

CORANGAMITE LAKES LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to autumn! As the days get cooler and shorter, we're all busy making plans for the season ahead. In

recent weeks LLPG has been pleased to host a couple events within community. We had Dr Fred Cahir from Federation Uni share stories on historical Aboriginal heroes, and facilitator Alicia joined Lismore Primary School to run an event for Clean Up Australia Day.

Upcoming LLPG Event



Titanga Night Stalk & The Nature Bus

Saturday 2nd April, 5:30 pm, Titanga Homestead

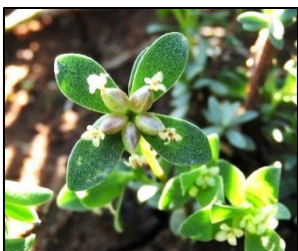
The annual Night Stalk will feature an extra activity for the kids this year: The Nature Bus will be running a hands-on nest building activity! Activity and free BBQ from 5:30 pm, followed by a spotlight walk at dusk. BYO torch, suitable footwear and clothing. Enter 'Titanga' at the Gate House off Hamilton Hwy.

Funding for this event was provided by a Corangamite Shire Environmental Grant.

RSVP essential by Saturday 26th March.

New Project

Spiny Rice Flower Monitoring and Conservation



source: <https://trustfornature.org.au/project/pimelea-conservation-trust/>

The spiny rice flower (*Pimelea spinescens*) is a small shrub native to grasslands of central and western Victoria and is critically endangered.

This project will undertake monitoring of spiny rice-flower populations at three key sites within the Corangamite Lakes Landcare area with plenty of opportunities for community involvement. If you would like to learn more or volunteer for the project, contact Alicia!

This project is funded through Trust for Nature's Pimelea Conservation Trust.

In case you missed it...

Aboriginal Heroes of Fire, Flood and Food

Dr. Fred Cahir's (Federation Uni) presentation on the 25th of Feb was fully booked! It was great to see such interest in his recent research project "Aboriginal Heroes of Fire, Flood and the Search for Food".

Dr. Cahir shared the story of the rescue of the three Duff children, who went missing for 9 days in the Wimmera in 1864. They were found and rescued by Aboriginal trackers. A monument commemorating the event crediting the eldest child, Jane, with their survival was built in 1925 – and a commemorative stone was added in 2014 which finally acknowledged the Aboriginal rescuers. Dr Cahir encouraged more steps such as this by local communities to acknowledge their local Aboriginal heroes.

He also told us about the rescue of the crew of the *Enterprise* on 14 Sept 1850, which ran aground in Lady Bay near Warrnambool. A local Aboriginal man named Buckawall braved the sea to swim out to the boat from shore with a line, allowing the entire crew to be rescued.

Finally, we learned about the heroic involvement of Aboriginals in the Black Thursday fires of February 1851. From saving crops, to families and children, to homesteads, local Aboriginals across affected areas of Victoria had significant involvement in fighting these fires.

Dr. Cahir bases much of his research on written colonist accounts. While this is partly because Aboriginal oral histories from that period have been fractured by their often forced separation from Country, the use of the colonist's grateful words who had been saved by Aboriginal people adds a "forceful and emphatic" tone to the stories, he noted.

We also enjoyed catering for the event provided by Lauren McLennan, which was a big hit amongst attendees!

Funding for this event was provided by a Corangamite Shire Environmental Fund Grant.

Clean up Australia Day

LLPG got together with Lismore Primary School to clean up their school grounds for Schools Clean Up Day on the 4th of March. Even though the school yard was pretty tidy, we still managed to find 5 bags of rubbish and 1 bag of recyclables! Great job kids!



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Other Upcoming Events

World Frog Day

Sunday 20th March

World Frog Day was created in 2009 to increase awareness of the plight of frog species around the world, many of which have declined greatly over recent decades.



International Day of Forests

Monday 21st March

Established by in 2012, this day is about raising awareness of the importance of all types of forests. The 2022 theme is “forests and sustainable production and consumption”.

This year on International Day of Forests, LLPG facilitator Alicia will be visiting Tower Hill with Lismore Primary School students to learn about the Aboriginal history of the area as well as the native Australian flora and fauna.

This trip is funded by a Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant.



Global Citizen Science Month

April

Global Citizen Science Month celebrates volunteers from all walks of life getting involved in research by collecting data, analysing results and helping solve some of the biggest problems in science.

Let's Connect!

Landcare Memberships

Are you a member of LLPG or one of our affiliated groups? If not, get in touch! Renewal is coming up and we will soon be accepting new memberships for 2022/2023!

LLPG is trying to reduce paper usage during our membership renewal process. To go paperless, email Alicia at Alicia.LismoreLPG@gmail.com.

Social Media

Did you know that LLPG is on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter? Search @LLPGLandcare on all three platforms.

Funding Opportunity

CCMA Waterway Protection Program

Do you have property frontage on a waterway? Landholders on eligible waterways are invited to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for approved waterway protection activities (fencing, water infrastructure/stock crossings, pest/weed control, revegetation, and willow removal).



For more information on the project including eligible waterways, eligibility criteria, contact Alicia or visit the CCMA website (<https://ccma.vic.gov.au/>) and search “waterways”.

Other Opportunities

Members are strongly encouraged to get in touch to discuss project interest and goals for their properties – whether for waterway activities or any other environmental project. This will help Alicia connect members with relevant funding opportunities as they come up. Call or email Alicia for a chat!

Some reminders

2022 Tree plantings

If you would like trees through Landcare for a biodiversity or shelterbelt planting in 2022 please **contact Alicia ASAP**. We are nearing our allocation so do get in contact soon.

To receive trees, you must be a **paid-up member** of LLPG or one of our affiliated Landcare groups for 2022/23. Membership renewal is coming up, so get in touch if you would like to receive a renewal (or new sign up) by email.

Remember to keep on top of weed control in the autumn and winter at your planting site.

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

LLPG Meetings

The last LLPG meeting was held on 10th March. The committee made plans to set up a new shed in the yard for storage of tree planting equipment (thanks to a Corangamite Shire Facilities grant), and discussed this year's tree planting program, among other things.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th April.

For any Landcare queries contact Alicia:

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