



ACN: 099 357 454

Meeting Notice and Agenda

November 2026 Member Muster (General Meeting)

7.30 pm Wednesday 11th November 2026

Uralla Community Centre, Hill St Uralla

Please RSVP to mail@snelandcare.org.au or 6772 9123

by Wednesday 4th November 2025 for catering purposes

Our **vision** is for vibrant, socially, and economically healthy communities, thriving in healthy, biodiverse, and productive environments.

Our **mission** is to lead, connect and enable our communities to reach their sustainability goals in a changing environment.

Strategic objectives

1. Build and service our networks.
2. Enable innovative, regenerative initiatives for natural resources, agriculture, environment, and communities.
3. Build and maintain staff and board capacity.
4. Provide financial security for our organization.

Agenda

7.30	1	Welcome and apologies
7.35	2	Around our groups
8.10	3	Guest speakers followed by Q&A
8.45	4	Award announcements
9.00		Meeting Close

Business Papers

Item 1: Welcome and apologies (5 min)

Acknowledgement of country.

Apologies.

Item 2: Around Our Groups (35 min)

Each Landcare group representative has 2-3 minutes to present on what's been happening in their group/area or what might be coming up shortly.

Item 3: Guest Speakers (35 min)

Speaker 1 (15 min): Emily Sims, Uralla Shire Council - The Uralla Renewable Energy Strategic Action Plan (RESAP)

For better or worse, the State-led development of new transmission infrastructure is likely to be the most significant economic and social change-driver Uralla has seen in a century. When it is all done and dusted, we want a thriving rural Shire where the renewable energy transition has strengthened community life, supported local livelihoods, and protected the Shire's unique identity. In a context where Council's influence is limited, change is coming fast, and priorities compete, the RESAP gives a clear basis to act on things like Regional Water Security, Heavy Vehicle Routes, Land Use Planning and Biodiversity.

Speaker 2 (10 min): Keith Walker (RLC) & Julian Prior (TBC) – A Natural Capital Accounting Feasibility Study for Landcare in New England

New England Landcare Network Inc (NELN) is developing a natural capital accounting feasibility study for Landcare in the New England region. Hear from Keith Walker (Regional Landcare Coordinator) and Dr Julian Prior (to be confirmed) about this project and how it stands to benefit Landcare farms, groups and networks in our region.

Q&A (10 min)

Questions for both speakers will be taken in this session.

Item 4: Award Announcements (15 min)

Coordinator's Choice Award

Each year, the staff at Southern New England Landcare nominate someone they think deserves some recognition for the assistance they provide to the team as a volunteer throughout the year.

John Winter Irving Memorial Bequest announcement

The board will announce the winner of the 2025 John Winter Irving Memorial Bequest.

The Board of Southern New England Landcare Ltd is honoured that the Winter-Irving family continues to make available a bequest to allow John's unfailing commitment to Landcare to be continued.

The bequest is to be used as a study grant in an activity of the recipient's choosing, in the field of sustainable agriculture, natural resource management, rural or regional development or leadership.

The Board of Southern New England Landcare Ltd shall in November of each year identify a member or partner who has shown skills, interest, and commitment in one or more of the following areas – sustainable agriculture, natural resource management, rural development, or leadership – and in the view of the Board has the potential for further development with the assistance of this bequest.

In recognition of John's quiet, unassuming manner the Bequest is not openly advertised, but instead is merit based – a case of where actions really do speak louder than words.

The recipient shall have 12 months in which to utilize the bequest. The recipient will as part of the acceptance of the bequest agree to provide a short article for inclusion in Landchat and give a short presentation to a SNEL meeting within 6 months of completing the training.

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