

NEW SPRINGS LANDCARE GROUP

Ordinary Meeting 10 March 2026 at Charleston Hotel

AGENDA

1. MEETING OPEN 7.50pm

- Welcome and apologies
 - ATTENDANCE
 - Kym Gladigau (Chair)
 - Steve Perkins (deputy Chair)
 - Karen Ashford (Secretary)
 - Steve Wright (Treasurer)
 - Jenice Buchecker (committee)
 - Warren Coombes
 - Heidi Sowerby
 - Will Hannaford
 - Phil Eakins
 - Lisa Eakins
 - Anna Kakoschke
 - Rob Kakoschke
 - Dymphna Sprod
 - Kathy Szalay
 - APOLOGIES
 - Judith McCallum (committee)
 - Steve Buchecker
 - Hayden Schultz
 - Tammi Collins
 - Michelle Edwards
 - Paul Edwards
 - Karen Rief
 - Caroline Williamson
 - Sam Bye
 - Jo Carr
 - Neil Carr

CHAIR welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS

- Previous minutes of meeting held 13 January 2026 as circulated by email. Chair asks for a motion that they be accepted.
MOTION Moved: Steve Perkins, Seconded: Warren Coombes. Passed.

- General update from the Chair
 - Proposed tree planting.
 - Last year Chair Kym Gladigau received a Grassroots Grant for the Selth family property tree planting project, funding 60 tree guards.
 - Jasmine Selth advises they'd like to do tree planting day on Saturday 18 April.
 - Kym thought that as group hasn't done a tree planting project, perhaps it would like to.
 - Also, Alex and Kirsty Pomery are living in the old Selth property. They would be happy to do lunch for any of the group assisting with the planting.
 - Kym invited Will to speak on process.
 - Will says it's important to get the order for trees in. If they're flexible it would be good to do it later, as it's not the best time of year to plant because it's dry.
 - Kym says could bring the truck tanker to water them He has also sought advice on best tree supplies. The old New Springs group had some tree planting equipment which could be used.
 - Steve Perkins says he has a petrol knocker dropper.
 - Will says depending on species, planting usually requires a decent size bowl to be dug, and some recommend a crowbar to break soil. Petrol powered augers, and Hamilton planters risk a shiny surface impenetrable to roots – though Kym believes the site is pretty sandy. Warren says a jackhammer with shovel bit could be useful. Will suggests a recce, and Kym and Warren offer to check it out.
 - Will says if want widely spaced trees, perhaps put in droppers first as indicators. For 60 trees, a mix of sheoak, banksia, rough bark manna gum, blue gum, maybe some redgums. Kym says there's roughly \$500 available for plants.
 - Jasmine is anti-chemical – no glyphosate, so if there's a weed issue, use an organic treatment like slasher, or turn over the ground if there is a fair number of people there. It's fairly easy soil, and not chunky; pretty soft grass.
 - Kym says it's over quite a big area – 9 ha, in one paddock and 3 ha in another, and perhaps some along creek line. Believes she wants paddock tree rather than clusters.

Actions

- Secretary will circulate invitation to participate.
- Secretary will investigate tree availability.
- Kym will check what the Selths would like to see as final result.
- Kym and Warren to assess the planting site in advance, to inform decisions.

- Grass Roots grants for 2026 are now open. \$5,000 for individuals (matched in kind \$2,500), \$20,000 for group (in kind \$10K). Would like to encourage members with potential projects to put in applications, especially for projects such as tree planting planting, watercourses etc. As members of New Springs Landcare Group, NSLG can support your application.
 - Dymphna says it would be great to clear a waterway of weeds at her place. Will says it's a lot of woody weeds, covering an acre or two. Warren asked if it is a mechanical job, herbicide, or by hand. Will says it's very dense and tall and herbicide would be difficult. A skid steer might be able to get in, to address dogrose, blackberry, though Dymphna says sections are steep. Heidi and Steve know a contractor who may be able to give a quote.
 - Will says group involvement, and often over multiple properties, adjacent to existing projects, with wider environmental benefits are more likely to be successful. So, getting group involved would be strategically smart.
 - Kym asked if the group is happy to support this? General agreement. Dymphna will follow up with site assessment for feasibility and preferred approach, and also obtain quotes, and then report back.
 - Other members not present will also be asked by email.
- The latest HFLB stewardship news holds lots of opportunities – check it out for
 - Possibility of free soil testing
 - Free rabbit baits for larger infestations
 - Free emissions profiling
 - Free water health security check
 - Drought funding

2. Report from Treasurer

- Nil transactions.
- Bank SA customer information paperwork is required by April – Treasurer to complete.

3. Report from Secretary

- Acquittal has been lodged for the LASA Care for Landcare Grant, which covered development of our webpage and branding collateral. Next step for webpage is admin training (for Karen A, Jenice, Steve, Judi) In liaison with Steve Perkins to arrange time.
- Four New Springs Members have been accepted in the 2026 round of LASA-funded first aid training: Steve and Jenice Buchecker and Alex and Kirsty Pomery.
- Earlybird registration is open for the State Landcare Conference. It's a considerable discount on full price (just \$80 a day including lunch and morning and afternoon tea) October 16 and 17 at Murray Bridge. Program will soon be released and already someone from Coffin Bay has enrolled and another from

north of Port Augusta, somewhere up towards Marree. New Springs members are quite local, and it would be great to see a solid turnout to make networks and connections.

4. Roundtable discussion

- 2026 planning. We discussed selecting one good idea that sticks and works for the group. Some of the potential priorities discussed at our last meeting include:
 - Crested shrike tit spotting
 - Creating water points for birds in CCP. Will says there's potential interest in Diamond firetail. Potentially dam revegetation and water retention is a better option than other infrastructure which needs to be maintained.
 - Will says revegetating bell springs would be a great project, if the owner Ivan could be convinced.
 - Coordinated feral management eg. rabbits
 - Trail cameras for feral and native species identification and first step to management.
 - Creating corridors and photo logging for corridors and linkages to achieve bigger impact.
 - Direct tree seeding – group education project including early planning and prep including weeding and fencing.
 - seed collection and propagation.
 - How-to manuals.
 - DNA sampling in waterways to assess species diversity, with corporate support

General discussion ensued and it was decided to return this to the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Nil raised.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 12, 2026 – at Steve and Jenice Buchecker's property Tarramar, 513 Warmington Run.

Meeting close 9.15pm