

Nerrena Landcare Group Report for 2012/13

This Landcare Group has not been very active over the last year. Four meetings were proposed, but two were held, reflecting the busy lives of our members. At any given time it seems more than half of us are interstate or overseas. An upside is that this leads to very interesting conversations when we do meet!

Our annual general meeting and first ordinary meeting of the year was held at the Lyrebird Hill Winery on Sunday 29th July. We had a lovely time thanks to the hospitality of Owen and Robyn Schmidt. At the meeting Kevin Hughes was voted President and Jill Vella Secretary with Coral Hughes renominating and being voted in unanimously as Treasurer. A huge vote of thanks was taken for Sue Miles, our outgoing President. Sue had single handedly kept the group going for the last few years, and, as the incoming office bearers have discovered, this is no mean feat. Stuart and Veronica Greaves were again appointed group equipment officers.

Our next meeting was held on 3rd Wednesday of October where we developed our Koala project plan. Several properties that held excellent examples of remnant bush were indentified. The landholders of these were mainly not group members, so were approached by Coral to be part of the project and join Landcare. One of the projects were funded as part of the Koala project grants program, so some of Nerrena and Koonwarra's best bits of revegetation and remnants are even closer to being linked up. This is an exciting and positive outcome. Just shows that talking to people can have great results, even if they are not part of your group.

We were going to have a meeting at Mossvale Park, as two of our group members are on the committee. Unfortunately few were available on the day and the weather was not on our side. We gave up. It is something we are looking forward to doing when it is a little warmer.

Kevin Hughes President

Jill Vella Secretary

Coral Hughes Treasurer.