



# February 2024 Newsletter

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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.

*Welcome back to the regular newsletter,*

It's been a fairly quite summer on my end. Tree orders have been steadily coming in and it's great to see so many people continuing their tree planting efforts. So far, we have 32 members wanting to plant.

But it's already February and the future is looking busy. There's lots of events and webinars to participate in and some great ideas for future projects that I will be finding funding for.

*Sarah | LLPG Facilitator*

## Upcoming Events

Our final event in the guest speaker series will be....

**Wetland Restoration Talk** - March 7th, 6:30pm, Lismore, Location TBD. Hear about Nature Glenelg Trust's wetland restoration program with Ayesha Burdett. RSVP 📧 [lismorelpg@gmail.com](mailto:lismorelpg@gmail.com)

## External events and webinars

**Small landholder focused livestock ownership webinar series**- Weekly, Wednesdays Starting 14th February, 6:00pm-7:30pm. Join the Victorian Farmers Federation on their 6-part webinar series on the essential elements of farm ownership. Free! 👉 [bit.ly/WebinarLivestock](https://www.vff.org.au/event/ss-farming-essentials-web-series/). More info 📧 <https://www.vff.org.au/event/ss-farming-essentials-web-series/>

**Free *Phytophthora cinnamomic* Hygiene Training** - March 2nd, 10am-1pm, Forrest Public Hall, 14 Grant Street Forrest. Learn how to prevent the spread of this disease (dieback) to your gardens and bushland. RSVP 📧 [hannah.wiggs@ccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:hannah.wiggs@ccma.vic.gov.au)

**Clean Up Australia Day** - March 3rd. Register a clean-up event here 📧 <https://register.cleanup.org.au>

## Tree Planting Program

### **WE HAVE 10,000 TREES LEFT!**

Our Annual Tree Planting Program is currently still open for orders.

Each year our groups plant around 37,000 trees. These trees are free to receive, and you just need to be a member of one of the 6 groups in the network.

Once you place an order, Sarah will allocate you a diverse mix of native and indigenous species that are suited to your property. We have 26 species in the order that consist of Acacia's, Casuarina's, Banksia, Bursaria, Callistemon, Cassinia, Eucalyptus, Hakea's, Leptospermum's, and Melaleuca's.

There is no minimum order but generally the maximum is 4000-5000 trees. Trees will be ready and delivered in either August or September 2024. It's best to starting preparation now.

We also have the tree order form on our website - [lismorelpg@wixsite.com](mailto:lismorelpg@wixsite.com). You need to complete an order form to receive your trees.

A reminder to bring back any tree planters or trays that you used from last year.

This year Sarah will be the contact for the ripper/moulder. So please contact 0439 059 202 to organise pick up and drop off the equipment. It is available now to use.

*This year's program is supported through two Victorian Landcare Grants funded by DEECA and administered by the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.*



## What's been happening?

### Roadside Burning

In October 2023 our group facilitated a roadside mosaic burn in a significant vegetation area. This area contains the critically endangered Spiny Rice Flower and many other native species.

Fire serves as a natural regulator in the ecosystem. It reduces competition from other plant species and weeds, produces green, vegetative material as a food source for native fauna, opens inter-tussock space for other native species to enter and promotes germination of native seed stock.

Prior to European settlement these grasslands made up 90% of the Volcanic Plain and now less than 2% remain.

Native flora help keep the ecosystem in balance. It's now more important than ever to help protect and maintain these landscapes.



### Regenerative Agriculture in Corangamite

Over the last year the group of Landcare facilitators within the Corangamite network have been working together to create a plan and vision for the future of Agriculture in this region.

The aim is to create a document that can guide our future work and assist in funding opportunities.

Some principles that we as a region want to work towards are improving soil health, biodiversity, grazing management, restoring, and protecting the natural environment, increasing community engagement and collaboration, encourage holistic management techniques and much more.

Some actions that we want to see are on ground field trials, demonstrations, industry partnerships and

most importantly support for farmers on their journey to adopting new practices or assistance in changing certain aspects of their operations.

We are currently looking for feedback on our vision statement. We want this document to represent the values of our farmers and it would be great to hear from people on the ground. If you are interested in providing feedback, please get in touch with Sarah or come along to our committee meetings to discuss further.

### Tree Planting Guide

I have put together a basic guide that goes through the steps needed for having a successful planting. If you are planting a shelterbelt then look at the 'guidelines for plantations' section as it provides the required dimensions and spacings for the best result.

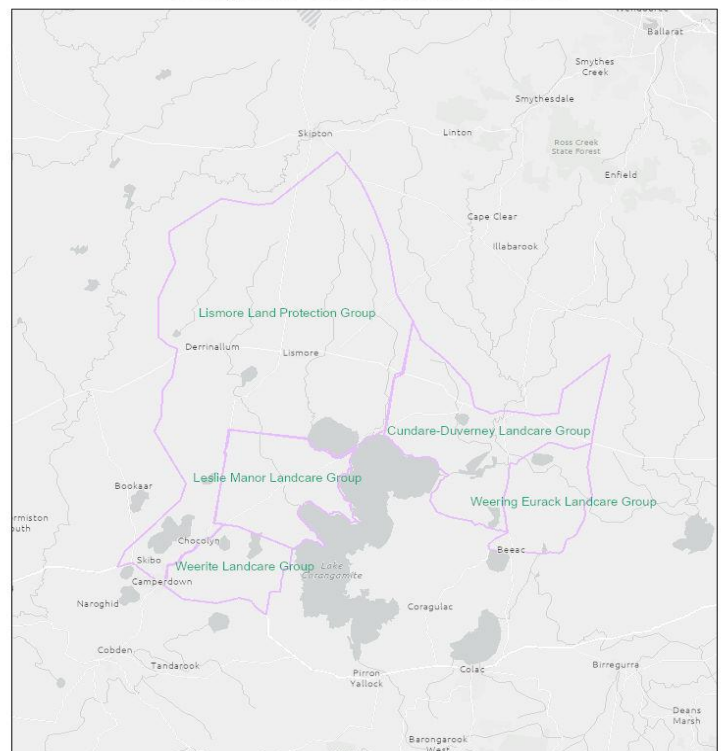
Download the document here:

<https://lismorelpg.wixsite.com/lpg/lpg-documents>

### Network Map

Below is a map of our network groups and their boundaries. Membership renewal will be mid-year so be sure to join a group near you!

Corangamite Lakes Landcare Network



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