

# CORANGAMITE LAKES LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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## March 2023

Hello Landcarers! My last day in-person at LLPG will be 13<sup>th</sup> April, however in the

short term I will continue remotely in a reduced capacity while we work on appointing a replacement.

LLPG membership renewals will go out in April. Due to rising costs of postage, we are urging members to consider switching to email renewals (eco-friendly too!). If you received a paper form last year, we do not have an email address on file for you. Contact me to update your file!

- Alicia (LLPG Facilitator)

## Upcoming LLPG Events

### Facilitator Farewell

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm, Fairway Coffee and Eatery

Join us for a casual farewell to Alicia. Buffet dinner at \$25 (\$15 for Landcare members), drinks purchased separately. Please RSVP to Val Lang 0407 054 823.

### 2023 Titanga Night Stalk

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 4:30 pm, Titanga Homestead

We've got Tania Moloney from Nurture in Nature back for an engaging activity with the kids: this year's theme is Nature Ninjas! How can you project nature in your patch?

Join us from 4:30 pm for the kids activity, a BBQ dinner and the signature twilight night stalk, followed by a marshmallow roast (weather permitting).

RSVP to [lismorelpg@gmail.com](mailto:lismorelpg@gmail.com) by Tuesday 11 April, or visit this link: <https://bit.ly/TitangaNS>

Funded by a Corangamite Shire Environmental Grant.

### PayDirt Workshop Series

April – June 2023, Lismore

We will be hosting a workshop series (delivered by Southern Farming Systems) to help you get the best return on your investment in fertilizer and lime in pastures.

Through 3 sessions, (+4 hours of 1to1 support), you will learn how to interpret a soil test and conduct an economic analysis to optimise your investment in fertiliser and lime.

Workshops are to be scheduled in mid-April, early June and mid-June. For more info please contact Jen Clarke, [jclarke@sfs.org.au](mailto:jclarke@sfs.org.au), 0407 331 720.

### More upcoming events: Save the Date!

\*Gardens for Wildlife Booklet Launch: Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2-4pm

\*Encounters with Fungi by Alison Pouliot: Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May

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Promoting Sustainable Landscapes

## Tree Planting Program

Do you have tree trays left over from previous years? These need to be returned to the nursery. Contact Alicia ASAP.



80% of our tree order for this year is spoken for. If you have not submitted a copy of our new form, your order may not be guaranteed, so please contact Alicia to check if you are unsure.

Download the form at: <https://bit.ly/LLPGTrees>

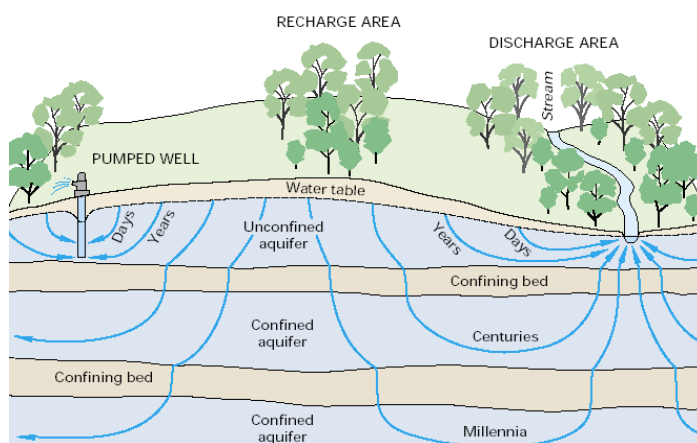
Our tree planting program this year is supported by the Victorian Landcare Grants program from DEECA.

## In case you missed it: recent events

### Farm Water Security Project Workshop

Our farm water security project, in collaboration with Federation University's Centre for eResearch and Digital Innovation (CeRDI), involved sampling and analysing water from farm bores across our region and mapping surface water flows and dam catchments to tally farm water storage and assess the potential impacts of climate change.

At our final workshop CeRDI GIS specialist Rick Pope demonstrated the farm dam catchment analysis and climate change predictions available on the NRM Planning Portal, and hydrogeologist Pete Dahlhaus (Assoc Prof) provided some fascinating insight into groundwater in our region and went over the results of bore sampling.



To learn more about the project, access project resources on the NRM planning portal and a fact sheet on interpreting water quality analyses, visit <https://bit.ly/LLPG-Water>. If you wish to receive a copy of the presentation by Pete Dahlhaus, please email Alicia.

This project was funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

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## Herbicide Resistance Guest Speaker

Guest speaker Dr. David Brunton is a local farmer and Landcare member who recently completed a PhD in herbicide resistance. He began with an intro to herbicide resistance and shared recent ryegrass resistance data from our region, which showed a concerning situation for glyphosate resistance, as well as complex and evolving situation for selective pre-emergent herbicides (Group 15 – Formerly J and K). Paraquat resistance remains rare.

We then discussed herbicide resistance management. Best practice starts with rotating crops and herbicide mode of action groups, and working in non-chemical weed control tactics such as harvest weed seed control. David also stressed the importance of resistance testing to inform herbicide choice and demonstrated the cost of undiagnosed resistance both in terms of wasted product and crop yield loss.

It was great to welcome attendees of diverse ages and backgrounds, from smallholders new to the area to farmers with extensive agronomy experience. If you wish to receive a copy of the presentation, please email Alicia.

This event was funded by Corangamite Shire's Environment Grants Program.



## Funding opportunities

**Dundonnell Wind Farm Grants:** Grants for projects in the localities of Darlington, Derrinallum, Dundonnell, Lake Bolac, Nerrin Nerrin, Pura Pura, Streatham, Vite Vite and Woorndoo. Close 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. <https://bit.ly/DDWFGGrants>

**Flood Recovery Grants:** Funding is available for primary producers (up to \$75000) and rural landholders (up to \$25000) impacted by the floods in spring 2022. Closing 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. More info: call 1800 260 425, or visit <https://www.ruralfinance.com.au/industry-programs/>

**Colac Otway Shire Grants:** a range of grant programs open for activities to be completed in Colac Otway Shire. Close 14 April, <https://bit.ly/COS-grants>

## Wildlife in our Midst

It's probably about time we featured an arthropod in this section, so thanks to Bill from Foxhow for submitting this photo of a centipede (*Cormocephalus* sp.) who has just finished laying her eggs.



Have you had a wildlife sighting lately?! [Let us know](#) so we can encourage others to tune in to what's out and about!

## External Upcoming Events

**Farming Forever (Farmers for Climate Action):** online report launch for a national plan for climate change and agriculture, 11 am 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. <https://bit.ly/FFCARReport>

**Building soil carbon and nitrogen, Crop disease update (GRDC):** Lake Bolac, 16<sup>th</sup> March 8:30-11:40am. <https://bit.ly/GRDCLakeBolac>

**NGOs and their role in habitat restoration and management (SWIFFT):** online 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10-12:30pm. <https://bit.ly/SWIFFT23Mar>

**Victorian Landcare Forum (Landcare Victoria Inc.):** Beechworth 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March, contact Alicia if interested in carpooling. <https://bit.ly/VicLCForum>

**Landcare Farming Webinar (Landcare Australia):** "Maximising Ecosystem Opportunities to Fit Your Business: Biodiversity", Online webinar, Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April 1-3 pm. <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/webinars/biodiversity>

## LLPG Meetings

LLPG meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of every month. The last meeting was on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, where the committee focused on project updates and facilitator handover.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April. If you'd like an issue raised at a meeting, contact Alicia or a committee member by the Tuesday prior.

**For any Landcare queries contact Alicia:**

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