



**Minutes of
The Goldfields Land Rehabilitation Group
Annual General meeting**

14th July 2000

Present – Jim Tucker, Joy Tucker, Mark Robertson, Ray Gerrard, Richard Galloway, Glenn Creed, Steve Rusbridge, Adrian Williams, Laura Chibnall, Jim Lavery, Steve Neill, Michael Boisvert(?) Cameron Page, Mike Burns, Lee-Anne Stewart, Carolyn Vivian, David Humphreys, Kate George, Kerry Warne, Campbell Hawkes, Jane McKinney, Nathan Russell, Rory Lamont, Kingsley Dixon, Grant Wells, Darren Graeme, Sarah Adriano, Craig James (those missing did not write their names on the attendance sheet.)

Apologies – Eugene Bouwhuis, Jim Williams, Tracey Simpson, Trevor Naughton

Time – 14.13

Business Arising

Presidents Report – Jim Tucker presented his report on the year that was from the GLRG's point of view. A copy of this report is attached to these Minutes

Discussion on
GLRG Direction – A general discussion was held regarding the future direction of the group. It is important that we are mindful of the groups objectives as an incorporated body, these were read out by Jim Tucker and are reprinted below for information.

The objects of the Group shall be to promote good environmental management practices in the Goldfields, particularly by:

Providing a source of expertise and resources for land rehabilitation in the Goldfields. This is to include the areas of revegetation techniques, seed technology and site planning.

Providing information and education to the public on revegetation and environmental management in the Goldfields.

Identifying areas where rehabilitation knowledge is limited and research will be beneficial.

The discussion centered around whether we should continue with the Bi-Monthly short meetings with a committee meeting and a presentation or move to having less frequent but more substantial meetings along the lines of the AGM. Possibly also one meeting per year could be held in Perth or somewhere outside the Goldfields

In general the consensus was that the longer format was easier to attend less often and was more worthwhile than the more frequent meetings. This may be a problem with the constitution of the GLRG. *Ray Gerrard* moved that the proposals to change the meeting structure and the constitution be developed by the incoming committee

– *Seconded Mark Robertson motion carried.*

Financial Statement – The audited financial statement (copy attached) was presented by the Treasurer Campbell Hawks. *Jim Lavery* moved to accept the audit report.

- *Seconded Steve Rusbridge – Motion Carried.*

Election of Office Bearers – All positions had only one nominee and all were elected unopposed.

President – Mark Robertson
Vice President – Ray Gerrard
Secretary – Laura Chibnall
Treasurer – Glenn Creed

Committee – Steve Rusbridge
Lee-Anne Stewart
Richard Galloway
Tracey Simpson
Nathan Russell

Jim Tucker (Outgoing President) officially thanked the outgoing Committee for their efforts during the year, particularly in light of many changes and the organisation of the Workshop.

Appointment of Auditor – *Jim Tucker* moved to appoint Pat Leighton as the Financial Auditor for the coming year.

- *Seconded Ray Gerrard, motion carried*

Other Business

Northern

GLRG – The question of whether the Northern GLRG should be continued was raised. The Northern group is not a formal group and has only had a coordinator appointed to facilitate greater involvement with the GLRG as a whole. The changes to meeting structure discussed earlier may nullify the

need to have a separate group for the Northern regions. Fly in fly out arrangements make it harder for the Northern group and it was suggested that if the meetings change they should be held alternately on the odd and even weeks to ensure all FIFO members get a chance to attend.

Overall it was not considered necessary to formalise the group. Therefore no commitments have been made and the options are still open.

Projects – The GLRG is currently in the happy position of having a healthy bank balance. We are a non-profit organisation and as such we should use surplus funds. A number of projects have been proposed for discussion.

Herbarium – The GLRG already have a significant herbarium that is in real need of some attention.

Some suggestions for this were to:-

Cooperate with the Goldfields Naturalists Club who may be able to provide personnel to work on it.

-Catalogue and photograph it for inclusion on the Web to make it more available to the membership (and others?).

-Have an ID key devised covering plants in the herbarium

-Relocate it to the CMAE so that it can be supervised and managed.

-Combine it with the AgWA herbarium to make a more complete resource.

Trials

Register – It has been proposed that a trials register be established to list all of the research and trial work that has been carried on within the minesite environmental area. This would consist of a searchable website with data from minesite baseline surveys to full blown research projects. If we extended this to also cover pastoral land research which in many cases is complementary there is the potential for the Kalgoorlie Land Conservation District Committee to be involved cooperatively. Steve Rusbridge has been pursuing information about this and PPK will carry out the R&D for ~\$18,000.

DRF Identification

Website - This was suggested as a useful undertaking and it could be incorporated into the herbarium and the GLRG website.

Goldfields

Garden - The establishment of a Goldfields Showcase at Kings Park Botanical Gardens was raised with Dr Kingsley Dixon from the Botanical Parks and Gardens Board. This would provide a way of raising awareness about the Goldfields environment and would also have the potential for information about propagation and growing regional species to be gathered by BPGb.

Rally Revegetation (Ray Gerrard) Has offered to donate the seed for this project.

KAL Inc

Alliance - The Kalgoorlie Arid Landcare Group is small group of people with potentially similar objectives to the GLRG and it has been suggested in the past that a formal alliance be set up between the two groups. This is to be investigated by the incoming committee with advice from interested parties.

Website – Steve Rusbridge gave a rundown of the state of play regarding the GLRG Website. We need to register it as a .org.au site and this process is done by volunteers and takes a considerable length of time. It is intended that we pursue a .org domain out of the USA which is very quick and then to link the two domains when we get the .org.au site registered. Currently the site is available at www.emerge.net.au/~glrg.

It is proposed that the website will have a chat page where we can share our collective knowledge and expertise. Hopefully this will contain a forum for posting questions to the rest of the group.

The website will also contain papers of interest to the group and links to other sites of interest to members. Additionally it will be used to promote any sponsors or Corporate Supporting Members of the GLRG and its projects.

Torch

Relay – Congratulations to two of the members (who were present at the meeting) Glenn Creed and Rory Lamont on their participation in the Kalgoorlie leg of the Olympic Torch Relay.

Past

President – Jim Tucker was thanked for his efforts as President in the previous year.

GLRG Inc
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
1999-2000

This is my second and last president's report at an AGM of this Group. It was definitely a better year than the first, but I still have some reservations about the future direction of the Group.

Firstly, what did we accomplish this year?

Changed the meeting structure. I have been aiming to have one out of Kal and then one in Kal. This has not been a raging success and I apologise to Richard at Tarmoola for the trouble the site was put to for the pitiful turnout. I take the majority of the responsibility for poor turnouts because we haven't been good at giving adequate notice, especially for the remote meetings. I hope that tonight is a sign of a turnaround. Amazing what the rules for an AGM will do for timely organisation.

Ran a Workshop. Not the numbers of registrations we would have liked, but sponsorships saw us make a healthy profit. Feedback has been very positive, and I hope the event was the success I am lead to believe it was.

Started a web page. We correctly went for a org registration, being a not for profit Group, but that has created its own problems which I hope will be resolved soon. I think the website has huge potential in two areas. Firstly, it will provide a ready means of inter-Group communication. Secondly, it has the potential to project the Group to a vastly wider audience, which augurs well for future membership and Workshop attendance.

Recently, Brian Ferguson progressed a potential alliance with the Goldfields Naturalists Club. Whether the new Committee wants to pursue this is their, and your, business. I believe that we could both gain from some form of collaboration, be it formal or informal.

The requisite number of bi-monthly meetings were organised after a fashion and attended with varying degrees of success, as I've referred to already. I wonder if lack of notice was the only factor in the generally poor attendance or whether it's time we look at how this Group runs into the future. At one time I wondered whether we had a future.

Recent events, in particular the Workshop and this meeting itself, have convinced me that there is a rosy future for the Group, but maybe not in exactly the form we have been going.

I'd like to put a few of ideas to the Group.

Should we keep going the way we have been, and hope that the next Committee can organise regular meetings better and raise members' enthusiasm for them?

Should we give away regular general meetings entirely, and exist only to run bi-ennial or annual Workshops?

What about say, 2 or 3 meetings a year, but each one a fill day? A mini-workshop?

Before I go, and by no means as an afterthought, I want to thank a few people.

Firstly, all of the Committee I had around me. Some of the earlier stuff might have sounded like we were all a bunch of slackers, but that is all down to me, I'm afraid. The Committee, individually and as a group did a great job of everything that was asked of them and more. It was difficult for some, as there was a good deal of turnover due to people leaving the area in the furtherance of their careers. To those people, thanks for your input and all the best for the future. To the entire committee, thank you all.

Secondly, the Workshop subcommittee. Again, there was a good deal of turnover and I reckon that getting it all together was a great effort. Thanks to all of you. I don't want to make great praise of any individual, but I will point out that the Workshop wouldn't have been in the black without sponsorship, which was twice what we had last time. Mark Robertson put in huge effort to achieve that result.

Last of all, thank you to all the membership for allowing me to be President for two years. I hand over the Group with a healthy bank balance, ready for the next big project. Do it well. Thank You.

Goldfields Rehabilitation Group (Inc)

Audit Report to the Members

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report for the year ended 30 June, 2000 of Goldfields Rehabilitation Group (Inc). The proprietor is responsible for the financial statements and has determined that The accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the entity and are appropriate to meet the his\her needs. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the proprietor. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the proprietor's needs.

We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than The partners, 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 included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described In Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views).

Receipts should be written as the money is received and all receipts recorded in the cash book with the receipt numbers in order. The cash book should be totalled to each banking so That it is easily checked and reconciled. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on The above basis.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with accounting policies, the financial position of Goldfields Rehabilitation Group (Inc) as at 30 June, 2000 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

PAT LEIGHTON FCA



Kalgoorlie
12/07/2000

Goldfields Rehabilitation Group (Inc)

Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June, 2000

	2000 \$	1999 \$
Income		
Memberships	5,393	2,080
Plant ID Booklets	1,665	45
Bird Books	60	
Caps	10	
Workshop Registrations	48,320	1,185
Proceedings	640	5
Interest received	20	13
Total income	56,108	3,328
Expenditure		
Workshop	36,184	540
Brochures	1,235	
Audit Fees	370	350
Bank fees and charges	78	30
General expenses	1,790	30
Hire Of Venue Entertainment	793	297
Internet & Computer Expenses	225	
Postage	419	2,098
Printing & stationery	508	461
Rent Storage	80	80
Travel, Accom & Conference	1,985	2,290
Total expenses	43,669	6,176
Net Income over Expenditure	12,440	(2,848)

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Balance Sheet As At 30 June, 2000

	2000	1999
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Accumulated Funds		
Opening balance	21,257	24,105
Net Income over Expenditure	12,440	(2,848)
Less:		
Total Accumulated Funds	<hr/> 33,697	<hr/> 21,257
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Cash		
Cash at bank	3,577	21,257
Cash On Hand	120	
Bank West Term Deposit	30,000	
Total current assets	<hr/> 33,697	<hr/> 21,257
Total assets	<hr/> 33,697	<hr/> 21,257
Net Assets	<hr/> 33,697	<hr/> 21,257