

# Tarrangower Cactus Control Group Inc.

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## President's Report (Lee Mead)

Our many devoted volunteers have rallied together again this year to maintain our war on wheel cactus. The committee would like to thank all these volunteers for their ongoing commitment, energy and support. I'd like to sincerely thank our dedicated committee members, who have all contributed in different ways to help us successfully complete many activities.

During 2022 we've again been very active, focusing on the objectives of our Strategic Plan as follows:

### 1. Community Awareness and Support: (to increase awareness & assistance to local community)

Community Field Days – 3 field days held on private property & 2 held in Maldon Historic Reserve  
Injecting / Digging equipment – injecting & digging equipment was maintained and supplied to volunteers & local property owners as requested.

Free Disposal – maintained availability of free plant disposal at Maldon Transfer Station.

Community Events – participated in the Maldon Easter Parade, held information stalls at Maldon Market and Maldon & Baringhup Agricultural Show.

Community Engagement - advice & assistance provided to local and regional property owners.

### 2. Education and Information: (to increase community knowledge)

Website and Facebook – maintained posts and responded to email enquiries.

Media Releases – Local newspaper, ABC radio interviews, Vic Farmers' Federation newsletter article.

Information – new version of information brochure was distributed locally via Australia Post.

Workshop – presentation at Agriculture Victoria Wheel Cactus workshop at Mt. Buckrabanyule.

Monash Uni Students – hosted visit by Monash University students to field day.

### 3. Group Promotion and Sustainability: (to maintain a viable, legal and productive group)

Code of Conduct – have adopted the new Landcare Victoria Child Safety Policy

Grants – program funding from Mt. Alexander Shire Council and admin grant from Landcare Victoria

Operations Manual – preparing new digital operations manual document.

### 4. Research and Development: (to improve techniques & efficiencies)

Cochineal Nursery – Ongoing Cochineal insect propagation in our nursery, distribution to several different local properties and shared with other locations within Victoria.

### 5. Partnerships: (to share & network with other environment groups and organisations)

MASC – ongoing negotiations to increase awareness throughout Shire & maintain roadside control

Connecting Country – participated at the two Landcare Linkup networking meetings.

Biosecurity Dept. – ongoing negotiations re extension program with non-compliant landowners.

Australasian Weed Conference – oral presentation at conference in Adelaide.

Also, much thanks to all our valued partners and supporters

- **Mt. Alexander Shire** - funding for community field days, equipment and herbicide.
- **Parks Victoria** – help with community field days.
- **Connecting Country** - networking opportunities, Landcare support & Link-ups
- **Tarrangower Times** – for so willingly publishing our media releases.

**Special thanks to Ian Grenda** – Ian was the founding member of TCCG, President for 10 years and Vice President for 8 years and has decided to now retire to focus on he himself & his family.

Like Ian 8 years ago, I need to step down from the President role and would like this to be my last year. It's time for the group to have some new direction and objectives and this will happen better with new a team. Hence I'm sending out a request to all cactus warriors to seriously consider joining the committee.