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Working Bee 20 March 2021

After a year of Zoom meetings your Board was able to hold a face-to-face meeting on 9 February. It was good to have a small semblance of “normal” back in our lives. Provided Victoria can keep covid under control we are looking at resuming working bees and other activities back on the block this year.

Our first member activity is a working bee – scheduled for Saturday 20 March and starting at 10am. Bring a lunch (keeping an eye on Fire Danger warnings that may stop BBQs). Activities will include:

- Slashing the walking tracks
- Clearing fence lines
- Weeding around the BBQ area
- Cleaning the shed
- Kikuyu control on the western boundary
- Checking nest boxes
-and just enjoying the bush!

If you need directions to get to the block email or telephone me and I'll send them through.

NEWS

February 2021

Summer Newsletter

Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Ltd.

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Advance Notice: AGM Sunday 30 May 2021

Being eternal optimists the Board has picked a date for a real, in person AGM on the block this year. This note is to make sure you put it in your diary (in ink not pencil please).

Details will follow – we may be able to hold a dinner on Saturday night but the AGM will start at 1.30pm on Sunday – after a lunch beginning at 12noon.

Two year terms of four Directors expire at the AGM: yours truly, Colin Magilton, Kevin Sparrow and Peter Goy. If you would like to nominate for the Board a form accompanies this Newsletter.

The Board meets 4 – 6 times a year and joining meetings by Zoom or other electronic means is feasible. If you would like more information contact me for a chat.

Welcome to New Member

Peter Finnigan, a Warrnambool resident has recently joined us. Peter is a keen bird photographer and hopefully some of his photos can grace a future Newsletter (no pressure!)

Audio moth Report

We have now been operating the audiomoth for nearly 4 months. Colin, Peter and Anne have worked as rostered team to regularly download the data. This has not been without incident and we (and Birdlife Australia) are extremely fortunate to have an electronic whizz like Colin in-house. He emailed us this recently:

The problem was that the batteries were not lasting 4 weeks in the field and the device was failing to record the full 5 hours periods and eventually not making any recordings at all. So I decided to replace the exchangeable AA batteries with a much larger square 6V lantern battery; mounting the battery in another plastic box down the pole a bit and connecting via some speaker cable. I had actually thought that the device took 4x AA's which makes 6 volts so it would be a simple swap-over. But when I got out there to change over the battery system I discovered it only took 3 batteries, thus 4.5V not 6V. Luckily I had some bits in my tool box and was able to cobble together a temporary voltage drop device which I installed and set the AudioMoth going again. BTW I also installed the film covering for the microphone opening, that

Bradley sent down, to give it better rain cover. The box was getting damp inside and the battery springs had rusted a bit.

I decided to return a few days later with a better voltage drop mechanism and to see that all was well. Unfortunately I discovered that a kangaroo (I assume) had chewed through the speaker cable leading from the battery box up to the AudioMoth, completely severing it and leaving the device without any power. So I had to take the device home and repair the cable and find something to act as a conduit to protect the cable from further nibbling.

So I returned again and reinstalled the system with a piece of aluminium tube acting as the conduit to run the cable up. I think that will test the roo's incisors.

....and you're never really alone.



Colin had this visitor at the audiomoth. Those stripes are a give away.

KURRI KURRI CO-OP SOCIETY LTD – NOMINATION OF A DIRECTOR 2021

WE WISH TO NOMINATE

AS A DIRECTOR OF KURRI KURRI CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

(Signed)

1st nominator

2nd nominator

I ACCEPT THE NOMINATION (Nominee Signature)

Date:2021

Please return to: **The Secretary, Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Ltd., P.O. Box 582 Warrnambool 3280 by 5pm Friday 30 April 2021.**

