



KURRI KURRI NEWS

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Spring Newsletter

Preliminary notice of Working Bee, 10.00 am, Saturday 12th November

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Ray Chandler, Keith Davis, Tom McRae (on leave), Colin
Magilton, Ian Prout

Kathy Baulch had decided to step down as Secretary after many years of committed service. The meeting expressed its appreciation of Kathy's great contribution.



Past and retiring secretaries, Pat Ryan (L) and Kathy Baulch (R) look over photos of the block at Sunday's Working Bee

Report of AGM (14th May 2011)

Our AGM was well attended and followed by a pleasant dinner at a local hotel. Ivor Graney, Portland Field Naturalist and Frog Expert delivered a very interesting talk on "Frogs of Western Victoria". He had spectacular photographs and recordings of frog calls of predominantly West Victorian species. Frog species have been disappearing globally and there is much debate about possible causes. They could represent a "canary in the cage" for pollution. We should make an effort to monitor Kurri-Kurri's species, particularly this spring after such a wonderfully wet winter.

Election of Directors

The terms of three Directors had expired. John Sherwood and Kevin Sparrow were re-elected and Keith Davis was elected for his first term on the Board. Keith is a well-known West Victorian environmental expert and it is a pleasure to welcome him onto the Board. Tom McRae, one of the continuing Directors, will be overseas for the next two years and Sue Sherwood was appointed a Deputy Director until Tom returns under Rule 46 or our Rules of Association.

Appointment of Office Bearers

At the first meeting of the new Board on 7th June, the following office bearers were elected:

John Sherwood - Chair
Kevin Sparrow -Treasurer
Sue Sherwood—Secretary

LEVIES NOW DUE!

The AGM fixed levies at the current rate of \$12 for one year or \$50 for a five year period. Levy notices are attached with this newsletter and show any balance owing. Please forward your payment as soon as possible, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you took advantage of the five year payment option, your levy notice will show the date you are paid up to.

Welcome to new members

The Board has decided that we should endeavour to attract up to 20 new members and encourage you to approach conservation minded friends or family who would consider purchasing shares. Shares can only be purchased in bundles of 250 at \$1 per share.

At our last committee meeting the Board endorsed two applications for membership. It is a pleasure to welcome Sue Mudford, Anne Marantelli and William Purcell and family.

From the Secretary...

Change of address

It is essential that we are told when your mailing details change. We do not want to lose contact with our members.

In this regard we would like to re-establish contact with members **F and J Gerrand**.

Please notify me if you know of a current address for them.

My contact details are in the box on the front of the newsletter.



A jumble of three sugar-gliders located in one of our nesting boxes at the Sunday Working Bee (Photo: P Bolte)

Flora and Fauna Notes

Nesting boxes

Some of our nesting boxes need replacement and we are contacting a local school to see if they can help by making some new ones.

Uncommon species record

During the year the flag iris (*Patersonia occidentalis*) was found flowering on the western edge of the block.



Flag iris (Patersonia occidentalis)

Remote sensing of wildlife

Adam Merrick of Trust for Nature attended the AGM and the Working Bee on Sunday. He very kindly placed 2 of the Trust's automatic motion sensing cameras on the block. These automatically take a photograph when an object moves within the camera's field of view. The camera will respond to any movement and so plants swaying in the breeze are photographed as happily as moving animals. This leads to many "false alarms", however, Adam has recently reported results of the deployment:

- 16 Black wallabies
- 14 Long-nosed Potoroos
- 4 Fox
- 3 birds

This bodes well for the success of a camera we have just purchased for the Co-operative. We will report results in future newsletters. The fox records are concerning and we will consider another baiting program at our next Director's meeting.