

KURRI KURRI- Like More Information?

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How to join:

Complete a membership/share application form, and send it, with cheque/money order for \$270 (\$250 plus \$20 levy) payable to "Kurri Kurri Co-Op Society Limited" to the address above. Direct Deposits can be arranged - contact Treasurer.

For more information or to receive a share application form, fill out and send to Secretary at address above.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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EMAIL:

- I am interested in joining and would like to arrange a visit to the property.
 I would like to receive a share application form



**KURRI KURRI CO-OP
SOCIETY LTD (Victoria)**

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**WHY NOT BECOME A SHAREHOLDER
AND JOIN WITH OUR FRIENDLY
MEMBERS IN THEIR ACTIVITIES**

WHAT IS KURRI KURRI?

The Kurri Kurri Co-Op Society is a privately owned and funded organization formed principally to purchase a block of natural bushland near Naringal with the intention of preserving it for conservation purposes. This was achieved in 1985 and today still boasts a shareholding of approximately 120 members. Members of the society enjoy shared ownership of the block and can visit the property whenever they wish. The committee is always on the look out for further future investments.

The Society is managed by an elected Board of Directors and operates within Victorian legislation. The board meets at least 4 times a year and organizes an AGM and regular working bees to maintain the block. Regular newsletters are produced to keep members informed and give reports of activities undertaken.

KURRI KURRI BUSH BLOCK

Our 32 ha bush block was burnt out in the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires, and has regenerated naturally since then. It is located about 30 km East of Warrnambool, and is surrounded by farmland, although at one corner it adjoins another privately owned bush block. The block is almost completely 'unimproved' apart from a picnic clearing with a barbecue fireplace, a water tank and wooden shelter which contains a shower (cold) and toilet connected to a septic tank. There are two walking trails which transect the block in both directions, and a vehicle access track. The block is linked to the Ralph Illidge Sanctuary by roadside vegetation corridors; thus Kurri Kurri contributes significantly to both the floral and faunal habitat of this region. A number of bird and animal boxes have been erected on trees to provide valuable nesting sites.



WHAT DOES IT COST TO JOIN?

To become a member, all you have to do is agree with the purposes of the Society and to purchase a minimum lot of 250, \$1.00 shares. The board must approve the purchase as they must for any transfer of ownership or sale.

Members are obliged to abide by the rules of the Society – but since all are already conservation minded, that isn't difficult. There is an annual levy (currently \$20 p/a per shareholder or \$80 for 5 years) and must remain financial to be considered an active member in accordance with the Co-Operatives act.

Members are especially welcome to join in and get to know fellow members or not should they wish to remain private. New members are always required so that the Society will be able to continue its activities well into the future.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

The Society is a non-profit, non-trading organisation. The accumulated levies, donations and residual share capital is held by the Society in term deposits. A small cheque account is used for operating expenses. The Board has a policy of keeping sufficient funds in reserve to enable the Society to replace all of the fencing and all of the picnic area amenities in the event of another total loss by bushfire. The regular rates, insurance, equipment hire and occasional road-making material purchases are met by the annual levy, as are secretarial and other operating costs.

KURRI KURRI—PROTECTING THE INVESTMENT

The regular working bees have three main aims. We must look after the boundary to ensure that the fences are clear of undergrowth and fallen branches. We also dig out weeds and set baits for foxes. And we also maintain our walking trails and the picnic area to make stays at the block more enjoyable for everyone. .

As well as the season to season on-site maintenance, the Board has placed a covenant on the block with the Victorian Trust for Nature to ensure that it can never be used for other than conservation purposes.