

Presidents Report 2022/23

Loch/Nyora LandCare Group (LNLG)

It has been just over a year since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) and also, just over a year since I was elected as president.

I believe the last year for the LNLG has been a steady as you go year with the committee consolidating past works and planning for the future.

But firstly, I must thank the committee for their support and help over the last 12 months. Of note I would like to thank Rosemary for an effective hand over of the role of president.

Also Gary Martin for keeping the books for the group, and lastly but not least, a special thanks to Dallas for his work as Secretary. Some may say, this is the most taxing role in any community group and Dallas did a great job.

In general, there were not a lot of activities carried out by the group, but the committee does have plans and has a good idea of where we are going.

Activities carried out over the year

- Planting day on the Rail Trail at the Jetho (supervised by the South Gippsland LandCare Network)
- Attendance at the Loch Village Garden Festival where we had a stall (thanks Rosemary).
- Attendance at the Loch Railway Station Art Cube Exhibit, (thanks again Rosemary).
- Carried out a public information session regarding the Alsop Creek project and general waterway grants through Melbourne Water.
- Completed a survey of all members regarding preferred group activities.
- Funding and installation of a public seat located at Loch and another ready to be installed at Nyora, (thanks again Rosemary).
- As president I have represented the group at several meetings and committees to ensure we stay in touch with other LandCare Groups and the South Gippsland LandCare Network.

The group has sufficient money in the bank to carry out more activities and there is also a significant amount set aside for work along the Allsop Creek at the Loch Memorial Reserve (as soon as Melbourne Water leaves the site).

The group has intentions to launch a website and carry out more information sessions for members and supporters.

And there has also been planting preparation works carried out at Hilda Falls for a planting activity before Christmas, (weather permitting).

The Loch/Nyora LandCare group is sound with cash in the bank and continues to experience good governance.

I believe 2023/24 will see the group carry out useful educational activities and productive work within the Loch/Nyora district, thereby promoting sustainable property management.

Malcolm Brown

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