

# ARMIDALE TREE GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## Armidale Tree Group Celebrates 40 Years



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**Cover image:** *From Little Things Big Things grow.* Photos: Dave Carr.

**From the Editor,**

I have written up the Tree Armidale Group History over the past 40 years and archived much of our work. I edited the 10 years, 20 years, 30 years and now 40 Years! newsletters and have borrowed much from past ones to make this one more complete. *From Little Things Big Things Grow* is an apt title to describe where we are now. At the end of the newsletter I have added all past committee members and all past newsletters.

On reflecting I realise what an asset the Armidale Tree Group has been in our local and communities further afield. The number of people and groups who have been involved over the years is unfathomable, as is the number of trees we have planted. I hope you enjoy reading about where we came from and how we got to this point. Where we are going is still hard to imagine.

I am also advertising some events that we are holding for you to celebrate with us.

- our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday party bash at the Bowling Club on 7<sup>th</sup> October – save the date and let others know! TICKETS ON SALE NOW.
- our Tour of ATG plantings on the properties of our members Jeremy Smith and Paul McFarland on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
- Black Gully festival will celebrate ATG's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**40,000 club updates:**

Thank you to our generous donors towards our 40,000 club. We currently have raised \$23,000 and thank Armidale Central Rotary Club for \$10,000 of this amount.

ATG is currently fundraising to raise some funds to:

- help extend our nursery, for new greenhouses, irrigation, and nursery benches to allow us to grow an extra 100,000 trees per year,
- Preparation, weed control and planting at Acacia Park woodland,
- Providing trees for the 40ha koala forest, or
- Supporting one of our other community projects in Black Gully, the Mike O'Keefe Woodland or Dumaresq Creek.
- Building a bridge in the Mike O'Keefe Woodland

Please see details re. ways to donate at the end of the Newsletter.

Kerry Steller (editor)



**FIRST ATG  
NEWSLETTER  
COVER 1983**

Join us for our  
birthday party  
celebrating 40 years



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ARMIDALE TREE  
GROUP

~~SAT 7TH OCTOBER~~

6.30pm -11.00pm

ARMIDALE BOWLING CLUB

Three course meal, awards, fundraising  
music by Trelos Lantana  
\$70pp

[Book here through humanitix](#)

Hope you can all make it! Please contact Kerry Steller at the Tree Group if you can help with the organisation for our birthday party.

Book [HERE](#) or click on <https://events.humanitix.com/armidale-tree-group-40-years-birthday-party>

Come and see the successful plantings of two of our members, Jeremy Smith and Paul McFarland. More details to come.



ATG 

TREE

Planting Tours

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST**  
SELWYNS WOOD, 303 CASTLEDOYLE ROAD,  
ARMIDALE (JEREMY SMITH)  
6,000 TREES PLANTED 2017 AND 2020-21

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND**  
300 GARA RD, ARMIDALE  
(PAUL MCFARLAND)  
20,000 TREES PLANTED 2006-2023

10AM - 3PM EACH DAY

**\$10 per adult covers both days (U16 free)**

SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF  
ARMIDALE TREE GROUP  
PLANTINGS  
Refreshments available

# **ATG History: From Little Things Big Things Grow**

## **Kerry Steller**

The Armidale Tree Group Inc. is unique. From humble beginnings the Group has grown to a large community organisation that is sought after for its expertise. With no reliance on government funding, this not-for-profit group has relied on the sale of quality native plants along with the generosity of its members and supporters and its charitable status to raise much needed funds. ATG's ability to obtain grants and carry out a range of projects over many years has helped maintain and enhance the biodiversity in our environment. We don't just grow and plant trees- we also supply shrubs, herbs, forbs, grasses- so our name describes just a small part of our work. There is no other organisation like the Armidale Tree Group. We are unique. According to our constitution, the objects of ATG are:

- (a) to protect and conserve the New England environment by: the raising and planting of native plants; managing threats to natural ecosystems; and managing habitats for wildlife in the region.
  
- (b) to promote public awareness of the role played by trees and other native plants, and the value ecosystems have in improving the ecological balance of the New England Landscape and sustaining biodiversity.

## **The first 10 years (1983-1993). Pioneering.**

A public meeting run by the Armidale branch of Friends of the Earth was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1983. 1983 was the National Tree of the Year. Chris Nadolny talked about the causes of dieback and David Curtis instigated the action. The New England Community Tree Planting Scheme was born from this meeting with a goal to plant 10,000 trees to counter the effects of dieback on the Northern Tablelands. The first nursery and meeting place for volunteers was at Dave & Fran Curtis' home 'The Spyway' in Simmons Road. In 1987 the Group became incorporated and had a name change to the Armidale Tree Group Inc.



**Our first nursery in Ampol St in 1988 – volunteer potting up day.**

A Commonwealth Employment Program (CEP) grant was obtained in 1986 to reafforest the shores of Malpas Dam to help with algae problems saw 38,000 trees propagated and 12,000 planted. The high survival rate using newly developed techniques for tree planting forged the way for further native plantings on the Tablelands. Trial plantings and direct seeding with the Eucalyptus Regeneration Program based at UNE followed. Combatting dieback became a reality. The Landcare movement was subsequently established in Australia as environmental awareness increased through the nation.

A new nursery site was found at the Armidale Showground in 1989. 20,000 trees were propagated for the Eucalyptus Regeneration Programme. Contract planting and community planting began and ATG featured in the Sydney Morning Herald Good Weekend Magazine.

Kath Wray established Citizens Wildlife Corridors in 1989, expanding on the important work she commenced with the Armidale Tree Group. What an amazing job she did, getting adjoining landholders to agree to corridors and mapping these extensively.



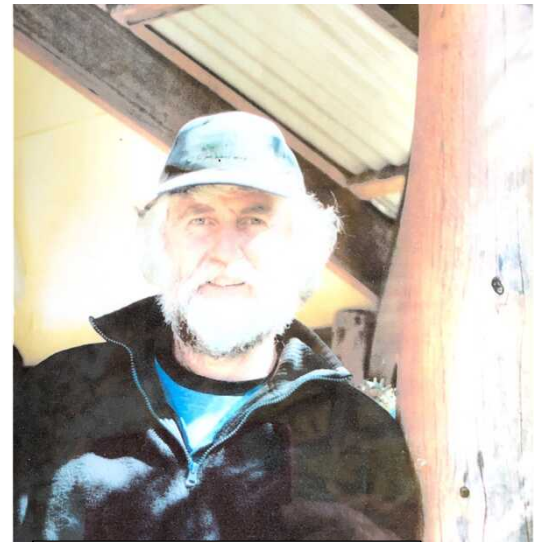
**Malpas Dam 1985**



**Malpas Dam 1995**

In 1990 Mike O’Keeffe was employed as full time Nursery Manager and introduced more garden lines to help the nursery stay viable. The Armidale Showground nursery site was limited in size and suitability, so a new site was searched for. Mike always had a vision for a Tree Centre on a larger site and this later came to fruition with the building of the Woodland Centre on our current nursery site.

Landcare commenced in Australia and Greening Australia worked with the ATG to form a great partnership, with David Curtis as Greening Australia Regional Manager. It was an exciting time. The inaugural Treefest was held at John and Vicki Taylor’s property “The Hill” at Kentucky in 1992 where 6,000 people came to see the latest tree planting and seeding techniques. Local artists using environmental themes painted the ‘Amazing Maze’. It was constructed to tell the story of dieback and the need for repair of our environment.



Mike O’Keeffe



ATG display at Treefest in 1992

## **The next 10 years (1993-2003). Establishing.**

The current nursery was established on Mann St in 1994 to cater for the rapidly expanding tree orders. ATG took over the trusteeship of this crown land reserve from the University of New England after lengthy negotiations with UNE and the Crown Lands Dept. Mike designed the site from scratch and with other workers built this site and relocated all the plants.



**Establishing the current nursery in 1994**

The Armidale bypass planting involved a huge community planting of over 20,000 trees in 1994 prior to its opening. Many school students and sporting and other organisations took part in both propagating and planting trees, making money for their respective organisations. The success of the first Malpas Dam planting and the model using paid community groups led to a second planting using our new air-pruned plants called speedlings. A further 8,000 speedlings were planted at Malpas Dam and the community was paid to plant them with a Greening Australia grant to Armidale City Council.

The 'Nova Anglica – the Web of our Endeavours' Exhibition at the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) was held in 1998 and it brought together many like-minded environmental organisations including the Armidale Tree Group, farmers, and artists for a celebration of stories of achievement around the centrepiece of the Citizen's Wildlife Corridors extensive map of New England plantings. Local school students also took part in a diverse range of activities, tours and plantings. Over 5,000 people attended over a 3-week period.



**NOVA ANGLICA print by Anna Curtis depicting the New England area in Nova anglica plants.**



The Woodland Centre for education was built using community labour and funds and opened in 2002. A fundraising effort by the community took place with great bush dances held at Dangarsleigh Hall. Donations by corporate sponsors, and donations to a 100 club were well subscribed.

**The WOODLAND CENTRE commences 2000. Rob Johnson inspects the foundations**



**The WOODLAND CENTRE was completed and opened in 2002.**

In 2002 the ATG took over the trusteeship of Black Gully Reserve, now the Mike O’Keeffe Woodland. Green Corp teams were established to train young people in land management under Michael Jarochowicz and they helped develop the Woodland and other projects throughout the town.

Snow Gums Park and Manna Gum Park, important remnant bushland areas in Armidale, continued to have extensive bush regeneration under the care of Kate Boyd and a group of loyal volunteers and this continues today. Kate has been instrumental in leading this regeneration program which is funded by Armidale Regional Council.

The Armidale Urban Rivercare group and SNEELCC commenced community work along Dumaresq Creek and other sensitive sites and continue to liaise with the ATG on important community projects.

## **The third decade (2003-2013). Expanding.**

The Plague and the Moonflower concert at Lazenby Hall and an art exhibition at the Woodland Centre in 2003 provided impetus for linking the arts with the environment. The Armidale Symphony Orchestra and the Sing NSW choir in conjunction with many other well-known Armidale performers made this a premier event. The showcasing of this local talent in this production at the Woodford Folk Festival in 2004 was momentous and unforgettable. The 2008 commissioning of the renowned Australian composer Elena Kats-Chernin to write the score for Gods Drawing Board for the Armidale community to perform was also a great occasion for involvement by the Armidale Tree Group after 25 years as a community group. God's Drawing Board specifically celebrated the work of the community, as exemplified through the pioneering work in revegetation of Mike O'Keeffe and Mark Sandstrom. The Woodland Centre went on to host several Art Exhibitions including one for the launch of EcoArts Australia.



**PLAGUE and the MOONFLOWER performance at Woodford Folk Festival: Photo Jim Vickers**



Mike O’Keeffe’s sudden death in 2005 required new management and direction for the ATG Management Committee. It was a very difficult time for all, and Brian Coggan helped renew enthusiasm by doing some strategic planning with the current committee to set some goals for the future of the group.

The Woodland Centre and the Woodland were subsequently named after Mike for his enormous contribution to the development of the Armidale Tree Group.

**Planting at the Mike O’Keeffe Woodland at its naming**

Rob Johnson took over the ATG manager’s role from 2006-2013 and worked tirelessly in this role. He was joined by our business manager David Hardwick from 2012-2015. ATG celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2013 with a party at the Town Hall where 130 people attended.

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN 2013**



**The last 10 years (2013-2023). Challenging.**

Looking back over the last ten years the major challenges were drought, bushfire, COVID-19, floods, solar farms, tornado and hailstorm, koalas, and climate change.



**PAST PRESIDENTS IN 2016: Ray South, Chris Nadolny, David Curtis, Dave Carr, and Kerry Steller. The current president since 2019 is David Steller.**

Dan Davies (from Environmental Services) took on the role of Manager of the Tree Group from 2015-2017 and then handed this manager's role onto our Retail Manager Alicia Cooper in 2017. Both Dan and Alicia continued to build on the strengths of the ATG, creating a strong business in Retail and Wholesale plant production and Environmental Services that extended well beyond the Northern Tablelands.

The Armidale Urban Rivercare Group's Rehab grant helped transform Dumaresq Creek and then went on to win a State Government Grant (in cooperation with UNE) to commence the WW2WW (Weedy Wasteland to Wildlife Wetland) to regenerate a 450-metre-long section of creek lands off Douglas Street. After many setbacks, mainly to do with a boggy, wet site, the first plantings commenced in 2023.

Open Days and free workshops were held at the nursery, Black Gully Festival commenced with NERAM and Sustainable Living Armidale (SLA) in 2015 and this brought together a range of environmental groups, schools, and community members with great music to celebrate these common environmental themes.

Extensive work to rebuild the dam wall on Black Gully alleviated gully erosion and extensive work was done to rid the dam of Mexican water lily. Other noxious weed removal was done and is ongoing. In 2015 Rob Johnson devised the Woodland Wonderland to plant out the Mike O'Keeffe Woodland with \$12,000 raised for this project. The Education Centre grant from Armidale Regional Council in 2017 fitted out the Woodland Centre with facilities to run education programs with schools. In 2017 ATG was a finalist in the Crown Reserve Trust Corporate Manager's award for the Mike O'Keeffe Woodland that we had been managing for 22 years (in 2023 it is now 28 years). This Woodland now allows local residents with a place for walking, bird watching and placid recreational and leisure activities.



**Extensive plantings in the Woodland**



**Students take part in Woodland plantings**

In 2017 ATG took over the environmental management of Acacia Park, a Crown Reserve located on the southern side of Armidale. This 27.85-hectare reserve holds a remnant endangered ecological community - White Box - Yellow Box - Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland. Weed removal has commenced and planting will be undertaken soon.

In 2017 *Every Tree Counts* was the name given to our self-funded project to connect a wildlife corridor from the east to the west along Saumarez Creek from Saumarez Creek to Dangars Falls. After some initial planting by schools and the community on Dumaresq Creek *Every Tree Counts* was launched with landholders at Dangarsleigh Hall and plantings began at the Banded Bee Farm at Saumarez Ponds in 2018.

Further public plantings at Enmore TSR in 2019 and 2021 were well attended by over 60 volunteers however drought and COVID -19 had a huge impact on our ability to undertake these plantings at the most opportune times.



**The logo devised for Every Tree Counts**



**Plantings at Enmore TSR on Salisbury Waters by volunteers for Every Tree Counts.  
Photo: Dave Carr**

*Growing Sustainable Landscapes* replaced *Re-leaf New England* as our vision for the Armidale Tree Group. A new survey on dieback was done and revealed that we still had a long way to go, and that increasing biodiversity was the way to forge ahead.

In 2018/2019 drought was widespread, severely affecting the Tree Group's ability to work with landholders to plant out trees. Our Environmental Services Manager Paul Cahill worked with Alicia Cooper to extend our work to planting trees and undertaking maintenance at Solar Farm at Beryl, Manildra and Orange, UNE, and Metz.

Citizens CWC was unincorporated and absorbed into the ATG to continue this amazing work of Kath Wray and a subcommittee formed. Working bees continue under the CWC subcommittee banner to maintain some areas of Blue Wren Lane.

A database of new England plants was produced and is on our website <http://armidaletreegroup.org.au/plants-of-new-england/>



**2018 STAFF: Rob Johnson, Alicia Cooper (Manager), Emily Ward, Jane Pickard, Ruth Tremont and Paul Cahill.**

Drought monitoring started to reveal to us how plants reacted to drought so that we could advise and plan for a very different future. Level 5 water restrictions affected the nursery on that our reliance from the water from the Black Gully dam water was a lifesaver for the nursery as watering 'stock' did not extend to plants. We also looked at sinking a bore if the drought continued. Koala drinking stations had to be installed and monitored. Climate change was urgently becoming a reality for our fragile planet as the scales had been tipped precariously. Increasing resilience to climate change was imperative. The drought of 2018/2019 was considered the worst in recorded history for the New England Tablelands. The NSW Government's Increasing Resilience to Climate Change Program commenced.



**Tree planting in 2020 at Paul and Kathryn McFarland's farm**

The great bushfires of 2019/2020 after such a lengthy dry period devastated thousands of hectares of natural bushland. The Black Summer fires were finally extinguished by lifegiving drenching rains. Bushfire recovery plans and replacing koala habitat plans commenced urgently with nursery expansion to house the additional plants now required.



**A Koala drinking station**

The arrival of COVID-19 in 2020 made ongoing plans disrupted and the nursery was closed to the public with essential maintenance only allowed. Between lockdowns and restrictions, the trees awaiting planting needed volunteers and workers to look after the growing trees.

7000 trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs to help restore remnant critically endangered New England Peppermint Woodland and Ribbon Gum- Mountain Gum-Snow Gum grassy woodland were planted under a NSW Government Environmental Trust grant at Enmore.



**Further plantings at Enmore TSR for Every Tree Counts**

ATG's Manager, Alicia Cooper took leave to start a family and ATG's honorary treasurer Garry Slocombe helped fill the gap as Acting Manager during her maternity leave.

The great wet of 2022 caused massive floods in many parts of NSW and again hampered planting with an inability to get onto sites. The Armidale Tree Group was awarded the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife's (FNPW) Bushfire Recovery Grant to purchase a new greenhouse and benches to hold 15,000 native tree and shrub seedlings, to provide to landholders and community groups.



**ROB JOHNSON IS FAREWELLED  
BY DAVID STELLER**

In 2022 Rob Johnson left after 27 years of service and in 2023 Alicia Copper left as ATG Manager to continue her studies and spend time as a mum, at the same time continuing as a Consultant for the Armidale Tree Group. We thank both Rob and Alicia for their dedication to the Tree Group. We are finding them hard to replace but have new staff providing new skills and new opportunities to take their place.

In 2023 the Tree Group faces challenges but has some exciting projects to complete – The Kindly Animal Sanctuary, the UNE Biodiversity project and the Transport for NSW/Glenburnie planting. Our nursery extensions are well underway to house another 100,000 trees and shrubs so that we can continue to supply and plant these well in to the future hold.

## What does the Future hold?

Over the past 40 years ATG has been instrumental in over 3 million trees in the ground. As the last decade was challenging, we are uncertain about what the future may hold for the Tree Group. We are now truly feeling the effects of climate change from rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels in our atmosphere. With Carbon Credit trading and Biodiversity Offsets on the agenda we are now more than ever called to replant trees to sequester carbon and to maintain areas of high conservation value. We have tipped the balance for our fragile ecosystems and need to continue to Restore, Regenerate and Renew.

Can we plant another million trees by 2030? Lets try!

**The 2023 Autumn  
Festival parade  
featured a giant  
Koala under threat**



## What can you do to help?

- We have a strong committed management committee. Join us. Our AGM is coming up soon and we need new skills.
- We are currently expanding the nursery to grow even more trees as our business expands. Help us build it with labour or donations.
- Work or volunteer for us. We need experienced, committed staff and volunteers to continue our precious work into the future.
- Encourage others to love nature and instil this love in our children. Take them out to learn about native plants and animals in our National Parks.
- Become and member (\$5 per year) or renew your membership (you can pay up to 10 years in advance) and show us you care.  
The ATG welcomes new members to join in our vision and be part of the future sustainability of our planet. Our membership and renewal form can be found on our website <http://armidaletreegroup.org.au/membership/>
- Donate to our Fundraising appeal (see below) or help us fundraise.



**Preparing the Nursery Extension site to house a new large hoop house.**

## Before and After Pictures

We would love you to send us any before and after pictures of your farm/garden to publish in our future newsletters.



Plantings on Saumarez Creek on Robert Curtis' property 'Stoneleigh' before (2004) and after (2010). (Photos courtesy of Robert Curtis).



## ATG 40 YEAR FUNDRAISING APPEAL

ATG is unique in Australia as a long-lived community organisation, dedicated to rural conservation, which does not receive core funding from government. While this makes us independent, it also makes us vulnerable to the ups and downs of our variable climate. The last few years have been tough, with drought, fires, wet paddocks, and cool summers making it hard to grow and plant trees. We have invested in our infrastructure and in the skills of our team and will hit the ground running in Spring.

Can you help us out, by making a tax-deductible donation to the *Every Tree Counts* fund. Your donation will go immediately into projects that improve the environment or build our capacity to do so:

- New greenhouses, irrigation, and nursery benches to allow us to grow an extra 100,000 trees per year,
- Preparation, weed control and planting at Acacia Park woodland,
- Providing trees for the 40ha koala forest, or
- Supporting one of our other community projects in Black Gully, the Mike O’Keeffe Woodland or Dumaresq Creek.

If you can, we would love you to **join our 40 x 1000 Club**. To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> year, we are looking for 40 donations of \$1000. We would also be very happy to receive donations of less (or more) than this as well. We will honour donors to our *40 x 1000 Club* by adding your name to our honour board in the Woodland Centre. You can donate through the following modes below or contact our office, on 02 6771 1620. Join us, as we move into the next 40 years of *Growing Sustainable Landscapes*.

### **Cheque**

Please indicate that your cheque is a donation.

Cheques can be mailed to:

Armidale Tree Group, 80 Mann St, Armidale NSW 2350

### **Direct Deposit**

You can deposit your donation directly into our charitable fund account. Please email the Nursery Coordinator at [nursery@armidaletreegroup.org.au](mailto:nursery@armidaletreegroup.org.au) with details of your donation so we can provide you with a tax deductible receipt.

**Bank:** Regional Australia Bank

**BSB:** 932000

**Account Number:** 100431904

### **Paypal**

Go to our website <http://armidaletreegroup.org.au/donate-or-volunteer/> and hit the DONATE button.

### **In Person**

Drop in and see us at 80 Mann Street, Armidale. We love to meet our donors if we don’t already know them, and we like to catch up with them once we do.



## PAST ARMIDALE TREE GROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Years on committee</b>	<b>Position on committee</b>
Tim Plater	1983-85	Assistant Coordinator 1983-84 Secretary 1985
David Curtis (Life member)	1983-2009	Coordinator 1983-90
Garry Slocombe	1985 – 1997, 2019-present	Treasurer 1985-90 Public Officer 1991-1997 Treasurer 2019-present
Ian Wallis	1985	
Chris Nadolny (Life member)	1986-90, 1994-present	Public Officer 1990 Secretary 2004,2007 President 2005, 2006 Vice President 2018
Terry Cooke	1986-90	
Heather Drew	1986-87	Secretary 1987
Kath Wray (Life member)	1987-89 2006-2015	Public Officer 1987-89 Secretary 1988-89
Steve Falconer	1987-89	
Ian McKenzie	1987-88	
Lawrence Thomas	1987	
Robyn Liddle	1987-88	
Pierre Giroaurd	1987-90	
Duncan Clyde-Smith	1987-89	
Kerry Steller (Life member)	1987-present	Coordinator 1990-2005, Secretary 2006, President 2007-2008, Vice President 2009-2010, 2016 Public officer 2016-present
Narelle Taylor/Clarke	1987-1995, 2005, 2019- present	Secretary 1990, 1994, 2019- present
Kate McGrath	1988	
Alex McKenzie	1988-90	
Leeanne Ashwin	1989	
Kate Johnson	1989	
Richard Morsley	1990 -98	
Nic Cobcroft	1990	
Monica Flint	1990-91	
Tom Harris	1990	
Phil Hewitt	1990 -1993	
Doug Scott	1990-1995, 1997, 2006- 2007	
Janene Carey	1991-1993	Secretary 1991-93
Karen Jenkins	1991-1994	Treasurer 1991-94
Mike O’Keeffe (Life member)	1991-2005	
Alison Cairns	1991	
Alex Bowlay	1991	
Cathy Giroaurd	1992-93	
Sabine Borgis	1993-94	
Kathy Watkins	1993-97	Secretary 1995-97
Greg Clarke	1994-99	Treasurer 1995-99 Public Officer 1998 –2007
Kris Jacques	1995	
Chris Post	1995-96	
Ann Spizewski	1996-2004	Treasurer 2000-2004
Peter Metcalfe (Life Member)	1996-present	

Karen Painter	1997	
Paul English	1997	
Joanne Metcalfe	1998	Secretary 1998
Lee-Anne Grunwald	1998-2000, 2002-2003	Secretary 1999-2000, 2003
David Steller	1999 – 2007, 2010, 2018-present	President 2019-present
Mike Sherar	1999 -2010	Secretary 2001-2002 Treasurer 2005
Genevieve Noone	2001-2003	
Bert Jenkins	2003	
Sean Walker	2003-2006	
Ian White	2005-2006	
Bryce Little	2005	
Angus Adair	2006, 2020	
Delmar Parker	2006-2009	Treasurer 2006-2009
Ray South	2008-2010, 2017-2018	Vic President 2008, President 2009
David Carr (Life member)	2009-present	President 2010-2018, Vice President 2019-2022
Joshua Biddle	2011-2013	
Bruce Southcott	2007 - 2015	Treasurer 2010-2015, Public Officer 2014-2015
Helen Schwarz (Life Member)	2006-2017	Secretary 2010-2013
Kate Boyd (Life member)	2008-present	
Nick Bryant	2007	
Justin Flint	2007	
Jane Grows	2008	Secretary 2008
Michael Jarochowicz,	2010-2012	
Michael Drielsma	2010-2-11	
Rob Johnson	2009-2013	
Dan Davies	2007-2013	
Rebecca McCue	2009-2013	Secretary 2009
Ken Heagney	2011	
David Hardwick	2012-2013	
Will Winter	2013	
Yossi Bokor	2013	
Tim Collins	2015-2017	Vice President 2015 Treasurer 2016-2017
Struan Ferguson	2014-2019	Secretary 2014-2018
Joshua Biddle	2014-2016	
Patti LeManno	2014-2015	
Molly Bullen	2014-2015	
Sharon Brown	2016	
John Lemon	2017-present	
Mike Patterson	2017-2018	Treasurer 2018
Jane Patterson	2017-2018	
Alicia Cooper	2017	
Helen Webb	2018-2020	
Kristal Yee	2018	
Paul MacFarland	2019-present	Vice President 2023
Will Winter	2019	
Jenny Reindfleish	2019	
Susan Newey	2021-present	
Stuart Hutton	2022	
Lorna Dickson	2023	
Barton Wicksteed	2023	

Other life members: Maureen O'Keeffe, Robert & Joan Boyd, Brian Coggan, Rob Johnson

## **ATG Newsletters over 40 years:**

Newsletters No 1-44 had no special feature articles but were also an important communication means to our members. The change to publish special feature articles came about from our need to help educate and share local knowledge with our members and anyone else seeking advice.

No 45: *Harnham Landcare National Tree Fest.* (David Curtis. Feb.1992)

No 46: *Direct Seeding.* (Mike O'Keefe & Richard Morsley. May 1992)

No 47: *Permaculture.* (Mike O'Keefe & Doug Scott. July 1992)

No 48: *Trees on Hobby Farms.* (David Curtis & Richard Morsely. Sept. 1992)

No 49: *Bushland on Farms* (Rob Davidson. Dec. 1992)

No 50: *ATG's Tenth Birthday* (Kerry Steller. Feb. 1993)

No 51: *Preparing for Tree Planting* (Mike O'Keeffe. March 1993)

No 52: *The Great LEAP forward (First steps towards greening highway)* (David Curtis. May 1993)

No 53: *Reviewing Past Plantings.* (Richard Morsley. Aug. 1993)

No 54: *Exotic Plants. Should we take a more precautionary approach?* (Sabine Borgis. Oct. 1993)

No 55: *Firewood. Evidence for resource depletion and implications for management.* (Julian Wall. March 1994)

No 56: *Wildlife Habitat in the New England Region.* (Narelle Clarke. May 1994)

No 57: *What the kids are doing.* (Kerry Steller. Sept. 1994)

No 58: *Environmental Ethics.* (David Curtis (ed) March 1995)

No 59: *The Management of Roadsides* (Richard Morsley. June 1995)

No 60: *Landcare in a Nutshell* (Ruth Tremont. Aug. 1995)

No 61: *Forests and Woodlands of the Northern Tablelands* (Chris Nadolny); *Interesting Vegetation on Rocky Outcrops* (John T. Hunter. Dec. 1995)

No 62: *Agroforestry and Landcare in Victoria* (David Curtis. Feb. 1996)

No 63: *Where to now? Changing directions for the ATG.* (Mike O'Keefe. June 1996)

- No 64: *Local Research Project – Regeneration of Native Plant Species in Rural Woodland communities.* (Kathy Watkins. Aug. 1996)
- No 65: *Armidale’s Remnant Bushland* (Kerry Steller (ed) Nov. 1996)
- No 66: *Citizens Wildlife Corridors.* (Kath Wray. March 1997)
- No 67: *Ground Orchids of New England.* (Peter Metcalfe. June 1997)
- No 68: *The Use of Native Plants in Landscape and Garden Design.* (Joanne Metcalfe. Oct. 1997)
- No 69: *Influencing your Local Environment with Trees.* (Chris Nadolny. March 1998)
- No 70: *Farm Forestry: A Hitchhiker’s Guide.* (Mike O’Keefe. July 1998)
- No 71: *The Slartybartfast Guide to Urban Green Planning* (David Curtis. Oct 1998)
- No 72: *Developments in Tree Planting Technology.* (Mike O’Keefe. March 1999)
- No 73: *Rare Plants of the New England for the Garden?* (Peter Metcalfe. May 1999)
- No 74: *Monitoring Natural Regeneration* (David Curtis. Sept. 1999)
- No. 75: *The Value of Trees in Grazing Systems* (Chris Nadolny. Nov. 1999)
- No 76: *Greenhouse, Carbon, and Native Vegetation* (Brian Wilson. Chris Nadolny (ed) March 2000)
- No 77: *Planning the Management of Native Vegetation* (Chris Nadolny. Aug. 2000)
- No 78: *Tree Planting Heroes* (Chris Nadolny & Kerry Steller. Nov. 2000)
- No 79: *Completing the Dream. Putting the finishing touches to the Woodland Centre.* (Kerry Steller. May 2001)
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**Dieback in Uralla in the 1990's. Photo: David Curtis**



**Malpas Dam in 2020 where members and friends revisited the initial 1983 plantings of the Armidale Tree Group. Photo: Narelle Clarke**

**We have come a long way....**

**From Little Things Big Things Grow.**



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Please indicate your preference, you will receive an email when membership is due:

- \$5.00 for 1 year
- \$10 for 2 years
- \$25 for 5 years
- \$50 for 10 years

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