



GROWING A FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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Finley PCP NEWSLETTER

VISION STATEMENT

Finley PCP has been formed to create a fund available to the Community to enable members of the Community to have a significant say in their destiny.

Welcome to our first newsletter

This is the first of our bi-annual newsletters. Bringing you up to date on our farming activities, publicity and fundraising activities as well as a brief financial overview.

If you are one of the two hundred individuals, groups or companies that provided labour, a donation, equipment, seed and fertilizer - a huge thank you.

If you would like to contribute, please contact the committee to discuss your options. Options are available on our website www.finleypcp.com.au

Operations

Following the purchase of "Mandalay" and the continuing share farming of "Kelvinside" (as our community long term project), a combined 238ha of canola was sown which yielded 441t. This was a good result considering the challenges of the wet season that followed.

Following a spring watering of "Mandalay" with supplementary water, who would have believed the rainfall to follow. We benefited from a well laid out block and good drainage.

Despite challenges of very high fertiliser prices, fuel and chemical costs the financial bottom line was pleasing.

Much of the donated machinery and labour assisted the long term objective of the project. Whilst the planning group agreed to use contractors for critical stages of cropping and harvesting.

Because of the wet season rice was unable to be grown at Kelvinside, so we are looking at some soil improvements strategies at both blocks for the long term.

A big thanks to all involved and our group of people who give time and machinery, it is much appreciated. Special thanks to Apex and the initial group who were part of starting the project in 2010, with the objective of making a major contribution of the building of the Finley Apex and Community Centre benefiting the wider community.

Special thanks to Andrew Stephon for his agronomy support, and we wish him well in the future.

2023 will see wheat sown on both blocks and we will be once again looking for volunteers to get the crops in.

As we progress, our aim is to get more people involved and encourage more support of the project, which will be a great benefit to our community into the future.

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Finley PCP Board Members - Chris Kelly, Mark Robertson, Ashley Haynes, Trevor McCaw, John Taylor, John Hand, Greg McNamara, Sue Braybon, Sally Bickerton, Paul Evans, Warren Lang, Jim Jewell



Publicity

We launched our publicity in March, with articles in the Southern Riverina News and Farm Life. Our website www.finleycp.com.au and social media profile also went live.

Our signage on the Berrigan Road was installed in December thanks to the efforts of John Hand and many others.



Grant Working Committee

Our subcommittee, comprising of Greg McNamara, John Hand and Sally Bickerton are working on the ethical, legal and the other complexities of how the community farms profits are to be distributed in the future. This is an ever evolving project.

This includes but is not limited to; who would make up the panel of the grant decision makers, what the parameters of the grants would be, and who would be able to apply.

Contributions

The committee has been amazed how the Finley community has "got on board" and made some very substantial contributions to our "community farm".

Members of the community can help in four ways:-

- donation of monetary sums,
- giving of labour/time,
- donating use of equipment,
- donation of inputs (eg water/seed/fertilizer)

Committee contact and further information about Finley PCP is available on our website, as well as an banking and PayPal contribution options.



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