

CORANGAMITE LAKES LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2022



Hello Landcarers! It's May already, and I've been in the facilitator role almost 6 months now! Seeding is in full swing and I'm working on grant applications but hoping to get out in the field in coming weeks. If you put in trees last year or are a participant in one of our water projects, expect a call soon. In the meantime, best wishes for a safe seeding season!

- Alicia (LLPG Facilitator)

DO YOU HAVE TREE PLANTING EQUIPMENT THAT BELONGS TO LLPG?

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

Call 0475 593 149.

2022-23 LLPG Membership

It's membership renewal time! Membership fees are due on the 30th of May. If you have not received a membership form but would like one, please contact Alicia!

It's also a great time to sign up as a new member, so get in touch with questions about membership or to sign up!

Upcoming Events

Mt. Emu Creek – Past, Present and Future

6pm on Tuesday 17th May, Skipton Rec Reserve. Guest speakers: Georgie Green (Stewart Park), Joel Owens (Skipton Landcare), and Bonnie Chew (Mirriyu Cultural Consulting). Contact Victoria Lovejoy 0437 565 404.

Landcare Victoria Inc AGM

Landcare Victoria Inc., our parent group, is conducting its AGM online (Zoom) at 11am on Friday 20 May. Contact Alicia for a link to sign up.

Wadawurrung Cultural Awareness Training

There are limited spaces available in a cultural awareness training session to be hosted by Wadawurrung in Geelong on Friday 20th May, 1-5 pm. There will also be Eastern Maar sessions TBA. Contact Alicia to sign up or express interest.

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!

Voting is still open for a limited time so contact Alicia for a link to the form, or stop by the Lismore office, 19 High Street, between 9-5 on **Tuesday 17th or Tuesday 24th May.**

Photographers and volunteers needed!

Do you have photos of native flora and fauna that you'd like to see featured in the book? We'd love to feature locally relevant photos of our species!

If you'd like to get involved in other ways, such as helping to produce content for the booklet, contact Alicia about volunteering.



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

Expressions of Interest Sought

Stubble Project Workshop

LLPG is exploring options for guest speakers for our Stubble project workshops. Options include Colin Seis, regenerative farmer and winner of the 2014 Bob Hawke Landcare Award. At this stage we are gauging community interest so please contact Alicia if you'd like to have Colin visit or if you have other guest speaker suggestions.

Grassland Restoration

LLPG is seeking EOIs for landholders interested in participating in larger-scale grassland restoration or native grassland seed production projects. If you have a couple hectares and a passion for native grasses and grassland species, contact Alicia.

BushBank Program

You may have heard of the Victorian Government's upcoming BushBank program in the news, which ambitiously aims to restore 20 000 ha of native vegetation on private land across the state. If you would like to learn more about the program or think you might be interested in participating, please contact Alicia.

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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.

Wildlife in our midst



We recently heard from the Mitchell family near Lismore, who had an incredible encounter! In November they discovered a long-necked turtle laying a clutch of eggs in the house paddock, a

good 150 m from the dam through canola stubble. They protected the nest with a large tree guard to prevent disturbance and keep the foxes out.

In March they checked the nest, and having heard that entrapment due to hard soil crusts can affect survival of a clutch, made a small opening on the site of the nest. There was plenty of activity inside the nest – 10 tiny turtles to be exact! With a bit of encouragement, they made their way down to the dam and the shelter of the aquatic plants.

Many long-necked turtle nests fall victim to foxes, entrapment, or agricultural activity when nests are made in paddocks. This story highlights the importance of keeping an eye out and doing what you can to help our native wildlife when you get a chance. What a special experience for the Mitchells, and thank you for sharing it with us!

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!



Other Upcoming Events

World Bee Day | Friday 20th May

Did you know there are over 20 000 species of bee globally, with 2000 in Australia?! World Bee Day celebrates these hard-working little pollinators.

World Turtle Day | Monday 23rd May

Did you know that out of 7 total marine turtle species globally, six occur in Australian waters? We are also home to about 23 species of freshwater turtles.

Reconciliation Week | 27th May – 3rd June

Reconciliation week is a time to learn about our shared histories and work together to achieve reconciliation in Australia. The 2022 theme is Be Brave, Make Change.

Funding Opportunities

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

Corangamite Shire Grants Program

The Shire's 2022 grants program is currently open (closing 23rd May) and LLPG is working on a number of applications for this grant round. Get in touch to discuss opportunities for getting involved in our potential projects.

Some reminders

2022 Tree plantings

We are nearing our allocation for trees so if you want some but have not yet confirmed your order, you **must get in contact with Alicia ASAP**.

It's also time to get stuck in to site preparation! Don't forget to arrange fencing, hire of the ripper-moulder, and keep on top of weed control in autumn and winter. Contact Alicia with questions or to hire the moulder.

To receive trees, you must be a **paid-up member** of LLPG or one of our affiliated Landcare groups for 2022/23. LLPG membership fees are due 30th May 2022. 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.

Let's Connect!

Follow **@LLPGLandcare** on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Members are also invited to stop in on Tuesdays to say hi, especially if you haven't met Alicia yet! Call ahead (0475 593 149) to be sure to catch her.

LLPG Meetings

LLPG meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. The last meeting was on Thursday 12th May. The committee finalized applications for the 2022 round of Corangamite Shire grants and did some planning for our current water projects.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th June. 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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