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May 2025

AGM Newsletter

Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Ltd.

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Chairperson: Ms Anne Marantelli
Secretary: Dr John Sherwood (03) 5562 8064
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Directors: Kevin Sparrow (Treasurer), Geoff Rollinson, Dr Peter Goy, Colin Magilton, Laura Prentice, Michael Harris

Our AGM

WHEN: 2pm Saturday 31 May 2025

WHERE: Our Block – regardless of the weather (we will supply shelter)

Please make an effort to attend this important event. We need a quorum for decisions to be valid....and it is a pleasant day/half day out!

Also...bring a camp /folding chair to make your attendance even more enjoyable.

AGENDA:

1. Traditional Owner Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Apologies
3. Chair's report (attached)
4. Minutes of 2024 AGM (attached)
5. Financial Report (attached).
6. Notice of Motion: *That the levies remain at their current level (\$20/year or \$80/5 years).*
7. Notice of Motion: *That Sinclair Wilson be re-appointed as independent auditors for 2025/6*

8. Election of Board Members. At the close of nominations (5pm Friday 9 May) the number of nominations received equaled the number of vacancies (4). The nominees are automatically elected. Peter Goy, Kevin Sparrow, Colin Magilton and John Sherwood are reappointed to the Board.
9. Close of AGM.
10. Opening of a General Meeting. Members may raise issues from the floor.

A plan for the Day

- **10am** – early birds can enjoy a walk in the block
- **Middayish** - Picnic Lunch

Please note that because of the dry conditions we will not light the BBQs. Bring a picnic lunch only (I'm sure it will still be yummy!)

- **AGM 2 – 3.30pm** (approximately)
- **6.30pm Dinner at City Bowls Club, Cramer Street, Warrnambool** – why not join us for a pleasant post- AGM catch-up?



Clearing a fallen branch on our north boundary at the Board's working bee (26 April).



Things were also looking a bit brown at the BBQ area....

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
13.9	24.5	21.9	13.4
32.9	34.3	47.6	60.3

....because....2025 Monthly rainfall at Warrnambool (top row) and long term average (bottom row). All values in mm. A very dry start to the year here in SW Victoria

Kurri Kurri Leaders Report: 2025 Annual General Meeting

Introduction and Welcome: The AGM is always a special day to be at the Block. Thank you for making the effort to come out to enjoy this beautiful place and attend our AGM. Do we have anyone here today for the first time? (A particularly warm welcome to you!) and also to those who have travelled greater distances to attend. Your presence and efforts in getting here are greatly appreciated.

The main topics concerning the Board remain the same: that is our finances, member numbers and working bees.

Finances: Fortunately, these remain healthy thanks to the diligent work of Kevin, who has provided information in the papers circulated. He will speak to these later in the meeting.

Membership: Our current membership stands at 124. This has been relatively stable for some time, however, like me, we're all getting on, so recruiting younger, passionate people to join forces with us to ensure the long term care of Kurri Kurri is desirable. To this end, if you know of anyone who may be interested, or have children or grandchildren with an interest in the environment, please point them in our direction. New members are always welcome.

Working Bees: The 'To do list' for our Working Bees tends to move between weeding, spraying, mowing, removal of tree

limbs from the fence line, maintaining access paths and the entrance road and general tidying up of the shed and picnic area. These days are full of camaraderie and characteristically include a BBQ or picnic lunch and walk to see what can be spotted around the site. Many hands make light work, so if you're able to attend a future working bee, your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou: As always, a huge thank you to members of the Board: Laura, Colin, Geoff, John, Kevin, Michael and Peter who give generously of their time and expertise to promote the ongoing health of our block.

I hope you all enjoy your time here today.

Anne Marantelli

**Annual General Meeting
2pm 25th May 2024
Held at Kurri Kurri Bush Block.**

Welcome and Acknowledgement:-

Geoff Rollinson stood in for President Anne Marantelli who was unable to attend the day. He welcomed everyone and acknowledged our indigenous Gundijtmara community.

Present:- Adam Merrick, John Sherwood, Sue and Peter Goy, Colin Magilton, Tom McRae, Carmal Condon, Alan Mainwaring, Paul Hartrick, Richard Alexander, Julia Schlapp, Kevin Sparrow, Peter Homan, Shirley Duffield, Jan and Trevor Kennedy, Sue McCulloch and Geoff Rollinson.

Apologies:- Joyce Sparrow, Kristy Roche, Anne Marantelli, Laura Prentice, Pat Laher, Lisette Mill, Mark and Sue Mudford, Keith Davis, Peter and Colleen Bolte, Michael Harris and Judith Lewis.

Chairperson's Report:-

Geoff summarised Anne's report and highlighted the thanks given to various people who assist with managing our block. The report was circulated to members in the last month via our Newsletter.

Minutes of last AGM held 27th May 2023:-

MOTION:- That the minutes of AGM held 27th May 2023 be accepted .

*Moved Peter Goy. Seconded Paul Hartrick.
CARRIED.*

Treasurer's Report:-

Kevin ran through some of the report already circulated to members. We now have 126 members, 2 down from last financial year.

Kevin was thanked for manufacturing the new signs at the front of our block.

MOTION:- That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

*Moved Kevin Sparrow. Seconded Julia Schlapp.
CARRIED.*

MOTION:- That the annual levies remain the same. \$20 per year or \$80 per 5 years.

*Moved Kevin Sparrow. Seconded Colin Magilton.
CARRIED.*

MOTION:- That Sinclair-Wilson be re-appointed as auditors.

Moved Paul Hartrick. Seconded Richard Alexander. CARRIED.

Appointment of Directors:-

There being no other nominations received by the closing date, Laura Prentice, Geoff Rollinson, Anne Marantelli and Michael Harris were automatically re-appointed as required under Rule 47(4).

A member expressed concern that no vote was proceeded with however the Model Rule states clearly that this automatic appointment process is correct:

Rule 47(4): If the number of nominees equals the number of vacancies, the nominees must be declared elected at the annual general meeting.

Changes to Model Rules:-

John Sherwood gave an explanation for this process, with the Board having formed a sub committee that checked our old model rules and modified a very few to modernise the clauses. An explanation and other details were also sent out via the recent Newsletter.

A member questioned the natural justice of our existing Rule 7(6). After discussion the following motion was put:

MOTION:- That the first sentence of rule 7 clause 6 be deleted.

Moved Shirley Duffield. Seconded John Sherwood. CARRIED.

The deleted sentence in Rule 7(6) is: The Board need not assign reasons for the refusal.

The new Rule 7(6) is: On refusal any amounts accompanying the application for membership must be refunded within 28 days without interest.

MOTION:- That the changes suggested by the board be otherwise accepted.

Moved John Sherwood. Seconded Tom McRae. CARRIED.

MOTION:- That we change the name from Model Rules, to Kurri Kurri Co-operative Rules. Moved Shirley Duffield. Seconded Paul Hartrick. CARRIED.

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Meeting Closed :- 2:33pm

General Meeting 25th May 2024

Held after the AGM at Kurri Kurri Bush Block.

Following the close of the AGM, the Chair Geoff Rollinson opened a General Meeting of the Co-operative.

Present:- Adam Merrick, John Sherwood, Sue and Peter Goy, Colin Magilton, Tom McRae, Carmal Condon, Alan Mainwaring, Paul Hartrick, Richard Alexander, Julia Schlapp, Kevin Sparrow, Peter Homan, Shirley Duffield, Jan and Trevor Kennedy, Sue McCulloch and Geoff Rollinson.

Apologies:- Joyce Sparrow, Kristy Roche, Anne Marantelli, Laura Prentice, Pat Laher, Lisette Mill, Mark and Sue Mudford, Keith Davis, Peter and Colleen Bolte, Michael Harris and Judith Lewis Denver and Kate Artz

Minutes of last General Meeting held 27th May 2023:-

*MOTION:- That the minutes of last General Meeting held 27th May 2023 be accepted.
Moved Peter Goy Seconded Colin Magilton.
CARRIED.*

Business from the floor:-

- Julia Schlapp suggested we update our trail markers at our next working bee. This was noted and Paul Hartrick offered to supply some metal direction arrows at our next working bee.

- Richard Alexander noted that some of the east boundary fence wires need repairing. This was also noted and set for next working bee.

- Paul asked whether we have contact with the east boundary neighbour. It was confirmed that we have cordial relations there.

- Shirley Duffield asked whether KK has an email address at present. Colin Magilton explained recent problems with our email that the Board is working on. The requirement of the 2 person confirmation process is proving a hurdle.

Peter Homan presentation of recent wildlife survey in the last week:-

- Peter Homan reported that surveillance cameras (14) were put up 7 days ago, as well as a bat detector. Tonight he is planning on staying at the block collecting sounds particularly of frogs. Today the cameras were collected. He now has about 24000 photos to sort through. He is planning on writing a report for us and the VBA. Antechinus, bush rats, black wallabies, and signs of swamp rats are already noted. He sends the bat detector data to another specialist usually but is offering his own assessment at no cost.. He also explained the permit process for any research that requires bait, traps or nets.

MOTION:- That we accept Peter Homan's personal offer to identify bat species, rather than paying another specialist.

*Moved Peter Goy. Seconded Paul Hartrick.
CARRIED.*

- Adam Merrick suggested we follow up Peter's report with trapping research in the future.

- Trevor Kennedy suggested that after Peter's analysis the Board consider getting a quote from a bat expert in case we 'gain' other species with a paid report of the bat recordings at a more specialist level.

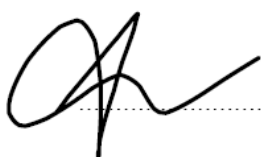
Meeting Closed:- 3:01pm.

KURRI KURRI CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Kurri Kurri Co-Operative Society Limited we declare that in the opinion of the Directors:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Co-Operative Act, and:
 - (a) Comply with Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements in accordance with the Co-Operatives Act; and
 - (b) Give a true and fair view of the Co-Operatives financial position as at 31 March, 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Co-Operative will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



.....Director/Chairperson

DATED this 12 May 2025

SINCLAIR *Wilson*
AUDIT & ASSURANCE SERVICES

12 May 2025

The Directors
Kurri Kurri Co-Operative Society Ltd
P O Box 582
WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280

Dear Members,

**Re: KURRI KURRI CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD
AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**


We have completed our Audit of the above entity. We refer you to both our Engagement Letter dated 14 April 2019 and Management Representation Letter signed by you dated 12 May, 2025 which clearly states the responsibility for ensuring adequate internal controls are in place lies with Management, not Sinclair Wilson as the appointed Auditor.

Receipts

Our standard qualification applies in relation to income received. As is the case with organisations receiving cash income, we were unable to certify that all income was received and accounted for in the receipts of the organisation.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact Ms Felicity Melican of this office on 5564 0519 or 0418 518 870 at any time.

Yours faithfully,



FELICITY MELICAN
PRINCIPAL
Encl.

Confirmation that the Board / Committee acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Anne Marinkelli 13/05/25 Anne Marinkelli
Name of Chairperson Date Signature

Please return this letter to Felicity Melican of this office

KURRI KURRI CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME			
Administration Grant		500	500
Interest		1,854	1,055
Levies		1,120	1,975
		<u>3,474</u>	<u>3,530</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Audit		525	493
Insurance		528	530
Secretary expense		315	101
Rates		606	592
Sundry		123	259
P.O. Box Rental		-	174
		<u>2,097</u>	<u>2,149</u>
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>1,377</u>	<u>1,381</u>
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year			
Adjustment on Revaluation of Land & Buildings		-	(6,000)
Forfeited Shares		1,250	500
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u>1,250</u>	<u>(5,500)</u>
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		<u>2,627</u>	<u>(4,119)</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		<u>2,627</u>	<u>(4,119)</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cheque Account	2	6,121	6,348
Term Deposits	3	<u>42,552</u>	<u>40,698</u>
		<u>48,673</u>	<u>47,046</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Land at Committee Valuation		48,000	48,000
Buildings at Committee Valuation		<u>32,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>
	4	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>128,673</u>	<u>127,046</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>128,673</u>	<u>127,046</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>128,673</u>	<u>127,046</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
2. Term deposits		
Current:		
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	3,731	-
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit	2,390	6,348
	<u>6,121</u>	<u>6,348</u>
3. Term deposits		
Current:		
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	20,989	20,036
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit	21,563	20,662
	<u>42,552</u>	<u>40,698</u>

4. Land and Buildings

Land and Buildings have been reported by the Directors in line with Moyne Shire Council 2024-2025 Capital Improved Value (\$80,000).

5. Events After the Balance Sheet Date.

The Directors are not aware of any events which have occurred subsequent to balance date which would materially affect the financial statements prepared for the year ended at 31 March, 2025.

6. Related Party Transactions

The entity did not enter into any contracts with related parties.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from funding and operational sources		1,620	2,475
Interest received		1,854	1,055
Operating payments		(2,097)	(2,149)
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>1,377</u>	<u>1,381</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Issued Capital		250	-
Net cash used in Financing Activities		<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held		<u>1,627</u>	<u>1,381</u>
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		47,046	45,665
Cash at the end of the financial year		<u>48,673</u>	<u>47,046</u>