



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

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Janine Duffy: Koala Expert

“Wild Koalas and how Landcare can help”

Thursday, 15th October, 2015 @ 1930h,
Balliang Hall
Balliang-Bacchus Marsh Road (opposite CFA)

Janine is the Director of Marketing & Wildlife Research at Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours and President of the new Koala Clancy Foundation. She owns property in Staughton Vale and has a passion for Australian wildlife and plants.

Janine started researching wild Koalas in about 1995 in the Brisbane Ranges. She discovered that koalas can be identified non-intrusively by their nose patterns. Since the 2006 bushfires her research has continued in the You Yangs and she has a rare insight into the behavior of our Aussie icon.



Echidna Walkabout's conservation program with the koalas in the You Yangs, and their “Make a Home for Clancy” program which is improving koala habitat by removing boneseed, have been recognised worldwide.

In 2014 in London they received the prestigious World Responsible Tourism Award for Best for Wildlife Conservation. Janine is also advising the Lal Lal Landcare Group with their Two Mountains Koala Trail – linking isolated Koala populations on Mt Warrenheip and Mt Buninyong.

BRLG New Committee

After a hard fought election battle, the following were elected at the AGM

Chair: James Bufton

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Executive Committee:

Tony Farrugia

Rob Hall

Michelle Kerr

Chris Sharkey

Jacki Staude

Newsletter editor: Neil Day

We welcome Rob Hall who joins the executive for the first time, and Jacki Staude who returns to active service.

We especially thank the following retiring members of the Executive: Mark Trengove and Andrew Prime.

BRLG Christmas celebration

Please set aside the evening of Friday 15th December for the famed Landcare Christmas Party!

Our Biggest Tree planting ever?

On 22nd- 23rd August BRLG hosted a large-scale tree planting organized by Colleen Philippa from "15 trees" and sponsored by Pana Chocolate.

Pana Chocolate sponsored the activity and arranged for a group of tree planters to come to the Balliang area to plant trees over the weekend with an overnight stay at the Staughton Vale School camp. BRLG provided guards and stakes.

Pana Chocolate donated 4000 trees from local nurseries to be planted in the area, 2000 of which were planted by these volunteers and members of the Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group.

A sudden burst of premature Spring weather made it a warm weekend, to be relished in the outdoors with a friendly group of dedicated tree planters.

Several sites were planted: the largest being an extensive plantation of some 400 metres following a drainage line and connecting two stands of remnant vegetation on James Bufton's property North of Granite Road. Other plantings were located at the properties of Tony Farrugia; Robert Hall and Nina Bird; Mark Gstalter and Leena Renkauskas; Peter and Jen Anning; and Michael Dragt.

The remaining 2,000 trees were planted at other sites around Bacchus Marsh, arranged by Roger MacRaild, Moorabool Landcare Network Facilitator.



Great example of green parenting: Ron and Imogen Alexy



Nicole Brand and Suzy Taylor hard at work



Kim Stark and Roslyn McCulloch staking a claim to reveg. credentials! Good view of the plantation at James Bufton's property, looking South to Granite Road.



Pana Barbounis and Colleen Philippa planting at Racecourse Reserve in Bacchus Marsh.



James Bufton and Luke Taylor



Luke and Nathan modelling the Taylor family uniform while practicing for the Olympic synchronized stake banging event!



Kirstie McLeod and Bernie Harrison preparing guards for the planting teams.



Happy band of Pana Chocolate tree planters with some members of BRLG at the planting site at the property of Robert Hall and Nina Bird. Tony Farrugia and Kay assisting.