



August 2025 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 Land carers

Another jam-packed newsletter so let's get straight into it. Be sure to RSVP to events - they are going to be good!

Upcoming events

Landcare Bus Trip

Slight change to itinerary order

Date: Thursday, 11th September

Time: 8am bus leaves from Lismore

- Rhynie Pastoral - mixed farming - Maroona
- Chicken farm - Lake Fyans
- Farmer in Stockyard Hill - native vegetation
- Skipton Bioenergy plant
- 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 - Address on RSVP

Time: 5pm-8pm

We're excited to welcome back Tania from **Nurture in Nature** and introduce **Craig from Otway Ecology** for another special night of spotlighting local wildlife.

The evening will begin with Tania running a fun kids' activity while the BBQ is cooking. We'll then all come together for dinner before hearing briefly from Craig. Afterwards, we'll head out on a guided night walk with Craig—an ecology expert—using sound monitoring equipment and torches to discover what comes alive after dark. Craig will also set up night vision cameras at the dam, adding an exciting new dimension to this year's event.

As always, we'll finish the night gathered around the fire with hot chocolates and toasted marshmallows.

What a great way to kick off the school holidays—but don't worry, if you're not a kid, this event is for you too!

RSVP to Sarah today!

What's been happening

Day 6 and 7 of the Master Tree Grower Course

Day 6 in Lismore featured a talk from Mike R-K, a walk through an old mixed-species plantation, and visits to two local landholders, all rounded out with delicious catering from Full on Food.

Day 7 took us to a farm in Beeac, where we heard the participants tree planting story, explored future plans, and joined in a hands-on planting session. Becky shared insights on shelterbelt design, Amanda shared bush food industry insights and we finished the day at Special Effects Nursery in Barongarook with Mike Edwards, sparking ideas for upcoming projects.

Both days offered valuable learning, inspiration, and plenty of shared knowledge to carry forward into future tree planting and management.



AGM Summary - Guest Speaker Michelle Casanova

We recently held our Annual General Meeting, bringing members together to reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future. A highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Michelle Casanova, who gave a captivating talk focused on the RAMSAR-listed lakes surrounding our region. It was fascinating to hear from such an expert, and Michelle had everyone engaged as she shared her

knowledge of wetland ecology, biodiversity, and the importance of these internationally significant sites.

We also had a few changes to the committee. Congratulations to **Vicky French** on taking on the role of President, **Ben Cameron** as Vice President, and **Sandra McLelland** as our new Secretary. A huge thank you goes to everyone who has previously served in these roles—your time and contributions have been invaluable. Being part of a volunteer committee requires real dedication, and it is thanks to this ongoing commitment that our Landcare group continues to thrive. The group has achieved so much for this region already, and with such strong support, we are confident this work will continue well into the future.



Event Overview - Carbon Farming and Farm Emissions with Craig Drum

Our recent carbon event with Craig Drum brought together a strong group of local producers with a particular focus on cropping. Throughout the day, participants worked in groups to run through different on-farm scenarios, exploring practical ways to reduce emissions while maintaining productivity.

The key take-home message was clear: *there are markets already available that reward producers for growing lower-emission products—but to access them, you need to start by knowing your numbers and actively looking for these opportunities.*

We also heard about the recent announcement of the new AIA tool for carbon calculations, which will provide another valuable resource for farmers navigating emissions and market opportunities.

A big thank you to Southern Farming Systems (SFS) and Craig Drum for their expertise and support in making this event possible. We're now looking ahead to our 4th carbon event in 2026—so keep an eye out for more details as this series continues to grow.

Delivered with funding support from the Commonwealth of Australia through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water under the Carbon Farming Outreach Program in collaboration with the Grower Group Alliance.



Tree program update

Deliveries for August went out on the 21st, with the next round planned for late September (most likely a Thursday). This year we have had strong interest in trees, with all allocations now fully taken and 12 people currently on the waitlist. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee trees for those on the waitlist, but if you are interested, it's still worth getting in touch to be added—just in case additional trees become available.

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 - Mon/Thus/Fri am

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