

# CORANGAMITE LAKES LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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Hope to see more of you at our upcoming AGM – read on for more details.

Hello Landcarers! Its been great to see some of you recently at events and as part of our water project bore sampling process. I

- Alicia (LLPG Facilitator)

## Please note: Alicia on leave in August

**I will be on leave from 28<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> August.** During this time I will not be available by phone, but will still be checking email intermittently, so please direct all inquiries to [alicia.lismorelpg@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.lismorelpg@gmail.com).

As such, there will be no newsletter issued in August, but you may receive an email reminder of upcoming events etc if you are on our email list.

## 2022 Trees

I have recently finished finalising tree allocations for this year. If you haven't heard from me in recent weeks, it means we did not have a confirmed order on the books for you this year. Please contact me ASAP if you believe there has been an error.

OzTrees will deliver trees on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August and the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. You will receive an email reminder about a week before your chosen delivery date. This email will include instructions on how to access tree planting equipment. We will be trialling an honesty-based sign out system this year and appreciate your cooperation.

If you need to hire the ripper or moulder while I am away, you must **call or text Scott Barr (0428 743 573)** and let him know when you borrow it and when you return it.

Our tree order will be partly funded through the Victorian Landcare Grants program and the Stockyard Hill Windfarm Community Investment Program.

## **DO YOU HAVE TREE PLANTING EQUIPMENT THAT BELONGS TO LLPG?**

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

## Upcoming Events

Contact Alicia to RSVP for any events (by email or Eventbrite ONLY). All events will include outdoor components so check the forecast and dress accordingly!



## **2022 Lismore Land Protection Group AGM**

*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6pm, location TBA (Derrinallum or Lismore)*

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will have a local guest speaker to present on a topic of regional interest (details TBD). Please register your interest and details will be provided.

Pub meal at own cost from 6pm, followed by a guest speaker and meeting from 7pm.

RSVP by email ONLY, by Thursday 1 Sept.



## **Spiny Riceflower in grassland remnants on private land**

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm, Wallinduc*

Join us for a grassland walk and community weeding day in a remnant patch on private land. We will hear about the challenges and joys that can come from conserving native vegetation, and how to keep on top of weeds safely and effectively in these systems, with a focus on Phalaris and African weed orchid.

Directions to the site will be provided to attendees ahead of the event.

RSVP by Friday 22 July, by email to Alicia/Eventbrite

## 2022-23 LLPG Membership

Membership fees for LLPG were due at the end of May. If you still need to submit your payment and form, please do so at your earliest convenience.

**Lismore Land Protection Group, PO Box 28, Lismore, Victoria, 3324**

**Facilitator: Alicia Merriam | 0475 593 149 | [Alicia.LismoreLPG@gmail.com](mailto:Alicia.LismoreLPG@gmail.com) (Tues and Thurs)**

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## Wildlife in our midst

LLPG member Clive from near Skipton shared a photo of brolgas gathering and dancing in one of his paddocks. He estimates he's seen 14 in total at his place! I've heard reports of lots of brolgas being spotted around the area, which is encouraging. However, many studies have shown negative impacts on nesting success associated with wind farms and this will continue to be a threat in our area.



Foxes are also an important predator of brolga hatchlings and there are plenty of them around too!



One particularly bold fox visited me recently. During the night it returned and took off with one of my boots! Luckily it was located in the back paddock but the culprit has since attempted to abscond with one of my partner's shoes as well!

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!

## Gardens for Wildlife Booklet

### **Photographers and volunteers needed!**

Do you have flora and fauna photos that we could feature in the book? Let us know!

If you can help in other ways, such as writing content for the booklet, contact Alicia!

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



## In case you missed it...

### **Pimelea Project Launch event**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July we had community members join us in Skipton to learn about the spiny riceflower (*Pimelea spinescens*). We heard from pimelea expert Dr. Debbie Reynolds about the Victorian Volcanic Plains grasslands and the complex needs of the critically endangered spiny riceflower. We also heard from local teacher Georgie Green, who has been involved in community engagement and conservation works at Skipton Common. To finish off, we got out to the common to see the spiny riceflower in the flesh!

This event was funded by Trust for Nature's Pimelea Conservation Trust.

### **Colin Seis Regenerative Agriculture Workshop**

Our joint event with Heytesbury District Landcare Network was a great success! Colin reflected on the lifetime of learning that got him where he is. Seeing his grandmother take over the farm after his grandfather suffered an injury he learned the value that a different perspective can bring to a challenge. Later he came to learn that problems in agriculture must be addressed via understanding agroecosystem ecology.

We learned about the differences between C3 (cool season) and C4 (warm season) grasses, annuals, perennials, and forbs, and how diversity in the grazing system can benefit productivity via resource partitioning and improving the health and diversity of soil microorganisms.

We finished off with a paddock walk to check out some multispecies cover crops on a local property – many thanks to our gracious hosts, the McMahons!

This event was supported by Corangamite CMA, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

### LLPG Meetings

LLPG meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. The last meeting was on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July where Alicia and the committee discussed arrangements during Alicia's leave, and discussed plans for the upcoming AGM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. 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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