

CORANGAMITE LAKES LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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Hello Landcarers! Welcome to our first newsletter for 2023. I hope everyone has had a happy holiday season and a safe harvest.

I'm sorry to share that I will be finishing in my role at LLPG shortly, as my husband and I are relocating. I've enjoyed the Landcare role, meeting many of you, and working with such a dedicated committee.

- Alicia (LLPG Facilitator)

We're Hiring: Landcare Facilitator Position

The Landcare Facilitator supports LLPG and our partner groups to undertake works that protect and restore the natural environment. The job description and application instructions can be found here: <https://bit.ly/LLPGJob>

Closing 3rd Mar. More info: Vicky French 0448 559 744.

Upcoming LLPG Events

Farm water security in a drying climate

Friday 24th Feb, 12-2 pm, Grimwade Rooms, Lismore

We have collaborated with researchers at Fed Uni to better understand farm water security and groundwater flows in the region. Join us for presentations from hydrogeologist Dr. Peter Dahlhaus and GIS specialist Rick Pope.

RSVP by visiting <https://bit.ly/LLPGWater> or email Alicia.

Weeds gone Rogue: Herbicide resistance in the District

Thurs 2 March, 2-4 pm, Grimwade Rooms, Lismore

Learn about the ins and outs of herbicide resistance with Dr. David Brunton. David grew up on a farm in the area and completed his PhD in 2020 on herbicide resistance in ryegrass. The workshop will cover the basics, summarise resistance data for our area, and get into management tactics. Weather permitting David will demonstrate sample collection for resistance testing.

RSVP by visiting <https://bit.ly/WeedSci> or email Alicia.

Facilitator Farewell

Friday 17th March, 6pm, Mt Elephant Hotel

Join us for a casual farewell to Alicia. Pub meal at own cost, please RSVP to Val Lang 0407 054 823.

More upcoming events: Save the Date!

- *2023 Titanga Night Stalk: Fri 14th April, 4pm
- *Gardens for Wildlife Booklet Launch: Sat 20th May, 2-4pm
- *Encounters with Fungi by Alison Pouliot: Wed 31st May

THE CORANGAMITE LAKES LANDCARE AREA IS ON WADAWURRUNG AND EASTERN MAAR COUNTRY. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.



LISMORE LAND PROTECTION GROUP
Promoting Sustainable Landscapes

LLPG Tree Planting Program



Do you have tree trays left over from last year? Please contact Alicia ASAP for pickup!

Our tree planting program faced challenges in 2022. Wet conditions delayed site prep and planting, October floods damaged sites and when the tap turned off in November, some trees didn't have sufficient root systems to hold on. Our tree planters did their best under the circumstances, and there were certainly plenty of successful sites.

Our 2022 tree planting program was funded by a Victorian Landcare Grant, and community grants from Stockyard Hill Wind Farm and Berrybank Wind Farm.

Members wanting to plant trees in 2023 should get orders in soon! Download the form at: <https://bit.ly/LLPGTrees>

Grant success!

We were successful in securing two Victorian Landcare Grants to support this year's tree planting program: one on behalf of LLPG and one on behalf of Cundare Duverney Landcare Group. Thanks to the Victorian Landcare Program from DEECA for enabling this environmental project.

Weeds in our Midst

Have you seen this weed?! Bathurst burr isn't usually common in our area, but we've had recent reports of plants that may have been carried in through the floods last year.



Keep an eye out on your property as this is a very nasty weed and will be setting seed soon. The plant is toxic to livestock, the burrs can contaminate wool and the spines can cause injuries and interfere with shearing. Please let us know if you see any or would like some more guidance on identification or control.

Many thanks to the local landholder who brought this to our attention and if you notice an unusual or concerning weed in your patch, we'd love to hear from you!

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Wildlife in our Midst

Glenn Kampman of Berrybank got a surprise while yabbing when he caught this big, bright green frog. Its distinctive look twiggled manager Stephen's memory so he sent us a photo to confirm: it's the growling grass frog, *Litoria raniformis*! It's endangered in Victoria but known from a few sites in our area with suitable habitat.



We've had heaps of wildlife submissions since our last newsletter, which is wonderful! We couldn't fit them all in here so if you'd like to see them, find us on social media: @LLPGLandcare on Facebook and Instagram!

Have you had a wildlife sighting lately?! [Let us know](#) so we can encourage others to tune in to what's out and about!

In case you missed it...

Chatsworth Road Wildflower Wander

A handful of folks gathered for a wildflower walk on a sunny day in late spring 2022! Although it was a bit later than we normally go, there was still plenty to see because the cool wet weather had all the plants running late too.



We saw plenty of insects enjoying the sunny weather, and a highlight was Fairy Aprons/Bladderwort (*Utricularia beaugleholei*), a carnivorous wetland plant that catches food in underwater bladders using a trap that works on water pressure. *Utricularia* bladders produce the fastest motion of any carnivorous plant!

2022 LLPG Christmas Party

We got together at the Lismore Golf Club on Thursday 1st December to celebrate the year gone by and the holiday season upcoming. We heard from local members John and Bev Steele about brolgas on their constructed wetland and a recent trip to WA to see the spring wildflowers!



Other Upcoming Events

The Great Aussie Composting Roadshow, Colac 6th March
<https://events.humanitix.com/gacr-230306>. Let us know if you are going and would like to arrange carpooling!

Victorian Landcare Forum, Beechworth 24th-26th March
<https://bit.ly/VicLCForum>

Got mushrooms?

In May we will have ecologist and mushroom expert Dr. Alison Pouliot visit our group to discuss the wonders of fungi. We are seeking a site for a field walk during her workshop. If you've noticed a variety of fungi on your property in previous autumns, please let us know!

This event is funded by Corangamite Shire's Environmental Grants Program.



Funding opportunities

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Grants

FRRR has three grant rounds open now: Small and Vital (<\$10000 for community initiatives), Prepare and Recover (<\$25000 to prevent/prepare for climate impacts or recover from disasters), and Rebuilding Regional Communities (<\$10000 for recovering from COVID related impacts). Closing 1st Mar. More info: <https://frrr.org.au/>

Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants

Grants of up to \$1000 are available for primary schools to undertake projects that focus on sustainable food production, improving waste management practices and recycling, enhancing native habitats and deepening connections to First Nations perspectives. Closing 17th Mar. More info: <https://juniorlandcare.org.au/>

LLPG Meetings

LLPG meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of every month. The last meeting was on Thursday 9th February, when the committee accepted, with thanks, the resignation of committee member Liz Thornton. Landcare Facilitator Alicia Merriam also gave her notice and discussions were held around succession planning.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th March. If you'd like an issue raised at a meeting, contact Alicia or a committee member by the Tuesday prior.

For any Landcare queries contact Alicia:

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