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## MINUTES

<b>Date and time of meeting</b>	13/11/2025 Meeting commenced 1820, finished 2040
<b>Location of meeting</b>	FARMERS ARMS ST ARNAUD
<b>Attendees (in person and online)</b>	C CAMPBELL (CC), L BATTERS (LB), L RUSSELL (LR), K COATES (KC), M GRANT (MG), D JENKINS (DJ), P Mc ALLISTER (PMc)
<b>Apologies</b>	A CAMPBELL (AC), D POLLARD (DP), J BOWKER (JB)
<b>Proxies</b>	NIL
<b>Guests</b>	NIL
<b>Conflicts of interest</b>	NIL

We are meeting on Dja Dja Wurrung Country and we pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

## **1. Apologies**

A CAMPBELL (AC), D POLLARD (DP), J BOWKER (JB)

**Moved: LR**

**Seconded: KC**

## **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of 17/09/2025 were tabled and accepted

**Moved: KC**

**Seconded: LR**

## **3. Members update**

**Natte Yallock LANDCARE CROUP (LG).** Unsuccessful with Landcare Grant for revitalising a wetland. Portable Toilet \$4,500 (Network to provide \$2K from equipment budget). Toilet will be available for 'loan' to other LC GROUPS.

**Jeffcott North LG.** Sighting of Malleefowl nesting in lunettes east of Lake Buloke. Paul Sheridan – Acoustic monitoring for Plains Wanderer successful.

**Donald LG.** Successful Vic Landcare Grant (VLG), local revegetation project. Climate positive initiative online meeting, 30 farms

**Avon plains Banyena LG.** Striped Legless Lizard project progressing. Completed 5<sup>th</sup> tile 'flipping' exercise. Maximum 17 Delmar impar, 17 sighted. Numbers dropping now as getting too hot under tiles. Melbourne based HERPOLOGIST (Dave De Angelis) present.

## **4. Business arising previous meeting**

### **AS PER ACTION SHEET**

(saved to our new BNGLN google drive)

## **5. Reports**

### **Treasurers report – see attachment 1**

Luke discussed approx. \$60,000 as unallocated funds.

Spending suggestions were pest control – gazanias and bridal creeper

### **Chairpersons report**

Attended the NC CMA's Network Chairs meeting last week

Finalisation of the new executive Committee and Facilitator emails

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[secretary@bnglandcare.org](mailto:secretary@bnglandcare.org)

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[info@bnglandcare.org](mailto:info@bnglandcare.org) (JANE Bowker)

If we could all use these emails only it would be appreciated.

New Google drive file storage: [BNGLN Committee](#)

Fortnightly meetings with Jane (employment items to discuss in new business)  
- Travel for facilitator .88cent/km. 6-month trial

Winner Keep Australia Beautiful awards for Windharp Horizon project (we won this award for Galngga Festival last year)

Successful 2025 VLG for the network to the value of \$20,000 – A Natural Connection – Culture, capacity and a ‘funny looking bird’

**Facilitators report (key points read by president, see attached for whole report)**

Out and about visiting groups (Jeffcot North, Friends of Mt Wycheproof, Avon Plains Banyena)

Financial handover with Luke and Andrew, currently working with Luke on the network's Financial Policy

**All reports accepted**

**Moved: CC      Seconded: PMc**

## 6. New Business

### **Financial Policy and Instrument of Delegation**

Financial Policy - final tweaking required and a debit card for special occasions.  
Final draft to be circulated prior to and approved at February meeting.

**Action: LB, JB and MG**

Instrument of Delegation to sit alongside financial policy

Review and formalise next meeting, particularly the Delegations table (section 5)

**Action: Prue to circulate tracked changes version for committee members to review and discuss at Feb meeting next year.**

**Moved: CC      Seconded: PMc**

### **AGM feedback**

All enjoyed Summerfield. Would be nice to try a northern location next year if suitable venue to share the travel.

Advertise far and wide next year, e.g., Wycheproof/Sea Lake Newspaper, Landsborough community paper

**Action:** Carol to explore venue options, e.g., Vale of Avoca, Charlton, East Hotel closing.

### **Work phone for Facilitator**

Discussion about previous Facilitators phone.

**Action:** Discuss and purchase new phone for Jane if required by MG

**MG/JB**

**Moved:** KC      **Seconded:** MG

### **Equipment audit/inventory**

Equipment inventory required - list of items and locations.

E.G., Container/s, Winjallok 5 tyne ripper(?)

Storage container capacity assessment needed. Currently funded via automatic direct debit (Luke to organise an alternative arrangement)

**Action:** Jane - JB

**Moved:** MG      **Seconded:** PMc

**GREENHOUSES** – 2 of 6M X 10M required to be placed on public owned Land (need to confirm this?) Suggestion St Arnaud Community Garden. Consider also schools, and Wycheproof (talk to Marney -2 groups in Wycheproof-LC and Friends of ..).

**Action:** Prue and Liz to visit and speak to representative at Community Garden.

Maddie to speak Marney

**Moved:** KC      **Seconded:** PMc

### **Key for mailbox**

Ascertain whereabouts and whether we need a new key cut. Notify PO of new Committee MEMBERS and Facilitator

**Action:** Maddie/Carol/Jane

**Moved:** CC      **Seconded:** PMc

### **Templates**

Updating memos, invoices etc with new contact and emails

**Action:** Carol/Jane

**Moved:** KC      **Seconded:** MG

### **Digitalising of BNGLN Files**

4 boxes of material at Wycheproof.

**Action: Maddie/Jane to find out about / check progress of this exercise**

**Moved: KC      Seconded: MG**

### **Hall of Fame and 40 years of Landcare!**

Make one big event

Nominations must include a biography

#### **Set date – one venue:**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (Sunday)

#### **Working Group: LR, JB, CC, KC, PMc**

Send out preliminary letter to groups (Carol)

CMA Plans – talk to Belinda (Ken)

#### **Ideas:**

Bus tour Winjallok - 'where it all began'

LUNCH paradise hall ??

Dinner/lunch at the club / winery ??

CMA involvement ??

Working Party – Liz, Carol, Prue, Deb, Ken

### **Other events for 40 years?**

Galngga Festival? (Agreed alternating years with Hall of Fame, seek funding over the next 12 months)

District shows – add to events calendar

Each group to host an event for 40 years??

- e.g., Banyena Hall/Raillery Hub - John Wolhsley and co exhibition

**Action: ALL**

### **Correspondence**

It was noted the Secretary's Report (correspondence in/out) has been missing at bi-monthly committee meetings. E.G., APBLG/BNGLN Walkers Lake Annual Monitoring Program Report. This will be rectified with the new exec committee emails.

**Action: Maddie/Jane to ensure all relevant comms are CC'd to secretary email.  
(Maddie to ask NGSC if we can share the report's finding with the group).**

**Moved: LR      Seconded: KC**

### **MEETING CLOSED: 1940**

NEXT MEETING: St Arnaud. **6 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** at Farmers Arms, St Arnaud

(general consensus being face-to-face, zoom/telephone option and time slot ‘best fit’)

**Attach 1.**

**Treasurers report**

Funds remaining		
Income		
Volunteers	\$ 11,369.51	
EVM grow	\$ 2,541.95	To be spent on volunteers
Junior landcare	\$ 7,867.55	To be spent on junior landcare
VLG 23/24	\$ 2,500.00	
VLG 24/25	\$ 7,800.00	
Tools and Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	Maintenance, Maybe buy new tree planters
Windharp	\$ 2,871.72	
Partnerships against Pest	\$ 22,000.00	To be spent on pests and weeds
Total	\$ 58,950.73	

**Attach 2.**

**Facilitators Report**

**BNGLN Committee Meeting 13/11/2025**

**Landcare Facilitator Report**

**What I'm doing**

Sorry I couldn't make it to the meeting so please accept my apology.

I'm getting my head around the role and learning lots. Everyone has been very helpful. One of my focuses is to get out and about to meet and spend time with groups. So far it has been great.

I'm also working my way through Google Workspace and the functions it offers. I like having everything in one place.

If anyone has any questions, please make contact.

### **Financial Policy**

I have made some suggested changes, which are consistent language, consistent font and inclusion of a dot point in 3.2 under Cardholder Responsibilities which is 'the cardholder shall not use the card for personal gains such as reward points'.

Question, would you consider having the Financial Delegations and also the Financial Transaction Card List as appendices to the Policy to provide clarity and transparency? These are both referenced in the Policy.

Luke, do you want to send out invoices on behalf of BNGLN or happy for me to do it and cc. You in?

I'm happy with the Policy with the changes.

### **Group's Reports**

I have started meeting with groups. So far I have met with the following groups and will be meeting Carapooee next week.

- Jeffcott North
  - Box thorn, rabbits and salt bush are focus areas of the group.
  - They want to plant more trees and are identifying plots.
  - The other focus areas are supporting the Plains Wanderer project in building their habitat, and also the Mallee Fowl.
  - Looking at weed control (box thorn) next year.
  - Will be holding a pest management day (BBQ).
- Friends of Mt Wycheproof
  - Purchasing vouchers to give out for the local hardware as an incentive to eradicate Gazania
  - Have a new steam weeder and will hold a training day. Letting other groups use it.
  - Marnie got a grant to produce a grass assessment brochure.
  - There will be a working bee on 14 December on the Mount.
  - Amy and Gus from VENI attended the Committee meeting and answered any questions about the transmission lines.
- Avon Plains Banyena
  - Tile flipping day held 7 November

### **AGM Feedback**

The AGM was really good and a great location. I'd suggest that we find somewhere more central, if possible or share it around.

### **40th Anniversary of Landcare**

This came up at the Central Victorian Landcare Facilitators meeting. I have committed to speaking to Winjalok to see if they have anything in mind. Will start focusing on this and would like to get ideas from the groups if they are intending to do anything for the Anniversary. Do you want to set up a Working Group or are you happy for the Committee to be the Working Group?

Andrew has sent me some documents on the last Hall of Fame which I need to read. Can we set a date for the HofF so the nomination form and communications can go out. Carol, do you want to manage the nominations? If not, I can.

### **Equipment**

Andrew and I have spoken about this. He's getting a key for me for the storage shed so I can get an idea of what is in there. He is also sending through an inventory of all the equipment.

I'd like to purchase monitoring cameras to give to groups to use, if we don't have any.

I'm organising the decals for the equipment trailer.

### **Future Meetings**

I'm not able to attend Thursday evening meetings. I would prefer Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings if any of those days suit others.

### **Events Calendar**

This calendar lists events so we know what is coming up and try to avoid clashes. Shared with Committee in Google Calendar. Let me know if you didn't get a link