



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

Newsletter



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Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group Meeting

Opportunities for Irrigation water in Balliang?
Luke Wilson from Western Water

7.30pm, Thursday, 20th April, 2017,

Balliang Hall, Balliang-Bacchus Marsh Road (opposite CFA)

Western Water is currently seeking interest from local property owners and businesses interested in utilising recycled water.



Western Water manages recycled water from seven recycled water plants across the region from Bacchus Marsh and Melton up to Woodend and Lancefield.

*Our speaker: Luke Wilson,
Renewable Resources
Project Manager, Western
Water.*

Luke writes that recycled water is currently used for many varying purposes including sports oval and golf course irrigation, irrigation of crops and fodder, irrigation of orchards and vineyards. Recycled water is also used in some residential areas for toilets and garden watering.

Western water is investigating opportunities to utilise **additional recycled water** that is rapidly increasing with urban growth in our region. Opportunities to supply recycled water outside our existing recycled water network are being considered.

Please come along to our next Landcare Meeting to hear about this exciting possible development. Western Water wants to know what local residents and businesses think about this opportunity!

We are also hoping to hear about recent trials conducted by the Balliang Food and Fibre Network.

20th Anniversary of BRLG

This year is our twentieth anniversary. The Executive is thinking about a "Then and Now" exhibition, or booklet, or "show and tell". If you have old photos, documents or memories to share, please mention this to an Exec. member. We are hoping for materials about Balliang in general as well as landcare issues.

Speakers for 2017 Landcare Meetings: suggestions?

Your hard-working Committee is always looking for speakers or activities that members and visitors would like to feature in forthcoming meetings.

Suggestions so far include:

- Uses of computer-based mapping for people living and working in rural areas.
- Long-term effects of wildfires: a view of the Brisbane Ranges 10 years on from the fires of 2006: devastation or recovery?
- Geology in the Balliang area. We live in an area of great interest to expert geologists: why this is so will be of great interest to those living in the area.
- Marine biology: It appears that Balliang was, at one stage, underwater in Port Phillip Bay so information about this familiar Victorian icon may be close to home!

Comments or alternative suggestions very welcome.

Meeting Dates for 2017

We meet at 7.30pm, generally on the third Thursday of every second month, starting April 20:

- April 20
- June 15
- August 17
- October 19
- Christmas Party: Friday December 15

