Message From the Chair

2018 is the thirtieth year that Landcare has been active in Serpentine-Jarrahdale. The original SJ LCDC began in 1988 when a group of farmers voiced their concerns on land degradation in the Shire. They sought leadership to access, initiate and integrate resources to enable community groups to manage. In partnership with government, a unique landscape that historically was a seasonally inundated wetland/floodplain facing increased disturbance through drainage, clearing of remnant vegetation and ramifications related to land development and urban sprawl.

Then, the broader community became aware of the environmental and Landcare issues and joined the farmers to find solutions. An interest in the outcomes of the work that was being done within and outside the Shire: The Shire’s Landcare Committee was formed in 1996 with core funding that helped provide a nucleus staff that was able to seek further funding from a variety of sources and position the organisation and co-partner ever since. In November, 2002, almost 16 years ago, Landcare SJ Inc was formed as an incorporated body to give Landcare more flexibility and to widen its legal capacity to seek and use funds.

I have had the privilege of chairing the Board of Landcare SJ Inc for all of these 16 years and witnessing first-hand its successes and the capacity of the goodwill and perseverance of its staff and its members to overcome some very challenging obstacles. But recently, in reviewing the strategic plan prepared in 2006 by Carol Bryant, the very effective EO who had also served as the interim Chair during her first term of office. This meant there are benefits in continuing with what is clearly successful, but it is also time for the organisation to ‘trail blaze’ new positions.

I was struck by the following statement: “Like any business, Landcare SJ Inc is in a development cycle and needs to give serious consideration to where it sits now and where it ought to position itself for the future. The Centre is still in the growth stage with a relatively young and vigorous nucleus staff that was able to seek further funding from a variety of sources and position the organisation and co-partner ever since. The organisation is in a developmental cycle and needs to give serious consideration to where it sits now and where it ought to position itself for the future.

We have achieved many remarkable things since our inception. SJ Landcare has been actively pursuing Carol’s wisdom about the future. This year the Board was formed with new members and a revised constitution, if endorsed at the AGM, will provide options for new members with new ideas and perspectives that Carol envisaged. I encourage you to seize this opportunity to help take Landcare SJ Inc. A very important part of our community, into the future.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Our organisation respects the traditional custodians of this land and pays our respects to the Gnaala Karla Booja culture; and to Elders both past and present.

We acknowledge the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians of this land and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to the Gnaala Karla Booja culture; and to Elders both past and present.

To provide leadership to access, initiate and integrate the resources to enable community groups to manage the land, water and remnant vegetation in a sustainable manner in partnership with government.

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