

A photograph of three men in a field. One man on the left is wearing a blue patterned shirt and a dark hat. Two men on the right are wearing purple and blue shirts and hats. They are looking at a tree trunk that is wrapped in green mesh. The background shows a grassy field with trees under a blue sky.

Macleay Landcare Network Inc.

2021/22 Annual
Report

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FIRST NATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Macleay Landcare Network Inc. committee acknowledges the Dunghutti and Thunghutti people of the Macleay Valley, as the saltwater and freshwater custodians of the land in which we live and work. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

FRONT COVER

The photo on the front cover is a final inspection, carried out by Project Officer, Thomas Macindaoe, and the committee, of the final year of the Yarrahapinni to Killiekrankie Biodiversity Alliance project – better known as the Y2K project.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2021-22 has again been a turbulent year for the community and Macleay Landcare with the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic and continuing rains. Our staff, Andy, Tom, Louis and Sue, and contractors have been as busy as ever with our efforts to improve sustainability and our natural resources.

Andy has been successful in gaining grants that is seeing huge environmental gains for the valley and his workshops have been enthusiastically attended. Our staff's efforts to better the environment are provided in his report. Tom has basically finalised the Y2K project with reporting and auditing to be finalised. Sue is managing to keep us all on track, financially and otherwise.

Our plans to move our operations to The Stables in Wharf Street, East Kempsey occurred in early October 2021, just prior to last year's AGM.

Our financial status is still reasonably strong as provided by our financial statements and treasurer's report.

Our sub-groups and working groups have again grown with the addition of Hat Head Garden Club, Bushrangers and Gladstone Environmental Walks.

Cath and Kym, yes that famous duo, have the Arakoon Landcare Nursery churning out tree after tree. Our volunteers are too many to mention but their efforts continue to help the environment and lead the way on environmental issues in the Macleay Valley.

Lastly, a thank you to our hard-working committee, who allow the organisation to continue our important environmental work.

Bruce Raeburn

President

OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

Our mission and purpose at Macleay Landcare Network Inc is to facilitate community endeavours to achieve ecologically sustainable land management and the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for the Macleay Catchment to be a model of best practice in ecologically sustainable land management and the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Promote sustainable land, water, and vegetation management practices and principles in all areas of the Macleay Valley catchment below the tablelands.

Assist the existing network of care groups and individual landholders with access to funding, information, and training.

To assist in the development of timely, relevant, practical projects that are non-bureaucratic in nature and that assist landholders' efforts with regard to sustainable property management.

Provide opportunities for training and skills improvement by providing relevant and practical field days and workshops at no or low cost.

Provide a mechanism to assist local landholders and care groups to develop local projects to meet local needs.

To act as a conduit for local concerns about natural resource management issues between local communities and government authorities such as Local Land Services.

OUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT - BRUCE RAEBURN

Bruce has come out of retirement to captain MLCN again. He is actively involved with riparian repair on his property along Toorumbbee Creek.

VICE PRESIDENT – CHRIS HALLIDAY

Chris joined the committee in 2016 and is now secretary. He is passionate about protecting our natural heritage and has been restoring his wetlands with the assistance of previous Landcare staff.

Chris is off a dairy/beef farm and so understands farming issues. He has a small hobby farm at Gladstone and is always keen to show off his plantings around his wetlands. Ph 0427 675 181.

TREASURER - CHRIS OSBORNE

Chris has been treasurer for a few years. He ran a chemist business in South West Rocks before concentrating on upriver farming.

SECRETARY – STEVE CAMPBELL

Stephen has been in the Building, Construction and Civil Engineering Industry since 1974. He relocated from the South Coast to the Macleay Valley in 2019 and became involved with MCLN as a volunteer to reconstruct 'The Stables' to become MLN's working office.

Stephen wanted to become more involved with MLN, so he stood for the Secretary's position for 2021/22.

He is also a leader of the sub-group the Bushrangers, whose main function is the maintenance and preservation of a 1600-acre Land Cooperative off Maria River Road, Crescent Head.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER - PETER PAINE

Peter has been a builder since 1964, having started his own business in 1970. He is very much committed to the environment. Peter's property near Crescent Head is an environmental project where the buildings have been developed to merge with the environment. Peter is also involved with Crescent Head Point Plumber Bush Care.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER - CATH IRELAND

Cath previously worked for NSW National Parks for 34 years. She enjoyed working in bushcare and volunteering whilst working for National Parks and that is why she is on the Macleay Landcare committee, helping to improve the environment.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER - ROBYN PETERS

Robyn joined the committee following David's resignation. She is part of the Hat Head Dunecare sub-group.

OUR STAFF

LANDCARE OFFICER – ANDY VINTER

Andy joined Macleay Landcare in the Landcare Officer role in February 2017. He has a background in the Applied Sciences in Environmental Management obtained at Southern Cross University in Lismore. After a period of time in Alice Springs Andy has moved to the Mid-North Coast just in time for a developing drought, bushfires, floods, and a pandemic. Andy is passionate about supporting strategic and successful projects that engage people in Landcare and lead to on-going environmental outcomes.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER – SUE HANSEN

Sue joined MLN as administration officer & bookkeeper in August 2018. She works one day per week in our office. Sue has a background in accounting and teaching and resides in Euroka.

PROJECT OFFICER – THOMAS MACINDOE

Tom joined MLN as a Project Officer for the 5 year Yarrhapinni to Killiekrankie Biodiversity Alliance Project (Y2K) back in late 2016. He has been overseeing longer term biodiversity works across 5 sites in the Hickeys Creek/Millbank catchment in the Kempsey LGA & cooperatively a further 8 in the Nambucca LGA with Nambucca Valley Landcare.

He has a background in the Environmental Sciences, & currently works full time as an Organic Farmer, except when working for Macleay and Nambucca Landcare Networks. Tom resides in Girralong, on the headwaters of the Nambucca River, fittingly at the base of Mt Killiekrankie.

PROJECT OFFICER – LOUIS MARREE

Louis is from the Nambucca Valley and has only recently joined MLN in 2021, as a part time project officer. He also has a background in the Applied Sciences in Marine & Environmental Management at SCU and is passionate about fishing and surfing. His professional interests focus mainly on riparian vegetation and river health.

PROJECTS REPORT

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT

This project is currently involved with NPWS & Saltair Flow & Fauna, in the installation of a large number of hollow hogs and nest boxes within National Parks. Saltair Flora & Fauna are engaged to conduct the installations, for which MLN will be monitoring to contribute to general understandings on the use of hollows vs nest boxes, from native wildlife in burnt and unburnt areas. Common species expected to use these habitat modifications include gliders, phascogales, arboreal reptiles, birds and much more.

BMAD WORKSHOP:

Work was carried out in conjunction with North Coast Local Land Services to deliver a workshop for landowners regarding Bell Miner birds and dieback in native trees. Whilst, this dieback is visible in the Macleay Valley, it poses a serious risk to forestry management into the future and is becoming more prominent in Hastings and Nambucca shire areas.

FIVE DAY RIPARIAN CORRIDOR PROJECT

Funding sourced through NSW Landcare Bushfire Recovery Fund allowed MLN to target riparian vine weeds, namely Cats Claw Creeper & Madeira Vine, in the upper sub-catchment of the Macleay Valley.

The project allowed landowners and MLN to work collaboratively to treat over 4 hectares of riparian area for Cats Claw Creeper and Madeira Vine, which is causing severe erosion in the tributary and through the Macleay. MLN hopes to gain additional funds from Local Land Services Riparian Restoration Program to continue the recent success.

GOOLAWAH KOALA PROJECT (NCLLS)

As part of North Coast Local Land Services Koala Recovery Project, MLN has been engaged to facilitate and manage weed control on Goolawah cooperative lands. This will involve a drone survey to provide mapped insights into priority weed control

KOALA MESIC REFUGE CORRIDOR PROJECT

MLN developed this project for Koala habitat recovery with DPIE. This project focused on “Mesic” corridor connections and refuges following drought and fire events. Mesic environments are typically described as cool, moist areas. Through this project MLN has been able to strategically support 11 properties with weed control and assistive plantings providing an integral service for koala habitat recovery. We are waiting on the final photo reports from our contractors for which this project will finish at the end of the year.

The scope for this project is to improve key Koala habitat by reducing weeds that restrict movement within the Landscape.

MACLEAY LAND FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT

This Project was funded by the Environmental Trust, finishing in February 2023. This project has a scope for engaging conservation (Land for Wildlife) agreement holders to improve their habitat and engagement in managing their properties to enhance wildlife corridors on conservation land.

MLN has been able to engage 10 Land For Wildlife agreement holders to support with on ground works, resulting in over 600 seedlings being planted to improve corridor connections, pest animal control on 1 property, camera trap surveys on 2 properties, and bird surveys on 2 properties. MLN has also hosted a number of conservation land management workshops with one more event set to take place featuring frogs and reptiles and involved a further 12 properties with Land For Wildlife conservation agreements.

NEST BOX APPEAL - FAWNA

Tree hollows are an imperative component for Australian native wildlife including several locally threatened species. Many old growth trees that provide this crucial habitat component were lost to recent bushfires.

Through funding support supplied by FAWNA, MLN was able to engage 20 private properties to install around 200 nest boxes following Bushfires.

This project's purpose was to provide accessibility for arboreal wildlife hollows due to the loss of habitat during the bushfires in 2019. We are currently waiting on monitoring data to better understand applications of nest boxes.

YARRAHAPINNI TO KILLIEKRANKIE BIODIVERSITY ALLIANCE BUSH CONNECT

The Y2K Project was born out of recognition that our primary watershed bushland separating the Macleay from the Nambucca Valley has been heavily fragmented as a result of century old clearing activities associated with timber getting and agricultural development. In 2015 MLN was awarded upwards of \$500,000 by the NSW Environmental Trust to amend these landscape scale fragmentations over a 10 year period.

This project is being finalised with auditing and reporting left to complete.

NUMEROUS OTHER PROJECTS

Numerous other projects have been undertaken throughout this financial year.

SUB-GROUPS AND WORKING GROUPS

Our sub-groups are an integral part of Macleay Landcare's activities, and our working groups volunteer directly on projects for Macleay Landcare. They have provided reports as follows:

ARAKOON LANDCARE NURSERY

BACKGROUND:

Local First Nations people (the Pandanus People) and Terry Flanagan set up the nursery at Arakoon National Park from 2005, moving to its current location in 2010. At that time over 60,000 local genetic stock plants had been planted in the National Park estate. The Macleay Landcare Network had a role to play in administering grants for a number of years, allowing payment of those working at the nursery. Gerold Bosch together with Aunty Robyn Lowe, played a central role, keeping the nursery going when grant funding was no longer available. NPWS supported the nursery through providing funds in the early years, supplying water and the venue. In 2019, MLN took a greater role in supporting the nursery, with volunteer nursery co-ordination.



Nursery plants thriving

Kel loading new potting stand

Aunties Shirley and Robyn potting

VOLUNTEERS:

On average, over 100 hours per month volunteer work is done, with Kim and Aunty Robyn holding the fort three days a week, with weekly help from Robyn P. , work including the seed bank; Harry being most helpful with the watering system, cuttings and donating flowering plants. Aunty V, Aunty Shirley, Gillian and Helen come along as often as they can and Cath assists as well. Arakoon bush care volunteers contribute assistance when needed (eg Glen and Bernie with the tank; Terry with rat cages to protect seed; Mark and Andrew assisting as required).

PROJECTS

Projects for the year are as follows:

SAFETY WORKS:

NPWS finished the re-surfacing of the nursery and provided a potting stand. THANK YOU very much to all the staff involved.

WATERING SYSTEM:

Besides cleaning the existing system, Kim and Harry worked to revamp the whole new section devoted to young plants, with Harry donating piping. THANK YOU very much.



Aunty V & cousin : potting finger lime;s Aunty V with Krisalan :bush tucker chocolates Collecting native tamarind seeds

PLANT ORDERS:

Besides Landcare orders for koala trees, we have provided :

- Native plants for weaving to Fig Tree descendants for Women's Day planting at Little Bay
- Bush tucker plants to South West Rocks Public School
- trees for a fascinating Syntropic project at Grassy Head;
- 400 plants for the Landslip area below the Gaol for NPWS;
- hundreds of trees for the Queens Trees project at East Kempsey Arboretum and Summer Island
- Lomandra and trees for the floodplain at East Kempsey Island.
- Our biggest order yet is 1000 plants for a NPWS Koala project at Limeburners Creek National Park.

We work in together with other community nurseries such as Port Landcare nursery, Grassy Head, and Bass n Bull nursery at Bellbrook. This works well to ensure reliable supply over a whole range of species.

Local people, often with a nursery background, also donate local genetic stock plants (eg lilli pillies and many Bangalow palms from Aunty Shirley's granddaughter, Debbie.

THANK YOU ALL.

BUSH TUCKER:

Kim and Harry have built a great bush tucker bed outside the nursery, featuring local plants.

Aunty V has successfully separated many native Raspberry plants which seeded themselves in the nursery and Aunty Robyn worked with Andrew to pot on tiny Warrigal greens.

The Pandanus People applied for a grant involving First Nations women growing vegetables. We have been donated many Black Apple plants too which make great relishes and jams. The Local Ducks Nuts tea shop has donated Hibiscus seeds from local people.

On SWR Public Schools NAIDOC Day Aunty V and Cath ran bush tucker tasting, cooking and planting. At our local NAIDOC celebration at Little Bay, the nursery contributed to a wonderful bush tucker morning tea. Aunty Robyn and Cath attended, bringing bush tucker chocolates and cheesecake. It was a great morning with wonderful dancing. Aunty Cheryl's fantastic lemon myrtle damper featured, and, thanks to Harry and Ruth we now have cuttings growing.



Seed collecting

The Queens Trees at east Kempsey

SEED COLLECTION:

We have been extending our expertise in seed collection, having recently attended a two-day course run by Local Land Services where we met other local nurseries including a First Nations project at Bowraville. We also had a day collecting seed under a grant from Kempsey Shire Council to Macleay Landcare Network with Louis Maree and, most recently a morning locally with Terry Flanagan, who set up the nursery originally with the Pandanus People. We visited Sharon Dart's place at Arakoon. THANK YOU SHARON.

CARBON SINKING:

Gerold Bosch has been growing trees to help overcome our carbon footprint. The average Australian carbon footprint requires 6 trees per week and Gerold does this service for just \$2 each. Some of the plants grown have been donated to the nursery as the householder does not have room to plant them. CONTACT GEROLD BOSCH 0406 241 936.

LOCAL PRE SCHOOL

We were asked for advice for plants to support native bees and birds. Volunteer Ruth, a keen birdwatcher, researched this and provided a list. Harry donated everlasting daisies which have been given to the pre school as the bees like these.

PANDANUS RESCUE

When Pandanus had to be moved to stabilise the landslip below the Gaol, on Aunty Rob's suggestion, we got NPWS to save some pieces which we have tried to rescue to replant. Gillian found some germinated seeds along the roadside we have been able to pot on.

GRANTS:

Macleay Landcare Network has been very active getting grants to support koala trees, bushfire recovery and also a road reserve project at Gladstone, championed by Chris Halliday from the Landcare Committee. This has involved Kempsey Council liaison and working with Gladstone school.

The Queens Trees is a Queens Jubilee project aimed at establishing tree canopy. 200 trees will be added to rainforest species at east Kempsey Arboretum and 500 along the river at Summer Island to extend the 1200m already planted by Landcare volunteers.



Aunty V potting up



Warrigal greens



Rescued Pandanus piece

The Volunteer grant provides some fuel costs to assist volunteers and covers some equipment as well as funding some seed collection days as this is the basis of the nursery's success.

BIG THANKS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS! AND TO MACLEAY LANDCARE NETWORK FOR THEIR SUPPORT

COME ALONG AND JOIN US. WE'RE HERE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, PHONE 0459846833 just in case we are seed collecting or visiting other nurseries.



Aunty Rob, Robyn P., Helen: some of our wonderful volunteers



Harry and Ruth: lemon myrtle cuttings

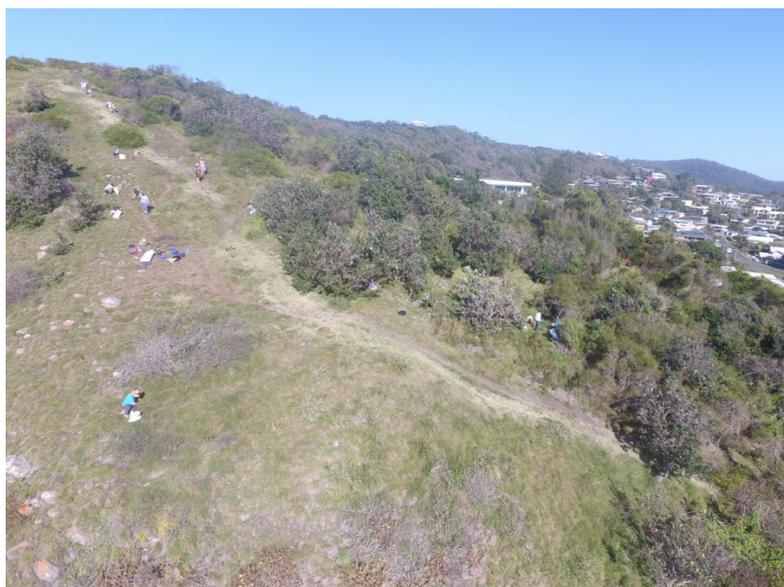
BIG NOBBY BUSHCARE

The Big Nobby Bushcare group was initiated to control Mother of Millions at the northern end of Big Nobby Headland and this has been highly successful.

Situated south of Crescent Head, the headland is a popular venue for walking and taking in the scenic views which, at the right time of the year, include whales.

The nominal work session date is the first Sunday of each month. This occasionally has to be abandoned due to weather or absences, but such is the spirit of the volunteers that there is always a 'catch up' session undertaken.

The July 1 2021 to June 30 2022 contribution is 159 volunteer hours.



The Work Area is Quite Steep

BUSHRANGERS

The bushrangers were formed in 2022. The groups leadership formed from volunteers working on MLN's Arboretum in East Kempsey and Wigay's Aboriginal Cultural Gardens in West Kempsey.

The Rangers are based at Goolawah Land Co-Op where they are involved with a wide range of activities including:

Koala Habitat: the rangers are supporting contractors in carrying out weeding to the Koala Habitat and Koala corridors through-out the 1600 acre property.

General weed control and removal: there are coordinated working groups surveying and treating areas containing Privot, Lantana, Fireweed and Camphor Laurel

Cultural Burning: a number of sample sites being prepared under the guidance of Mick Clancy. Some demonstration burning has been carried out. The group hopes to expand its activities in this practice.

Seed Collecting: the group is fortunate to have Rob Hewit as a member. Rob has collected local seeds for storage and propagation. He has supplied various individuals and groups with tube stock plants for regeneration works.

The Bushrangers are a diverse lot and will work anywhere. They warmly welcome interested parties to join them.

EAST KEMPSEY ISLAND, ARBORETUM AND THE STABLES

The Stables were completed in early October 2021 and staff moved in prior to the 2020/21 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Members turned up in droves to the AGM to find out the results of the vote to become a charity and to see The Stables, Island and Arboretum.

Work will continue with the Arboretum and Island plantings and weeding. Working bees are held the second =Saturday morning of each month. All are welcome.

GLADSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL WALKS

Cath Ireland applied for a grant in September 2021 to restore roadside reserves east of Gladstone Village after collaboration with Chris Halliday. The grant was accepted in October 2021 for \$1,424.50.

The project is to restore the roadsides east of Gladstone and set up walking tracks and signs. There is a conservable amount of good native vegetation that can be enhanced by weed removal and additional plantings. The first part of the project is to employ a weeds contractor, but wet weather has delayed this work. Part of the project was for council to remove camphor laurels in the sewerage works block. This has been achieved and replanting planned for 28 July with the Gladstone School.

Further work will continue into the 2022/23 year.

HAT HEAD DUNECARE

Between June 2021 and June 2022 the group completed 295 hours of volunteer work. This involved regular monthly working bees each 3rd Tuesday and individual volunteer contributions. Working bees attracted average of 6 participants up to 12 on a good day. The group received another \$5000 grant from the Kempsey Shire Council Environmental Levee Fund which was spent on employing contractors to spray Council land north of the village. The particular projects undertaken in the period were:

- 1) Continued clearing of weeds in the area surrounding Korogoro Trig in Hat Head NP. We revisited previously cleared areas and expanded the treated area by a small amount.
- 2) Planting of the new carpark near the boat ramp.
- 3) Planting and weeding on Council land north of the beach vehicle access. (100 trees planted to restore a degraded area.
- 4) Weeding and Planting NP Gap Carpark
- 5) Weeding was undertaken along the Creek and at Third beach

Targeted weeds were Nogurra Burr Bitou, Lantana, Cotton Bush Senna and Morning Glory vine.

HAT HEAD GARDEN CLUB

Initially, a small meeting was held with residents to see if there was any interest in setting up a Community Garden in the park adjacent to the Hat Head tennis courts, fire shed and dune care shed. Residents who attended the meeting were very enthusiastic, so talks got underway with the grants officer from Council.

Council was very keen for our group to apply for a grant. It had not yet been decided how residents wanted to run the garden, but all residents were welcome to join in even if only to offer their advice.

The garden seemed like a great way for people to get to know other community members and for new residents to meet people in Hat Head. The Garden Club has an excellent Facebook site to communicate with the community.

Corrective Services were involved from the time the grant was submitted to council and were keen to help design and build the gardens.

Talks with Corrective Services began in August 2021 and a grant application submitted to Kempsey Shire Council in September 2021. A grant of \$4005 was received in October 2021 and DA was submitted in February 2022. A 'Dial before you Dig' was conducted and information passed on to Corrective services prior to building starting.

MACLEAY LAND FOR WILDLIFE

This sub-group is assisting with biodiversity outcomes into the Macleay Land for Wildlife project which aims include supporting Land for Wildlife (LFW) members in the Macleay valley achieve improved outcomes for biodiversity on their properties. The project is delivering community workshops, on-ground works, member mentoring and networking events. To apply for on-ground support download the Expression of Interest form and Supplementary Information fact sheet. Applications have been extended.

MACLEAY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Macleay Living Sustainably are a volunteer community sub-group that operate in the Macleay Valley. Since starting in 2017, they have blossomed into a well organised and inclusive grassroots group with a vision for a beautiful Macleay Valley where wildlife, people, rivers, beaches and forests thrive.



Volunteer hours since becoming a sub-group are in excess of ?? hours.

MANNIX CORNER

Mannix Corner is at the junction of the Spencers Creek and the Macleay River as shown on the map.

Work had been done previously at the site.

Works are likely to continue into the future.



UPPER MACLEAY LANDCARE

This sub-group carries out planting and weeding projects in the upper Macleay area. The minutes of their general meeting from the 26 May 2022 detailed the following:

More trees were planted when the weather allowed. The Fire Brigade was coming to The Stables re fire prevention. Awning in front of building used for meetings.

It has been a hard job mending fences etc with the amount of rain on the Upper Macleay.

CHARITY STATUS REPORT

Macleay Landcare Network became a charity after the last AGM and amended its constitution to suit.

Unfortunately, further amendments to the constitution are needed to become registered to accept tax deductible donations. A process that is known as Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR) and requires an application to be submitted to the federal Department of Heritage and Environment. A further vote will be required in 2022-23 financial year to amend our constitution again for this to occur.

The charity status does allow our staff to gain a tax advantage in salary sacrificing around \$15,000 before tax.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT

Macleay Landcare Network has been operating from “The Stables” for this last year. Rental cost has been vastly reduced. Thanks to the volunteers for their efforts.

The major disruptions of fire, flood and Covid are hopefully dwindling.

Our LCO, Mr. Andy Vinter has through his experience, expertise and guidance been able to consolidate grant income.

Increased projects enabled MLN to employ Mr. Louis Maree for some of the projects for three days a week.

A very special thanks to Sue for administration especially with our change of accounting software.

The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet in my opinion:

- a) Present fairly the financial position of MACLEAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC. as at 30 June 2022 and the results and the cash flows of the association for the period ended on that date.
- b) Have been prepared and presented in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Yours sincerely

Chris Osborne

AUDITOR'S REPORT



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12 October 2022

MACLEAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC.
UNQUALIFIED INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

The members of MACLEAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC.

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of MACLEAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC. For the period ended **30 June 2022** comprising of Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. The Committee is responsible for the preparation, presentation of the Financial Report and the information contained therein and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the distribution to the members of the association for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on the report or on the financial report to which it related, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures including examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

- In our opinion the financial report as at 30 June 2022 of MACLEAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC. shows a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals for which they relate.
- The accounts and associated records have been properly kept in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.
- Money received because of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for.
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due.

JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES TAXATION SOLUTIONS



MRS PATRICIA D JOHNSON MPA JP
Fellow of Institute of Public Accountants

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Macleay Landcare Network Inc Profit & Loss July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul 21 - Jun 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Professional Development	3,400.00
Arakoon Nursery Sales	5,131.55
Land for Wildlife Assessment	1,050.00
Grant Income	367,752.30
Project Management	500.00
Workshop/Field Day funding	3,900.00
Interest	2,309.37
Insurance - Sub groups	66.63
Memberships	590.92
Donations	15,414.17
Other income	90.91
Total Income	400,205.85
Gross Profit	400,205.85
Expense	
Volunteer Fuel Costs	36.36
MLS Expenses	
Gifts	300.00
Advertising	943.64
MLS Expenses - Other	468.18
Total MLS Expenses	1,711.82
Trailer registration	172.00
Contractors - Other	26,573.41
Website /Email costs	74.71
Delivery/ Freight charges	150.00
Herbicide	572.77
Planting materials	8,620.38
Plants	12,738.86
Materials	35,631.14
Contractors - Weed control	81,127.45
Contractors - Revegetation	5,062.50
IT Support	122.77
Advertising	1,170.60
Administration - general exp	500.00
Audit fees - MLN	1,501.60
Bank Charges	17.36
Electricity	874.47
Equipment Hire	187.51
Field Days/ Workshops	
Reference Books	80.00
Presenter	6,280.00
Venue hire	205.00
Catering	1,386.78
Total Field Days/ Workshops	7,951.78
Govt Charges	2,075.42
Grant Mgmt Exps	
Nambucca Valley Landcare	9,432.00
Total Grant Mgmt Exps	9,432.00
Insurance	1,088.08
Meeting Costs	189.12
Office Expenses	291.47
Payroll Expenses	-1,830.00
Promotions/Functions	540.91
Reference books	110.90
Rent	1,701.78
Repairs & Maint. - Equipment	22.68
Salaries	
Travel Allowance Louis	1,648.38
Travel Allowance - Tom	96.80
Travel Allowance	2,599.08
Jobkeeper Top Up	0.00
Salaries - Y2K	1,621.50

Macleay Landcare Network Inc
Profit & Loss
 July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul 21 - Jun 22
Salaries - LC Officer	
Fringe Benefit	1,830.00
LCO - Readiness & Recovery Work	2,560.80
LCO - Koala Mesic Refuge	6,408.47
LCO - 5 Day Ck Riprarian Corrid	8,280.43
LCO - Bushfire Revegetation	481.56
LCO - Holiday Pay	7,295.64
LCO - Cane Toad Incursion	1,384.50
LCO - T2B LLS Reach	0.00
LCO - T2B HAG	240.79
LCO - Nulla Nulla	461.51
LCO - Personal Leave	3,820.39
LCO - LFW ET	13,756.81
LCO - Nest Box Appeal	20.07
LCO - Streamcare	1,585.14
LCO - Port to Plateau	963.13
LCO - Macleay Recovery Workshop	5,116.61
LCO - Grant Application	507.89
LCO - Wildlife Habitat Rec	461.50
LCO - Tree Change Koalas	381.24
LCO - Meetings	1,694.66
LCO - LFW	1,327.39
LCO - General	30,439.31
LCO- Coral Tree	0.00
Salaries - LC Officer - Other	17,358.11
Total Salaries - LC Officer	106,375.95
Salaries - Administration	12,645.20
Total Salaries	124,986.91
Stationery & Printing	410.94
Subscriptions	1,222.73
Superannuation	9,547.23
Telephone & Internet	1,589.96
Mobile Phone	509.04
Training	2,000.00
Total Expense	338,686.66
Net Ordinary Income	61,519.19
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Small Assets	5,054.84
Total Other Expense	5,054.84
Net Other Income	-5,054.84
Net Income	56,464.35

BALANCE SHEET

Macleay Landcare Network Inc

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2022

	Jun 30, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Coastline CU - MLS	1,033.57
Visa debti card	396.68
Coastline TD 363419727	156,853.58
Coastline CU - MLN Chq Acc	60,904.01
Coastline CU - MLN E Saver	378,249.39
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Chequing/Savings	597,637.23
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	33,989.70
Total Accounts Receivable	33,989.70
Other Current Assets	
Prepayment	164.54
Rental Bond	205.00
Coastline CU Shares	2.00
Total Other Current Assets	371.54
Total Current Assets	631,998.47
Fixed Assets	
Equipment	4,484.28
Shipping container - storage	2,500.00
Total Fixed Assets	6,984.28
TOTAL ASSETS	638,982.75
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	535.00
Total Accounts Payable	535.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Deposit for equipment loaned	50.00
Employment	
Superannuation	991.49
Total Employment	991.49
Grants - Complete	0.00
Taxation	
PAYG	
PAYG Paid	-86,060.34
PAYG - Other	91,587.25
Total PAYG	5,526.91
GST Rec/Pay	14,920.79
Total Taxation	20,447.70
Total Other Current Liabilities	21,489.19
Total Current Liabilities	22,024.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,024.19
NET ASSETS	616,958.56
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	300,253.76
Reserves	
Grant Surpluses	-2,000.00
Macleay Landcare Reserve	166,678.00
Reserves - Other	95,562.45
Total Reserves	260,240.45
Net Income	56,464.35
TOTAL EQUITY	616,958.56