



# July 2025 Newsletter

Produced by The Lismore Land Protection Group

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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.

## Upcoming events

### Lismore Land Protection Group AGM

**Date:** Thursday, 14th August

**Location:** Fairway Coffee and Eatery Lismore

**Time:** AGM begins at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7pm and guest speaker from 7:30pm.

Join us for our Annual General Meeting followed by dinner and an informative talk. This year's topic will explore the unique Western District Lakes, delivered by Michelle Casanova.

### Upcoming Workshop: Carbon Farming & Farm Emissions - What's Next?

**Date:** Thursday 28 August

**Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Location:** Derrinallum Hall, 74 Main Street

Carbon has become a bit of a buzzword in agriculture but what does it mean for your farm?

This free, in-depth workshop is designed to help farmers and advisors cut through the noise and get practical, up-to-date information about emissions, carbon opportunities, and what actions you can take now.

### What we'll cover:

- Understanding your farm's emissions
- How to use emissions calculators
- Real-life farm examples
- Opportunities to reduce emissions
- Carbon sequestration on-farm
- An introduction to the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme (ACCUs)

Hear from local advisor **Craig Drum (Dagro)** and the team at Southern Farming Systems.

Register now to secure your spot:

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

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### Landcare Bus Trip

**Date:** Thursday, 11th September

**Time:** 8am bus leaves from Lismore

- Rhynie Pastoral - mixed farming - Maroona
- Chicken farm - Lake Fyans
- Beaufort biofuel at the hospital
- Farmer in Stockyard Hill - native vegetation
- Dinner in Lismore (optional)

Limited spots available - RSVP to Sarah to secure your spot. More details to come soon.

### Night Stalk

**Date:** Friday, 19th September

**Location:** Titanga Homestead

**Time:** 5pm-8pm

We're excited to welcome back Tania from Nurture in Nature and welcome a new speaker - Craig from Otway Ecology for another night of spotlighting local wildlife. It's always a favourite with families—bring your torch, rug up, and get ready to discover what comes alive after dark. Dinner and hot drinks provided.

## Grants

### Funding Success for Local Landcare Projects

We're excited to share that The Lismore Land Protection Group has recently been successful in securing several important grants that will help deliver key community and environmental projects over the coming year.

Thanks to support from the Corangamite Shire Community Grants Program, we've received funding for two much-loved initiatives:

- Our annual Night Stalk, which brings families and nature lovers together to explore local nocturnal wildlife
- Our Landcare Educational Bus Trip, which connects community members with inspiring local projects and land management practices

We're also thrilled to receive funding for our 2025 tree planting program from several generous partners:

- The Berrybank Wind Farm, through the Corangamite Shire Berrybank Community Grants
- The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm, through the Community Grants Program administered by Bendigo Bank
- Landcare Australia, through their Planting Grants program

These contributions ensure the continuation and growth of our flagship tree planting initiative, which helps restore biodiversity, protect soil and water, and support landholders across our region.

We extend a thank you to Corangamite Shire, Stockyard Hill Wind Farm, Berrybank Wind Farm, and Landcare Australia for their ongoing commitment to rural communities. Your support makes a real difference to what we can achieve - thank you!

## What's been happening

### Master Tree Grower Course - Reflecting on Days 4 and 5

The last two sessions of the 2025 Master Tree Grower (MTG) course have been a fantastic opportunity to explore how trees can play a central role in whole farm planning - not just as windbreaks or shelterbelts, but as part of a bigger picture for productivity, biodiversity and long-term sustainability.

On day 4, we visited Yan Yan Gurt West Farm to learn from the Stewart family, who have integrated trees into every corner of their property over decades. It was inspiring to see how trees can contribute to carbon outcomes, wildlife habitat, cut flower production and soil protection, while still maintaining full farm productivity.

Day 5 continued this momentum with a deep dive into property planning and landscape design, led by Andy Gray from the Central Otway Landcare Network. The session gave participants tools and ideas to start mapping out their own planting plans. In the afternoon, we had the privilege of visiting Fiona Cole's property, a local Landcare member, where we saw firsthand how thoughtful planning and long-term commitment can transform a farm.

Across both days, there was a clear message: tree planting is most powerful when it's integrated into the broader vision for your land.

We're looking forward to seeing how participants bring these ideas into their own projects as we continue the course.



### Tree program update - orders now closed

Our annual tree planting program is well underway for 2025, and we're excited to see so many landholders getting involved again this year - nearly record numbers with 45 participants.

Orders are now closed. Our long-standing nursery partner, Oz Trees, is currently preparing the orders.

There will be two main delivery runs:

- Mid-August for the first round of trees
- Mid-September for the second round

If you missed the ordering window and still wish to plant, a limited number of leftover trees will be available for pick-up from the Landcare office in late September. These will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Get in touch today to get on the waitlist.

**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. Working part time - 2.5 days/week**

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