



April 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.

G'day Landcarers,

Welcome to the April edition of our Landcare newsletter! This year is flying by, and we welcome the much-needed rain. I have been busy behind the scenes applying for grants so watch this space for future events and programs for 2024/2025.

Upcoming events

New residents' night - 17th April, Mount Elephant. Are you new to the area and want to network with the local community. Come along to the New Residents event at Mount Elephant.

The Four Peaks Challenge 2024 - 21st April.

Think you can rise to the challenge of 'summitting' Mt Leura, Mt Sugarloaf, Mt Elephant, and Mt Noorat on the same day? Meet/start @ Volcanic Education Centre (Mt Leura Road, Camperdown) at base of Mt Leura at 9.30am. Coffee van onsite. All welcome and bring the kids but please note that some steep and rough terrain will be encountered so a degree of physical fitness is required.

External events and webinars

Farm Forests Growers Victoria - Saturday 11th May, 'Titanga' Lismore. Field day and site visit.

The program is still being finalised, but will include a tour looking at first thinning of sawlog woodlots, potential seed production sites for three species suited to the region, and equipment and machinery for managing first thinning harvest, forwarding out and sale of thinning's, and coppice management. Depending on time it will include a visit to an innovative small local sawmill. For more info or to RSVP contact Andrew Lang - andrewlang001@bigpond.com

2024 Victorian Landcare Forum - 9th-10th May, Bendigo Exhibition Centre. Purchase tickets here: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-victorian-landcare-forum>

10th Biodiversity Across the Borders Conference - Friday 7th June, Fed Uni, Mt. Helen campus, Ballarat. Theme: Biodiversity Conservation: Can we learn from the past to foster hope for the future. Free! 📧 register

<https://asterion.federation.edu.au/bdabconf/register.php>

Chemical Users Course - Sat 15th and Sun 16th June, 6 Gunner Street Camperdown. Run by The Centre, this course is for all users of chemicals used in a range of environments including farms, horticultural operations, parks and gardens and more. This is a national recognised training and participants that complete the course will receive a Certificate of Attainment and are listed with the Farm Chemical Users Secretariat of Victoria. **Check if you are eligible for a fully funded course by contacting 03 5721 0200** Non funded cost is \$425, refresher course is \$299. Enrol by scanning the QR code below:



Membership renewal/Sign Up

Membership renewals and new member sign ups open now! If you haven't received a membership form please get in touch with Sarah or head to our website to download a form.

Reasons to join:

- Priority access to our annual tree planting program.
- Receive emails with news about LLPG activities.
- Financially support the group to enable them to continue Landcare activities.
- Voting in our AGM and be eligible to join the committee.
- Be covered by insurance at events.
- Help a great community group.

One membership will cover one household. Joining fee is \$27.50. Payment is due by 31st May 2024 and valid for 1 year. Hiring of the ripper and moulder is not included in membership.

Tree Planting Program

Tree allocations exhausted!

We have over 40 participants this year which is great to see. Reminder to start or continue preparing the ground ready for planting in either August or September. This could involve fencing, spraying, ripping, and mounding, slashing, rock removal etc.

Please contact Sarah on 0439 059 202 to organise pick up and drop off the equipment (ripper/moulder/tree planters).

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

What's been happening?

Base track at Mount Elephant reopened.

The base track has been reopened by the shire after works at the transfer station. Get across to Mount Elephant and enjoy a peaceful walk around or up the mount. Open every Sunday 1-4pm or by appointment.



Funding Opportunities

Corangamite Shire Grants Open Now

Submissions close 13th May.

Community Grants up to \$2000, Environment Support Grants up to \$3000 and more! Check out the website to see if a grant relates to a project you require funding for. <https://bit.ly/CSgrants2023>

Fencing off riparian area's - expression of interest

I have recently received lots of enquires about funding for fencing around waterways. If you have a waterway that you would like to fence off, please send through your name, address, phone number, email and length of waterway frontage. These details will be passed onto Corangamite Catchment Management Authority for future funding opportunities.

New Business in town!

Exciting News for Farmers in Western Victoria!

Introducing **Subgro**, a new business based in Camperdown that specialises in using compost to enrich your subsoil, ensuring healthier soils and crops. Subgro's method involves incorporating high quality compost with tailored amendments like gypsum, lime or chicken manure, directly into the subsoil, resulting in significant soil improvements.

The first 50 farmers to contact Subgro will receive a FREE soil test! Don't miss this opportunity. Get your soil ready for 2025! Although beneficial to all crops, strong results are seen in a wheat crop after addition of compost/amendments so if you are planting wheat in 2025 you may benefit even more!

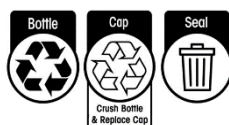
Contact **Bray Wright on 0407 721 291** today to schedule your soil test and learn how Subgro can transform your farm's productivity!

Zero Waste Ideas

This month's topic: Shopping

At the supermarket, let your fruit and vegetables go naked in the trolley or invest in re-usable produce bags.

Bring re-usable bread bags to your local bakery.



Seek out products that use the Australian Recycling Label to easily identify how it can be recycled.

Look out for plastic free tea bags. Some tea bags are made with synthetic mesh and release billions of microplastic pieces in just one cup! Or brew loose leaf.



If you love soft drink, why not invest in a SodaStream. This can save thousands of single-use plastic bottles.

Please send in any of your zero waste ideas to be featured in the monthly newsletter.

LLPG 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.

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