

Holbrook Landcare Network

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Colin Geddes, Chairman



Colin is a third generation farmer and landcare member. He has a BAgSc (Hon) degree from LaTrobe University and prior to returning to the family spent 4 years working in retail agronomy. He runs a self-replacing beef and meat sheep property at Holbrook. He has been a member of the Grasslands Society of Southern Albury Wodonga branch, as well as other local community and sporting groups. Other interests include water-skiing and raising two sons.

Tony Nott, Vice Chair



Tony has a BSc degree from Adelaide University, a BA (Photography) from Victoria College and an MA (Fine Arts) from the University of Sydney. Tony has worked as a Geophysicist on seismic crews as Senior Observer, both terrestrial and marine in China, SE Asia, UK, USA and Australia. Tony has also worked as a freelance photographer and film maker and taught visual communication and photography, including a period as Senior Lecturer in Photography running the BA Photography course at Charles Sturt University. Tony has spent the last 17 years as a grazer in Bowna NSW. He has been actively involved in numerous community groups including as Chair of Evergraze Regional Group, President of Fowlers/Wagra Landcare Group, Treasurer of the Bowna Fire Brigade and part of the Murray LLS Community Advisory Group.

Dougald Frederick, Company Secretary



Dougald is a retired Chartered Accountant who lives on a 85 hectare property at Ettamogah. He was previously a partner in KPMG having worked in Melbourne, London, Sydney and Port Moresby prior to transferring to Albury in 1988. Having been raised on a dry land sheep/beef property at Caniambo (between Benalla and Shepparton) he has continued his interest in agriculture throughout his working life. Dougald is involved in a number of local community organisations including Hot House Theatre, MAMA Art Foundation and Parklands Albury Wodonga Public Fund. He has a keen interest in Landcare and is a passionate bird watcher.

Angela Avery, Director



Angela has worked in R&D related to pasture agronomy and grazing management across a range of industries. She was the national leader of the EverGraze project which had a focus on improving productivity and sustainability outcomes for the high rainfall grazing zone. Angela also led research funded by the Murray Darling Basin Commission that assessed the environmental, economic and social sustainability of current land management practices in three catchments across the Basin: Goulburn Broken (Vic), Billabong Creek (NSW) and Condamine (QLD). She also is the author of "Pastures for Horses a Winning Resource". Angela is the Centre Director for the Red Meat Innovation Centre led from Hamilton and manages a research group in the Future Farming Systems Research Division (DPI Victoria). This group has 110 scientists across research disciplines including lamb production science, soil science, hydrology, hydrogeology, catchment modelling, farming system economics and spatial information. She is also involved in the development of Victoria's red meat RD&E program.

Helen Burns, Director



Helen Burns is currently NSW DPI Pasture Development Officer based in Wagga Wagga. She has over 25 years of experience as an extension agronomist, focusing on mixed farming systems, with particular emphasis on plant – soil interactions. Her field investigations and engagement with growers has had significant impact on crop production laying the foundations for widespread adoption of lime application, nitrogen use in grain crops and sulfur use in canola in the 1980s and 90s. Her recent investigations highlighted the widespread issue of subsurface acidity. She provides technical and field support in the Holbrook Landcare Network *Acid Soil Initiative*. An advocate of active-learning, she has designed numerous extension programs incorporating on-farm field demonstrations, workshops and resources.

Sandy Middleton, Director



Sandy has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree from Charles Sturt University and a Bachelor of Business (Agricultural Commerce) from the University of Sydney. He has been involved in the Agri-business sector for 16 years, with 10 of those as an agronomist in the Holbrook region. In 2017 Sandy established Southern Slopes Agronomy, an independent agronomy business servicing the Holbrook and Upper Murray areas in Southern NSW. Together with his wife Felicity and children Ben and Anna, Sandy also operates a family beef business in the Mannus and Tumbarumba district.

Hamish Paton, Director



Hamish Paton has a Bachelor of Business (Agricultural Commerce) and an Associate Diploma in Farm Management. Post University Hamish spent 4 years working for the Commonwealth Development Bank as an Analyst/Valuer and spent 3 years working as a Rural Property Valuer. Hamish commenced his farming with the purchase of a 1650 acre property at Bidgeemia in 1996 and in 2000 took over the management of his family properties in the Morven and Mountain Creek districts. Hamish, together with his wife Abby and daughter Indi, currently grow a range of crops including dual purpose wheat, barley canola, lentils and vetch. Hamish is particularly enthusiastic about pulse crops and the vital role they play in sustainable farming systems.

Marcus Richardson, Director



Marcus is a farm business owner and manager on a 900 hectare property at Table Top. He brings to the Board experience gained over a number of years in variety of businesses. Before returning to the family property 15 years ago, he was previously employed off farm in banking, accounting, grain trading and logistics, all located around the Riverina area. During the transition to being a full time farmer, he worked part time for Wodonga TAFE conducting recognition of prior learning assessments with farmers across north east Victoria. Growing up in the local area he completed tertiary studies at the University of New England in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Science and then studied part-time to complete an accounting degree at Charles Sturt University while working in that industry. Marcus has been involved in a local community organisation, the Grasslands Society of Southern Albury Wodonga branch, for the last 15 years. He has a keen interest in Landcare and is a beginner bird watcher.