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President's update:

### **To All Member Groups**

I am writing to you with some exciting updates and important information as we approach our Annual General Meeting.

#### **Facilitator Transition**

We farewell Andrew, who completed his time as our Network Facilitator on the 30th of September. We thank him sincerely for his dedication and contribution to the Network and significant achievements over that time.

We are delighted to welcome Jane Bowker, who commenced as our new Facilitator on the 2nd of October. Jane brings a wealth of experience from her previous roles at Pyrenees Shire Council, combined with a genuine passion for the environment through her volunteering with the Mt Cole Pyrenees Nature Group. With her farming background and base in Beaufort, Jane is enthusiastic about getting out to our local patch and working with our member groups.

#### **Rules of Association Changes – DGR Status**

The Network has made changes to our Rules of Association relating to our Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. These changes ensure we maintain compliance with relevant legislation and continue to provide maximum benefit to our member groups. We ask that you familiarise yourself with these changes and direct any questions to the Steering Committee. At the AGM members will be asked to vote on Rule Changes.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM is approaching, and we urge all groups to provide reports and representation at the meeting. This year we are excited to be hosting the AGM at Summerfield Winery, where we will hear from guest speaker Rob Youl, whom many of you will know. Rob will be speaking about Global Landcare. His extensive international experience includes projects in Africa, Jamaica, and more recently Japan, showcasing a long and impactful career dedicated to sustainable land management.

The AGM will also be a wonderful opportunity to meet our new Facilitator, Jane, and to farewell Andrew and thank him for his service to the Network. We are also seeking committee nominations from across the Network to ensure equitable Group representation on the Steering Committee.

I am excited to hear about what each group has been up to over the last 12 months and the positive opportunities ahead for our Network.

I look forward to seeing you all!

Kind Regards

Maddie Grant