

NEW SPRINGS LANDCARE GROUP

Saturday 12 July 2025, Alan Brice's place, Range Road

AGENDA

1. MEETING OPEN (12.47pm)

- Welcome and apologies
Thank to Alan for hosting and property tour.

○ ATTENDANCE

- Kym Gladigau (chair)
- Steve Perkins (deputy chair)
- Karen Ashford (secretary)
- Jenice Buchecker (committee)
- Steve Buchecker
- Warren Coombes
- Phil and Lisa Eakins
- Alan Pomery (new member)
- Will Hannaford
- Wayne Hein
- Bing Hein (guest)
- Jack and Jacquie Gillan (guests)
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○ APOLOGIES

- Steve Wright (treasurer)
- Kathy Szalay
- Judi McCallum
- Heidi Sowerby
- Karen Rief
- Kirsty Pomery
- Ross Leckie
- Dymphna Sprod
- Caroline Williamson and Sam Bye

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS

- Previous minutes of meeting held 6 May 2025 as circulated by email. Chair asked that they be accepted. Moved: Jenice Buchecker Seconded: Warren Coombes. Accepted unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S UPDATE

- Welcome new members Alex and Kirsty Pomery to Warmington Run and the NSLG – they're holding a 'land warming shindig' on July 26. *(Alex thanked everyone for the welcome, and says he and Kirsty and their two kids have 40 acres arable land and rest rocky and vegetated, with a spring fed dam. Will be*

self sufficient – water and solar/battery offgrid. He’s a builder and they’re now creating their forever home, and in meantime living with their dad at Mt Torrens. If anyone knows of a rental in the district please advise.

- NSLG has won two grants:
 - **Grassroots grant for \$4000** for the renovation of the tree seeder unit. It’s now ready to use, pending transfer of registration and insurance. It’s the same seeder used here at Alan’s place a few decades ago, and the results are excellent. Thanks to Warren for dedicating two weeks to its meticulous overhaul.
 - **Care for Landcare grant for \$1951.35** to support the group’s promotional activities. The grant isn’t tied to a specific spend, so expect it will support development of our website, and any leftover could go towards promotional materials – eg branded clothing etc.

- **Carbon farming** – hosted a demonstration on Monday June 30 of the Optiweigh system - Donna Bartsch, Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator with the Landscapes SA/Hills and Fleurieu Landscapes Board, explained how the individual units for sheep and cattle work. Update on rollout?

4. OFFICE HOLDERS

- Treasurer: EOFY update to be presented next meeting

- Secretary:
 - Memberships for 2025 are now due – forms will be emailed with minutes from this meeting.
 - LASA is conducted its annual survey of member groups – secretary is happy to complete and submit if group approves.

- **Trees for Life** seedling orders are now being taken, for deliveries in May 2026. Orders close 31st August.

- Upcoming events:
 - An **introductory workshop on nature capital, nature repair, and environmental markets** is being held online Friday July 16 from 12-2pm.
 - A **field day on Natural Sequence farming** is being held at Balhannah on July 25. NSF is a land management practice focused on restoring the natural water cycle within agricultural landscapes.
 - **Rabbit control workshop** at Mt Torrens on July 27 includes a free barbecue.

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Jenice mentioned trees survival for crested shrike tit – secretary to draft survey and circulate

Kym mentioned he put in 2 applications for grassroots grants which met with success: one for tree protectors. Some on his property and some on the Selth property – hoping to install the guards as a landcare group activity once the Selths do their plantings. Other grant was for tree seeds. Alan says the group welcome to use his place for understorey seed collection. Kym initially will buy seed from Wayne Brown but suggests seed collection would be a good activity in future.

Alan asked if we have anyone who can identify the appropriate species for the seeder and for the properties. Suggests Wayne Brown would be good. Kym says part of his grant was to get Wayne's advice on property planning, planting and maintenance.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kym thanked Alan for having us on the property today and sharing his wealth of practical knowledge and learnings.

Alan said he was honoured and was pleased to see landcare reborn in this area.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday 2 September at Jenice and Steve Buchecker's place Tarramar, 513 Warmington Run.

1.36pm meeting closed