

CORANGAMITE LAKES LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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Hello Landcarers! I hope everyone is keeping warm out there. We've got some exciting events coming up including the launch of a new project about the spiny riceflower and a regenerative agriculture workshop. Read on to learn more!

- Alicia (LLPG Facilitator)

Upcoming Events

Contact Alicia to RSVP for any events (by email preferred), or sign up on Eventbrite. All events will include outdoor components so check the forecast and dress accordingly!



Spiny Riceflower (Pimelea) Project Launch Event

Friday 1st July, 2 pm – 4:30 pm, Skipton Hall

The Victorian Volcanic Plains (VVP) of our Western District are one of the last strongholds of the critically endangered spiny riceflower (*Pimelea spinescens*). Come learn more about this fascinating plant, and how you can get involved in protecting threatened flora of the VVP.

Guest speakers: Debbie Reynolds (Trust for Nature) and Georgie Green (Stewart Park and Skipton PS).

2pm start in the hall, followed by afternoon tea and a site visit to Skipton Common.

RSVP by Monday 27 June, by email to Alicia/Eventbrite

Spiny Riceflower in grassland remnants on private land

Sunday 24th July, 2pm, Wallinduc

Join us for a grassland walk and community weeding day in a remnant patch on private land. We will hear about the challenges and joys that can come from conserving native vegetation, and how to keep on top of weeds safely and effectively in these systems, with a focus on Phalaris and African weed orchid.

Directions to the site will be provided to attendees ahead of the event.

RSVP by Thursday 21 July, by email to Alicia/Eventbrite

Upcoming Events



Regenerative Agriculture with Colin Seis

Tuesday 19th July, 9 am – 4 pm, Camperdown

Colin Seis is a regenerative farmer from NSW and is best known for pioneering the technique of pasture cropping, where the winter cash crop is sown into an existing summer-active pasture.

Colin will share his story and speak about the benefits of regenerative techniques such as pasture cropping and multispecies pastures for soil health, nutrient cycling and even fire risk.

This event is co-hosted by LLPG and Heytesbury District Landcare Network and is supported by Corangamite CMA, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

RSVP by Tuesday 12 July, by email to Alicia/Eventbrite

2022-23 LLPG Membership

Membership fees for LLPG were due at the end of May. If you still need to submit your payment and form, please do so at your earliest convenience.

It's also not too late to sign up as a new member, so get in touch with questions about membership or to sign up!

Membership renewals are also underway for some of our member groups (including Cundare Duverney and Weering Eurack Landcare Groups). If you belong to one of these groups keep an eye on your mailbox and contact the committee or Alicia if you have questions.

DO YOU HAVE TREE PLANTING EQUIPMENT THAT BELONGS TO LLPG?

This may include Potti-putkis, Hamilton tree planters, etc. If so, **contact Alicia ASAP (0475 593 149) to arrange return!** If you are unsure, call to discuss. We will be doing a stocktake ahead of the 2022 planting season.

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Gardens for Wildlife Booklet

Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote on flora and fauna to include in our upcoming wildlife gardening book over the past few weeks!

Photographers and volunteers needed!

Do you have flora and fauna photos that we could feature in the book? Let us know!

If you can help in other ways, such as writing content for the booklet, contact Alicia!

LLPG is collaborating with Corangamite Shire and Heytesbury District Landcare Network on this project.



Funding Opportunities

Members are encouraged to get in touch to discuss project interests and goals for their properties. This will help Alicia connect you with relevant funding opportunities as they come up. Call or email Alicia for a chat!

Some current relevant opportunities are listed below. Contact Alicia for more information.

Nutrien Grants program

This grant opportunity provides funding for projects in rural and regional communities.

Gorse and Serrated Tussock grants

Funding is available for control and education activities around these problem weeds.

New Project

Lismore Primary School has received a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant and will be collaborating with LLPG to plant some natives on the school grounds and revitalise their community garden!

Recipient of a 2022 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant



Wildlife in our midst

Lismore resident Sarah got in touch to tell us about a honeyeater nest their family discovered in a rose bush in their garden. Sadly, one of the two chicks was lost due to a heat wave, so the family brought the nest with the remaining chick inside for shelter from the heat.

They called a native animal rescue group who coached them through how to remove and return the chick safely to the nest, and how to feed her and keep her fluids up.

They named her Rose, after the rosebush, and were able to keep an eye on her until her parents returned. Rose went on to grow up and leave the nest.



Have you had an exciting wildlife sighting lately?! **Let us know** so we can encourage others to tune in to what's out and about!

2022 Tree plantings

We are anticipating August and September delivery of trees. It's time to get stuck in to site preparation! Don't forget to arrange fencing, ripping/mounding, and keep on top of weed control.

To receive trees, you must be a **paid-up member** of LLPG or one of our affiliated Landcare groups for 2022/23. Moulder hire will be invoiced separately at \$60 (GST inc).

Our tree order will be partly funded through the Victorian Landcare Grants program and the Stockyard Hill Windfarm Community Investment Program.

LLPG Meetings

LLPG meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. The last meeting was on Thursday 9th June.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th July. If you'd like an issue raised at a meeting, contact Alicia or a committee member by midday the Tuesday prior.

For any Landcare queries contact Alicia:

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