

Newham and District Landcare Group

Welcome! And thank you for your support! By receiving this first newsletter you are either a fully paid-up member of the Newham and District Landcare Group or someone who has expressed interest.

INAUGURAL MEETING

This was held at the Templetons' home on 2 May and attended by some 55 people. Talks were given by John Robinson, Landcare Coordinator for the whole catchment; Lachlan Milne, Environment Officer for the Macedon Ranges Shire; Pat Toomey, President of the Deep Creek Landcare Group - centred on the Lancefield/Romsey areas; and Doug Dalgleish, Foundation Chairman of the Woodend Five Mile Creek Landcare Group. We were also pleased to have the Mayor, Councillor John Connor; and John Strachan, a weed expert from D.P.I., based in Kyneton.

A committee was elected to stand until a General Meeting is held in October 2004.

YOUR COMMITTEE

Chair: Jim Sansom	5427 0408
Vice Chair: Penny Roberts	5427 0795
Hon. Sec: Roger Rugless	5427 0100
Hon. Treas: Hilary Roberts	5427 0795
Alice Aird	5427 0453
Amanda Cole	5427 0383
Marie Marmara	5427 0258
Sally Stabback	5427 0059
Philip Flanagan	5427 0336

INAUGURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The first meeting of the committee was held on Monday 3 May 2004. Future meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome - just make a call to Jim, Penny or Roger on the numbers above.

ITEMS COVERED

- Review of the Inaugural Meeting and a discussion of directions for the future.
- Establishment of guidelines for a formal framework. This includes official incorporation, starting a bank account and arranging insurance cover and a constitution. Precise details will be covered in a later newsletter.
- Plans for our first real "function", a forum on weeds. See below for details.