



October 2025 Newsletter

Produced by The Lismore Land Protection Group Inc.

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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.

G'day Land carers,

Spring has felt a little more like winter this year with the rain and cold, but that hasn't stopped our Landcare community from getting out and about. From the Night Stalk to tree planting and planning, there's plenty to share in this edition, and hopefully some warmer days on the way!

Night Stalk Recap

On Friday 19th September we gathered at Titanga Homestead in Lismore for our annual Night Stalk. The evening began with a creative kids' activity led by Tania with the Nature Bus, where children made Australian animals from clay, with some wonderfully imaginative results.



Although the rain rolled in, spirits stayed high as families huddled together and embraced the elements. After sharing a warm meal, ecologist Craig Grabham introduced us to animal calls, night vision equipment, and guided a walk to explore the local wildlife. While the weather limited what we saw, it was still a fun and memorable evening.



Most importantly, the Night Stalk brought people together – a chance to step away from the usual routine, enjoy nature play, and connect as a community.

Events

Mount Elephant Community Management - 25 Year Celebration



Celebrating 25 Years of Community Ownership and the official opening of our All-Abilities Base Track.

 **Sunday, 30th November 2025**

 Open from 11:00am - Close 4:00pm

 Mount Elephant Visitor Centre, 1191 Hamilton Hwy, Derrinallum

Formalities at 2:00pm

Come along and help us celebrate this special milestone with the community.

Further Information: www.mountelephant.com.au

Facebook: Mount Elephant or 0409535914

Livestock and Landscape Farm Tour - Otways

Join the Wimmera CMA for a bus trip to the beautiful Otways to visit Yan Yan Gurt West Farm, a thriving carbon-neutral prime lamb operation with a strong focus on biodiversity. This is a fantastic opportunity to see firsthand how livestock production and landscape restoration can work hand in hand.



 **When:** Monday, 20th October

 **Where:** Yan Yan Gurt West Farm, Otways

 **Cost:** FREE (includes meals and optional bus transport)

 **Pick up & drop off locations:** Horsham, Stawell, Ararat, Skipton, Beeac

 **Register by 15 October:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/GmUGp1Reer>

This tour is a great chance to learn, connect, and be inspired by practical examples of sustainable farming in action.

For more info, contact Bronwyn Bant

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Corangamite Rural Women's Network - Rural Women on Boards & Leadership Forum

 **When:** Thursday, 16 October, 9:30am - 3:30pm

 **Where:** Barwon Park Mansion, Winchelsea VIC

Join the Corangamite Rural Women's Network for a full-day forum focused on empowering rural women in leadership roles and on boards. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, share experiences, and build confidence in stepping into leadership positions within our communities.

Register here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/corangamite-rural-women-s-network-women-on-boards-workshop>

Victorian Trees on Farms - Incubator Workshop

Are you a landholder interested in integrating more trees into your farming system? The Victorian Trees on Farms (VToF) Program is offering a FREE incubator workshop to help you develop strong project applications and access funding support.

The one-day workshop, delivered by PF Olsen, provides both pre- and post-support to help you plan your project and apply for the Victorian Trees on Farms grant program. Participants will gain skills, build networks, and receive guidance from industry specialists to improve project quality and confidence when growing trees on farms.

The VToF program supports:

- Farm forestry plantings for timber production using known timber species - up to \$4,000 per hectare (3-20 ha).
- Integrated environmental plantings using a mix of native species - up to \$2,000 per hectare (5-20 ha).

This is a great opportunity to connect with like-minded landholders, learn from experts, and develop a strong project plan that benefits both your farm and the environment.

 Enquire today

 Contact erin.hodgson@pfolsen.com or call 0477 123 323 for more information.

LPG meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. If you'd like an issue raised at a meeting, contact Sarah or a committee member by the Tuesday prior. Working part time - Mon/Thus/Fri am

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