DM Green	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
13/6/2026		Membership - Annabel Smith	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
14/6/2026		Membership - Anne Wright + Family	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
15/6/2026		Membership - Rose Perich	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
18/6/2026		Membership - Debra Gamble	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
24/6/2026		Membership - L Cockram	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
24/6/2026		Membership - Heidi Fisher	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Christine Fink	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Carl Daamen	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Raymond Lodder	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Anthea Ryall	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Krista Patterson-Majoor	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Jen Anderson + Mark Horner	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Rosemary Wilkinson	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
25/6/2026		Membership - Paul Newman	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
27/6/2026		Membership - David Gossip	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
27/6/2026		Membership - Chris Holmes	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
28/6/2026		Membership - Linda Vale	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
29/6/2026		Membership - Misba Jumana + Faseeh Rahman	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
29/6/2026		Donation - Misba Jumana + Faseeh Rahman	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
30/6/2026		Membership - Catherine More	$ 20.00								$ -	$ 20.00	
30/6/2026		IGA Donation	$ 10.59								$ -	$ 10.59	
		Total Income	**$ 23,512.07**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 20,596.07**	**$ 160.28**	**$ 1,000.00**	**$ 1,511.43**	**$ 0.97**	**$ 23,268.75**	**$ 2,036.00**	

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 30/6/2025 - 1/7/2026

			Bank Balance		Committed Funds										
EXPENSES					MRIMAG	MRSC Support Grant MRIMAG 24-25	NCCMA (Fauna Survey)	MRSC Support Grant 2024-2025	MRSC Support Grant 2025-2026	MRSC Weed Grant 2024-2025	BioLink Grant2 2023-2024	Total		**Operating Budget**	**Net Funds Available**
Date		Transaction	Amount												
1/7/2025	**INV-10323**	Insurance-Landcare Vic	$ 830.00			$ 800.00		$ 30.00				$ 830.00			
25/7/2025		Heidi Fisher First aid training	$ 144.84					$ 144.84				$ 144.84			
1/8/2025		Cheque fee	$ 0.70					$ 0.70				$ 0.70			
13/8/2025		WNH room hire AGM	$ 70.00					$ 70.00				$ 70.00			
13/8/2025		Reimburse N.Middleton-AGM gift	$ 35.00									$ -		$ 35.00	
13/8/2025		Reimburse PYates-AGM gift	$ 17.99									$ -		$ 17.99	
8/9/2025		5th Ecosystems-weed control	$ 1,200.00								$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00			
23/9/2025		Grow Locals-seedlings	$ 80.00								$ 80.00	$ 80.00			
30/9/2025		Acquitt Support grant transfer from Op Budget										$ -			
30/9/2025		Acquitt Weed grant transfer from Op Budget										$ -			
30/9/2025		Acquitt BioLink grant transfer from Op Budget										$ -			
26/10/2025	**INV-2926**	Invoice - Sign Obsession - Fleece Jacket x 1	$ 59.95									$ -		$ 59.95	
26/10/2025	**INV-2897**	Reimburse (JP) PPE - Sign Obsession - High Vis	$ 15.26									$ -		$ 15.26	
27/10/2025		Reimburse (Krista) - Wordpress	$ 31.10									$ -		$ 31.10	
27/11/2025		Reimburse (PY) - WhipperSnipper Fuel	$ 17.43									$ -		$ 17.43	
27/11/2025		VicRoads - Tool Trailer Registration	$ 68.66									$ -		$ 68.66	
15/12/2025		Reimburse - NM - Potting Mix	$ 10.98									$ -		$ 10.98	
15/12/2025		Reimburse - PY - Stakes	$ 40.34									$ -		$ 40.34	
28/12/2025	**INVGG32216**	INV - Global Green Env - Stakes & Guards	$ 286.39									$ -		$ 286.39	
10/2/2026	**INV 0011763**	MR Signs - Quarry Rd Signs	$ 462.00									$ -		$ 462.00	
27/2/2026		Reimbursement PY paint & dye	$ 38.48									$ -		$ 38.48	
5/3/2026		Reimbursement DG Marking Tape	$ 9.80									$ -		$ 9.80	
13/3/2026		Reimbursement JP - WL PO Box	$ 53.00						$ 53.00			$ 53.00			
22/3/2026		Reimbursement NM - flowers Doug	$ 26.95									$ -		$ 26.95	
2/5/2026		Reimbursement DG Weed killer	$ 21.37									$ -		$ 21.37	
25/5/2026	**INV-1652**	Wildlife & Ecology - Fauna survey - first invoice	$ 2,895.75				$ 2,895.75					$ 2,895.75			
9/6/2026		Reimbursement - Peter Yates - Plants	$ 65.00									$ -		$ 65.00	
												$ -			
												$ -			
												$ -			
		Total Expenses	**$ 6,480.99**		**$ -**	**$ 800.00**	**$ 2,895.75**	**$ 245.54**	**$ 53.00**	**$ -**	**$ 1,280.00**	**$ 5,274.29**		**$ 1,206.70**	
30/6/2026		**Total Remaining**	**$ 40,790.60**		**$ 479.58**	**$ -**	**$ 17,700.32**	**$ -**	**$ 947.00**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ -**	**$ 19,126.90**		**$ 21,663.70**	**$ 10,693.69**

Black Gum Biolink working bee 26 April 2026

Photographs by Nicole Middleton









SLATEY CREEK BLACK GUM RESERVE REPORT 2025-2026

The main tasks/events in 2025/2026 were as follows:

Spring 2025. 25 Blackgums planted into sites previously not planted. (along Blackwattle Lane, east of gravel service road, west of Ashbourne Road). Over summer supplementary watering was required on 3 occasions and at present all are growing well despite some evidence of kangaroo grazing on some.

Summer 2025/2026. Thistles chipped off before flowering and seeding. Rubbish pickup when required mainly along Ashbourne Road.



N. Middleton Black Gum (*E.aggregata*) Five Mile Creek, Woodend

April 2026. 7 attendees at annual working bee. Some great work done removing woody weeds and ivy along Blackwattle Lane and west of Ashbourne Road.

May 2026. Successful spraying of remaining blackberries throughout the reserve as a follow up to the annual working bee.

As I write this report the whole reserve is looking great after what has been a very wet period of weather over the winter with high water levels in the creek on numerous occasions.

Submitted by David Gossip 7/9/2026
Operations Manager

SUNDAY WORKING BEES REPORT

First thing I would like to thank Heidi who has produced the flyers for every working bee and then distributed them around the various notice boards around town and placed them at the actual work sites. The standard format of each flyer with a few tweaks for each bee means all the right information is getting out there every time and it makes the working bee organisers job a lot easier. This system of promotion is definitely increasing attendances.

Secondly our main caterers, Chris and Kate, continue to provide the very popular morning teas which keep attendees coming back for more.

Of the 9 planned Sunday bees 8 went ahead with one cancelled due to rain. 7 were along various sites along Five Mile Creek with 1 at Slatey Creek. 2 of the bees were planting days at the Biolink site. An average of 15 persons attended working bees with the lowest attendance being 7 and 2 bees with 24 turning up. These are great numbers and lots of valuable work is being done.

The majority of the work at the Sunday bees is removal of woody weeds with an increasing focus on cutting ivy off trees and ground removal of smaller ivy patches. We still rely heavily on contractor spraying of larger weed infestations. We are winning when it comes to some weeds such as willow, blackberries, broom and hawthorn but unfortunately English ivy is causing us major problems now but plans are being made to address this. A consistent approach will be required into the future to keep the woody weeds and ivy in check.

The updated risk assessment and attendance sheet has been in operation all year and has been working well. It is important attendees make a point of making themselves familiar with the possible risks as not everything can be covered in briefings before each bee. I have also been pre marking a selection of weeds for removal before each bee and this has been assisting with education and getting attendees started in the right locations.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted throughout the year.

Submitted by David Gossip 7/9/2026
Operations Manager

THURSDAY CREW REPORT 2025-2026

Another year has passed & the efforts of the Crew are evident if one looks under the trees.

Most of our activities involved the cutting and painting of woody weeds & invasive exotic plants that have escaped gardens or being dispersed via bird droppings. These include holly, viburnum, hawthorn, gorse, broom, pittosporum, stinking iris, privet & blackberry among others.

Areas of our work included Quarry Road, along Five Mile Creek from Jo's bridge to Jefferys St , the Woodend to Riddells Creek path from Templeton St to Plants Lane. Lake Earnshaw environment was also part of our activities, where we are still working, after clearing blackberries from the old netball courts, hemlock has taken over, much to our disdain.

We also were involved in the watering of the plantings in the black gum biolink area during last summer's dry spell, & also distributed mulch that the council generously supplied.

Planting of seedlings was also undertaken at the biolink site, & weeding in that area was done as well.

New plant guards were fitted to black gum seedlings to deter our hopping friends from destroying them near the dam at the Eastern end of the rotary track around the old racecourse.

Special mention to Paul & Ken for maintaining the track in the Quarry Road Vic Track area.

Also a big thank you to our regulars, Anthea, Danny, Joe & Jan, Ken, Mark, Melanie, Pete, Rose & Steve, who all know what is required. A warm welcome to James, Joye, Sarah & Simone, hope you don't suffer from burn-out.

On a sad note, one of the Thursday Crews inaugural members passed away earlier this year. Bernie was formerly employed by Forests Victoria & his expertise was valued by the Crew, Deepest condolences to Heather & family.

During our weekly workouts, we observe our native birds, & the occasional lizard & various forms of fungi. Here is an earth star that eagle eyed Danny spotted at the Southern end of Wood St, certainly is different.



Earth Star fungus. Photo by: Danny Green

Finally, a special thanks to the Woodend Landcare Committee for all their assistance during the past year.

Submitted by Dave Bower
Thursday Crew Coordinator

MACEDON RANGES INDIAN MYNA ACTION GROUP (MRIMAG)

There are 6 trapping programs running across the shire. There are about 40 active trappers in Gisborne, 20 in Woodend, and 10-15 in Romsey, Lancefield, Macedon and Riddells Creek. A new coordinator started in Macedon this year.

Trapping results, bird numbers 2025/2026

- Gisborne 311
- Woodend 89
- Romsey 26
- Riddells Creek 39
- Lancefield 15
- Macedon - No Report

Submitted by Ron Rink
MRIMAG Coordinator



A major myna problem

Living in the Macedon Ranges, we are blessed with many native birds who call the natural environment, our farms and gardens "home".

Our native birds have to deal with various threats to their existence, such as roaming cats and foxes. But perhaps the biggest threat comes from the sky in the form of Indian mynas (also known as the "common myna"). This species of bird was introduced in 1862 from Southern Asia to control insects in Melbourne's market gardens. That idea didn't work, but the birds spread across Australia. Indian mynas are medium sized, with a brown body, black head, and yellow feet and beak. They are aggressive, and predate on native birds and small animals, actively taking over nesting hollows. In some places, they have effectively eradicated all native bird life. Conversely in some places, trapping programs have virtually eliminated the Indian myna birds.

Indian mynas are scavengers and will thrive in places where food scraps are available. Leftover pet food, chicken feed or lunch scraps are all attractive to them, so with a little effort, it is possible to reduce their food sources.

Across Australia, some Landcare groups and local councils have initiated successful control programs. Since 2013, there has been an Indian Myna eradication program in the Macedon Ranges, organised by Woodend Landcare member Ron Fink. There are trappers and coordinators in most Macedon Ranges towns, resulting in some areas being almost free of Indian mynas. However, there is an ongoing need for volunteers. At present, Kyneton has no trappers or town coordinator, so unfortunately the Myna population is set to grow again.

Traps are one-way walk-in cages. Trapped birds are kept in comfortable conditions and are humanely euthanised as soon as possible after trapping.

If you do see or hear Indian mynas on your property, becoming a trapper is a very worthwhile and beneficial contribution to the biodiversity in your area. Traps are available for free on a loan basis and training is provided.

If you think you can help MRIMAG (Macedon Ranges Indian Myna Action Group), please contact Ron Fink on 0407 661 129 or via email at woodendlandcare@gmail.com

For further information, please use the QR code.

Upcoming Working bees (9am Sundays):

- 1 March – Clean Up Australia event. Meet at Woodend Information Centre. BYO snacks and drink, gloves and appropriate clothing/shoes, and be sun smart.
- 22 March – Slatey Creek Black Gum Reserve, Ashbourne Rd.
- Thursday Crew 9am every Thursday at various sites when weather permits.

Photo: A myna (Credit pixabay contuser: wildpixel).

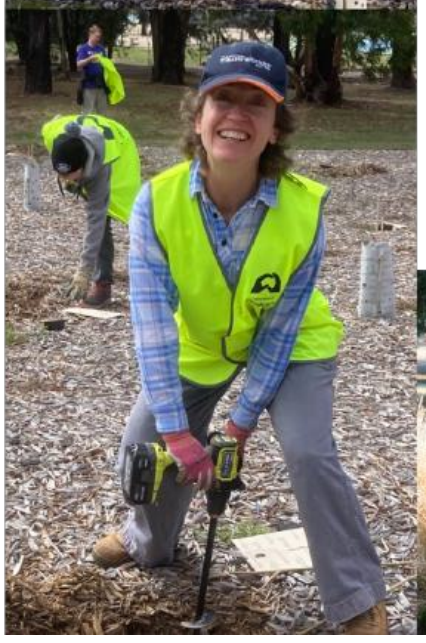
SUBMITTED BY PETER YATES

A major myna problem article in The New Woodend Star. March 2026









Woodend Landcare

Woodend Landcare is a community group of dedicated volunteers who have been caring for the environment around Woodend for over 30 years.

To find out more about our projects, upcoming activities that you can join in, and how to become a member, visit **woodendlandcare.org**









