

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25



Year 11 ATAR Biology students from Georgiana Molloy Anglican School



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It's my pleasure to present the 2025 President's Report, reflecting on another remarkable year of progress, collaboration, and community spirit.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you. Your commitment is the backbone of our volunteer group, and it's your energy, generosity, and belief in our mission that make everything we achieve possible. Our membership now stands at around 700, with approximately 125 volunteers actively contributing to restoration work at Ludlow, in the forest, and across the organisation. To all of you who lend a hand—thank you for helping bring our shared vision to life.

Forest Restoration and Seedling Planting

This year, we planted 5,000 seedlings, some within our lease area and the remainder in the Tuart Forest. We're grateful to Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) for their support in preparing the planting sites. A particular highlight was the involvement of local school students. Seeing young people excited about planting trees gives us great hope for the future.

Ludlow Art Prize

The annual Ludlow Art Prize was a resounding success, reinforcing our commitment to arts and community engagement. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we delivered a vibrant and inclusive art experience in the rustic Ludlow setting. The Ludlow Community Café and District Office were open throughout the event, adding to the welcoming atmosphere. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the art prize sub-committee, the prize is now firmly on the regional art map.

Propagation and Landscaping

Our glasshouse and shade house continue to evolve as we refine our skills in propagating native plants endemic to the Ludlow Tuart Forest. Planting around the settlement has enhanced the ambience and created a more inviting space for visitors. The Landscaping Group has been especially busy, beautifying the area around the District Office and beyond. Their work, often behind the scenes, has drawn widespread praise for the neat and welcoming appearance of the settlement.

Ludlow Walk Trail

The Ludlow Walk Trail continues to be well patronised. Development of interpretive signage is underway and will be completed in the coming years. A new audio guide, downloadable to smartphones, has proven popular and broadened the trail's appeal to a wider audience.

District Office

Since its official opening in October 2022, the District Office (Discovery Centre) has operated on Wednesdays and Sundays, thanks to a dedicated volunteer roster. It now serves as our central hub for tours, meetings, and formal visits. This year, we began hosting gatherings with other like-minded groups, further strengthening our network and shared purpose.



Building Restoration

The big news for this year is the supply of power to the southeast quadrant of the settlement. While it has been a long-time coming, power to these four houses will enable us to complete the houses ready for rental. Significant progress has been made on the restoration of house 1901 (“White House”). Work has also commenced on house 1902 (“Blue House”), with structural repairs completed and interior work underway. Thanks to generous donors, we’ve been able to source both new and second-hand materials, allowing steady progress on a number of buildings while keeping costs low. These restored spaces have enhanced our ability to host visitors, including groups like the Karri Karrak Aboriginal Corporation, and provided our volunteers with improved facilities for breaks and gatherings.

Blitz Truck Revival

Work continues on the Blitz truck, with one of our members taking the lead in restoring this historic vehicle. Their dedication is a testament to the passion and ingenuity that runs through our group.

Community Engagement

This year we trialed the opening of the Ludlow Community Café on the first Sunday of the month. The number of visitors has been truly remarkable and has given us such an opportunity to spread the word about the Tuart Forest and the Ludlow Settlement. Many thanks to the untiring volunteers who make the day such a success. Having the community café facility operating has attracted other volunteer groups and not for profit corporations to use the area. It means that the Ludlow Settlement is becoming the community hub in the Ludlow area and surrounding districts.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we look to the year ahead, our greatest challenge remains securing and managing funding to sustain our growth and impact. This will require thoughtful planning and continued collaboration. We’re especially grateful for the ongoing support from our donors and DBCA which remains vital to our success.

In closing, I want to reiterate my deep appreciation for all our members. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support are the driving force behind everything we’ve achieved.

I’m proud to lead such a passionate and diverse committee, and I look forward to what we’ll accomplish together in the coming year.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Warm regards,

Holger Topp

President, Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group



STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR OBJECTIVE

Our objective is to provide community support for the essential restoration, protection and ongoing maintenance of the iconic Ludlow tuart forest and the historic Ludlow Settlement for the benefit of future generations, biodiversity, tourism, education, and research.

OUR VALUES

- To encourage community involvement and ownership.
- To respect past indigenous care for country and encourage future participation.
- To develop assets to provide for tourism, recreation, education, and employment.



Photo: Walk trail sign



Photo: Best coffee and scones



Photo: New leach-drain installation



Forest planting (2025)



Photo: Glass house renovation



Photo: The Blue House renovation



Photo: The Ludlow Café



Photo: New District office chimney



2025 forest planting



Photo: Blitz truck restoration



Photo: Georgiana Molloy Biology students



Photo: Moore sheds



Photo: Ludlow Art Prize opening event



Photo: Thompson Surveying Consultants



PEOPLE

President

Holger Topp

Treasurer

Tonina Pinneri

Secretary

Vacant

Committee members

Des Donnelly
Jules Hogan
Kathy Rutgers
Nick Hornibrook
Pat Worrell
Yolanda Cool
Debbie Spalding
Diana Fisher
Jane Croft
Bill Biggins
Phil Faigen

Past committee members

Lyn McMahon
Kerri Rankin
Peta Taylor
Carole Walpole
Ian Walpole
Janet Wells
Lesley Culleton
Simon Hotchin
Jenny Hake
Arne Jespersen
Di Claffey
Evelyn Taylor

Ludlow Art Prize Committee

Jane Croft
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Di Claffey
Evelyn Taylor
Liz Staite
Diana Fisher
Mark Alderson
Debbie Spalding
Bill Biggins

Ludlow Caretakers

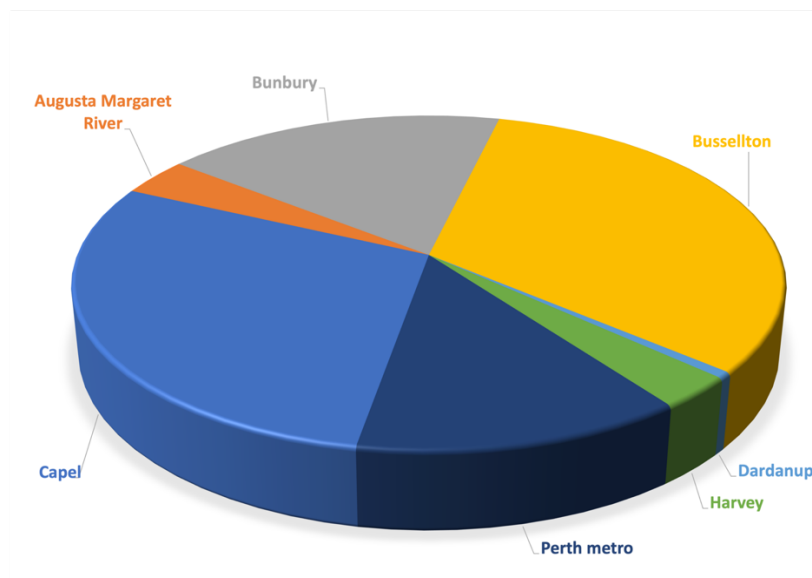
Mark Kemp
Ursula Cassidy
Kevin Cassidy
Phillip Sloan
Bellah Hart
Kristian Hart

Members 700

KEY STATISTICS

- ◆ 130,000 tuart seedlings planted since our inception in 2018
- ◆ 2,000 understory plants
- ◆ 700 members
- ◆ 73 volunteers
- ◆ 21,218 volunteer hours
- ◆ 0 Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI`s)

Membership Distribution



MAJOR EVENT

2025 LUDLOW ART PRIZE

The purpose of the Ludlow Art Prize is to bring people together to shine a light on the listed, critically endangered Tuart Forest located at Ludlow, Western Australia, while fostering creativity and supporting artists in their artistic endeavours.

The opening night on Friday 24 October attracted more than 200 invites guests, who viewed the 152 Australian Landscape Paintings and 30 sculptures and congratulated the winners.

Congratulations to the Chair, Jane Croft, the art prize committee and all the volunteers who made the event a success.



Photo: Ludlow Art Prize exhibition taking shape



Australian Landscape Painting

First Prize \$5,000

**Heloise Roberts & Moira
Fearby**

THE SHAPE OF THE WIND

Highly Commended

Honi Sawyer
REFLECTIONS

Laurence Easton
RIVER IN THE WILDERNESS

Pascale Abbott
THE ENCHANTED FOREST

People's Choice Award

Prize \$1,000

Nettley King
MOOS VERSUS ROOS

Ludlow Infrastructure Group Award

Sophie Barbour
OFF FOR A SURF



Sculpture

First Prize \$5,000

Kim Brown
IRONWOOD

Highly Commended

Tony Davis
HER COAT

Voytek Kozlowski
RED-TAILED COCKATOO

People's Choice Award

Prize \$1,000

Tony Davis
HER COAT



BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

The following organisations and individuals have made significant contributions to our group. These contributions include grants, in-kind and monetary donations, discounts etc. We also acknowledge the significant contribution of many members who have joined us for busy bees and other projects.

In alphabetical order

Bendigo Bank	Jigsaw Printing
Boyanup Botanical Nursery	John Cross
Brian Fisher Fabrications	John Forrest
Brew	Kellivale Estate
Bunbury Community Radio 103.7	Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Bunbury Regional Prison	Leschenault Community Nursery
Bunbury Farmers Market	Lotterywest
Bunnings Busselton	Main Roads
Busselton Agricultural Supplies	Malatesta Nursery
Busselton Dunsborough Times	M&B Building Products
Bunbury Engraving	Nichols Machinery
Busselton Jetty	Mainspray
Busselton Lions	Malolo Wines
Busselton Museum	Occy's Food and Brews
Busselton Woodturners	Orana Cinemas
Capel Bins	Palmer
Capel Butchers	Parks and Wildlife Service
Capelberry Cafe	Peppermint Grove Beach Holiday Park
Capel Hardware	Peppermint Grove Art Group
Capel IGA	Rambla on the Swan
Capel Witchcraft Quilting Supplies	Retravision
City of Busselton	Rotary Club of Busselton Geographe Bay
Coastal Earth Moving	Sabrina Hahn
Colroys Country Kitchen	Shelter Brewing Company
Contract Fencing	Sunflowers Animal Farm
Crown Resorts	South West Personnel
Daryll Roberts	Southwest Times
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	Shire of Capel
Down to Earth Restumping	State Emergency Service (Busselton)
Dunsborough Rewinds	State Government of Western Australia
Eagle Bay Brewing Company	Timber Insight Pty Ltd
Eden Gardiner	The Esplanade Hotel
Esplanade Hotel	The Goose
Federal Government	The Grove Distillery
Forest Adventures	The Western Australian Ballet
Forest Products Commission	Totally Sound
Geographe Community Landcare Nursery	Trade Hire (Busselton)
GP Forestry	Tronox
GWJ Installations	True Blue Turf
Happs	Tyrepower Capel
Hilton Garden Inn	Veteran & Classic Car Club
	Wattyl Paint Centre (Busselton)
	West Coast Timbers

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ended 30 June 2025

Profit and Loss

Account	2025	2024
Trading Income		
231 Stables Restoration	0.00	4,000.00
233 Sale Southern Ports - Defibrillator	0.00	3,004.55
235 Ludlow Art Prizes 2024	725.36	0.00
237 Volunteering WA - Morning tea	0.00	1,039.00
239 Shire of Capel Northwest irrigation	937.00	0.00
240 Heritage Skills - Responsible Wood Grant	10,000.00	0.00
241 DBCA Chimney	(593.86)	0.00
242 Rio Tinto -S/S benches (Cafe)	3,878.00	0.00
243 Blue House	(638.80)	0.00
244 SWDC Nature based Park - feasibility Study	10,000.00	0.00
Interest Income	4.25	5.16
Sale - 236 Greenhouse Native Seed Project 2024	0.00	5,987.00
Sale - Art Sales commission	4,794.00	1,288.64
Sale - LAP Contribution/Sponsorship	8,550.00	24,992.70
Sales - Art Fee	5,458.09	2,727.05
Sales - Caravan storage fee	90.90	500.05
Sales - DBCA Planting etc 2022	0.00	10,000.00
Sales - Donation - Cash for Cans	614.00	274.90
Sales - Donations	144,591.24	7,495.48
Sales - Fundraising	14,927.73	4,760.02
Sales - Fundraising - Beanies	251.10	192.43
Sales - Fundraising - Fudge	0.00	36.37
Sales - Fundraising - Glasshouse Plants	1,009.49	2,340.83
Sales - Fundraising Cafe	3,798.44	15.90
Sales - Membership	2,401.21	1,923.97
Sales - Seedling	0.00	2,272.73
Sales - Spring in the Forest	0.00	5,500.00
Total Trading Income	210,798.15	78,356.78
Gross Profit	210,798.15	78,356.78

Operating Expenses

Advertising	1,120.00	0.00
Bank Fees	0.00	(0.03)
Consulting & Accounting	225.00	175.00
Entertainment	1,612.84	1,482.80
Forest - Equipment Hire	720.00	0.00
Forest - Pest Control	0.00	50.00
Forest - Tree Propagation/planting	0.00	1,684.74
Fundraising Expense	589.44	13,068.87
Fundraising Expense - Cafe	3,750.82	0.00
Fundraising Expense - Prize Money	12,000.00	0.00
General - Section 95	631.39	0.00
General Expenses	8,612.07	2,351.03
General- Infrastructure	1,350.05	0.00
General- Landscaping	305.76	0.00
Insurance	2,869.75	2,682.55
Light, Power, Heating, Water	3,628.18	1,653.55
Motor Vehicle Expenses	988.75	2,829.88
Mower	580.95	0.00
Office Expenses	154.60	0.00
Postage	46.36	44.55
Printing & Stationery	0.00	586.50
Repairs and Maintenance	1,380.45	0.00
Settlement - Asset Purchases (fixed assets)	0.00	1,090.91
Settlement - Electrical	11,841.92	1,684.91
Settlement - Equipment Hire	1,300.00	2,806.80
Settlement - Plant Propagation & planting	1,252.68	8,000.23
Settlement - Repairs and Maintenance	19,638.75	15,577.56
Settlement - Rio Electrical	0.00	4,056.62
Settlement - Signage	313.07	1,295.55
Settlement - Waste Disposal/Removal	2,700.91	0.00
Settlement -Shire Rates	1,700.91	0.00
Signage	2,383.39	0.00
Stripe & Square fees	312.46	143.25
Subscriptions	759.13	804.18
Telephone & Internet	7,075.19	4,119.79
Website	635.45	0.00
Total Operating Expenses	90,480.27	66,189.24
Net Profit	120,317.88	12,167.54

Balance Sheet

Account	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Assets		
Bank		
General Account	42,701.48	56,957.04
Public Trust Account	136,928.74	6,710.44
Total Bank	179,630.22	63,667.48
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	5,000.00	1,000.00
Total Current Assets	5,000.00	1,000.00
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	6,598.18	6,139.09
Total Fixed Assets	6,598.18	6,139.09
Total Assets	191,228.40	70,806.57
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST	(368.38)	(472.35)
Rounding	(0.03)	(0.01)
Total Current Liabilities	(368.41)	(472.36)
Total Liabilities	(368.41)	(472.36)
Net Assets	191,596.81	71,278.93
Equity		
Corpus Funds	88,644.67	88,644.67
Current Year Earnings	120,317.88	12,167.54
Retained Earnings	(17,365.74)	(29,533.28)
Total Equity	191,596.81	71,278.93

Bank Summary

Account	Bank Account Type	Status	Opening Balance	Cash Received	Cash Spent	Closing Balance
General Account	Bank	Active	56,957.04	100,418.76	114,674.32	42,701.48
Public Trust Account	Bank	Active	6,710.44	134,785.66	4,567.36	136,928.74
Total			63,667.48	235,204.42	119,241.68	179,630.22

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

LUDLOW TUART FOREST RESTORATION GROUP INC.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

NOTE 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Constitution, the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

NOTE 2. AUDIT

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) consider a charity “small” if it has revenue of less than \$250,000.

For this financial year LTFRG revenue was \$210,798.15. On this basis the committee elected not to have the books audited for this financial year.

NOTE 3. TAXATION

The Australian Taxation Office has endorsed the Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group Inc. (LTFRG) as a Charity, and it is eligible for the following concessions:

- (i) GST Concession
- (ii) FBT rebate
- (iii) Income taxation exemption

Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group Inc. – was endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) effective 29 April 2020.

No change in its tax status because of activities undertaken during the year is likely.

NOTE 4. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group Inc. receives funding from various funding providers and Local Governments.

The ability of Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group Inc. to continue as a going concern is dependent upon continued receipt of funds from funding providers.

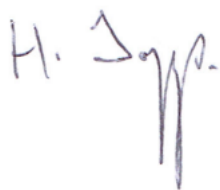


Statement by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the committee:

1. The financial statements and notes of the LTFRG are in accordance with ACNC reporting requirements.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe the LTFRG will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Holger Topp
President



Tonina Pinneri
Treasurer

Date: 4/09/2025

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