
BRLG Newsletter December 23

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Brisbane Ranges Landcare Newsletter

News relevant to our local hills and plains!

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Our current Committee:

Robert Hall (President)

Bart Bartholomew (Secretary)

Jacki Staude (Treasurer)

Loretta Wilson (Newsletter editor)

Tony Wilson

Simon Wilkins



BRLG Christmas Breakup BBQ

Thursday Dec 21 Balliang Hall 6:30pm

Bring a salad or a dessert to share. Meat, bread etc provided

We look forward to seeing you there!

BRLG Stoney Creek Project Update

Gorse has been mulched on two properties to date with the remaining properties to be completed once crops have been harvested.

Included in the properties that have been treated is a property that had 2.5 kilometres of Stoney Creek that was thick with gorse. In all seriousness, from a weed perspective, this was probably the worst landholding in the district! Now the gorse has been cleared which is fantastic. And when the gorse has regrown to ankle height, a contractor will spray it along with any gorse bushes that the mulcher wasn't able to reach.

We have also working with Melbourne Water who are likely to continue the weed control maintenance and even do some revegetation along the waterway. This is a really big win for the district.

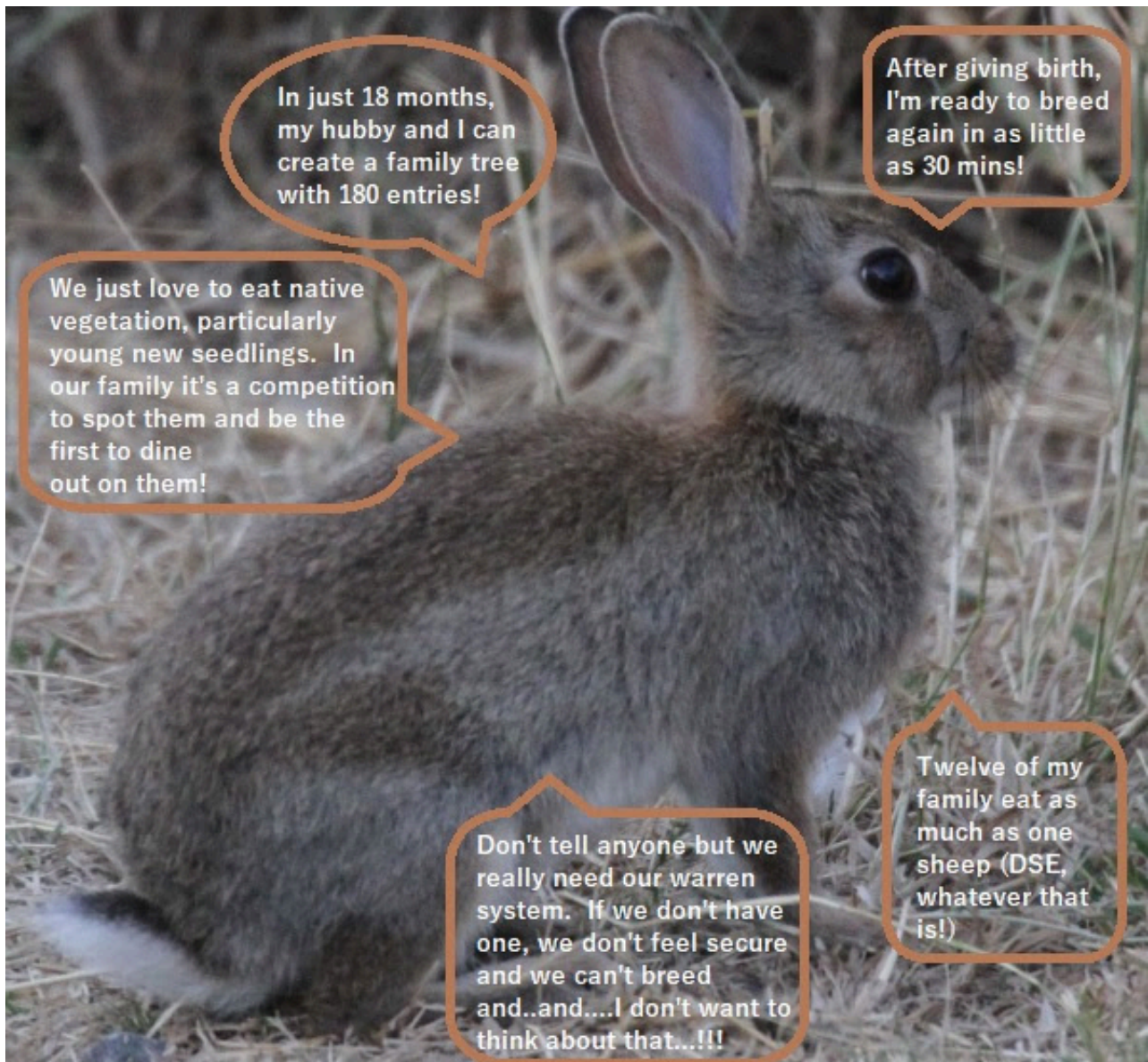


A big thanks to **Jacki Staude** for returning to the Committee as a much needed Treasurer! We are very grateful to you for putting your hand up to do this important role.



Triangle Elm Sucker Removal

As you may have noticed, many of the elm suckers have been mulched and the re-growth has been sprayed. A further working bee (to be scheduled) will complete some extra tidy up.



It's Rabbit Baiting time again

Our kind friends at Maude Landcare are running their annual rabbit baiting program again.

We will collect the bait from Maude Landcare and deliver it to your door on:

Friday 9th February, Monday 12th February and Thursday 15th February 2024

PRICES including GST per feed:

20kg carrot \$92 (Landcare Members \$90)

10kg carrot \$53 (Landcare Members \$51)

5kg carrot \$35 (Landcare Members \$33)

Special offer for BRLG Members:

Up to \$200 total per BRLG member family is available to fund the purchase of rabbit bait or towards a contractor to rip or fumigate rabbit warrens. Funding provided following provision of receipts to the BRLG Treasurer on or before 30 April 2024.

Please send your order through to rambling2robert@gmail.com by 5pm Thursday February 1.

How do you use the bait?

If you have evidence of rabbits obvious on your property, go out with a spotlight, or even a strong torch, and have a look around at night.

The program is conducted using Pindone-poisoned carrot. Pindone is an anticoagulant, which works by blocking the blood-clotting mechanism. It is regarded as one of the most humane ways to control rabbits. There is an effective antidote for this poison which reduces the risk to non-target animals.

The baited carrot is to be put out for three nights over the week coinciding with the collection dates.

Please talk to your neighbours about the rabbit problem. Several neighbours working together produce a more successful result.

The bait is placed out for rabbits to feed on three occasions, three days apart. Pindone is a cumulative poison so it is imperative that all three feeds are carried out on the days of collection.

Bait should be placed in a shallow trail, made using a ripper, grader blade or by hand using a mattock or garden tool. Rabbits are attracted to disturbed ground but may take a night or two to start eating the carrot.

Maude Landcare has two bait laying trailers available that are useful for large quantities. Non-members can book the equipment with a donation to the group.

Several free feeds of un-poisoned carrots beforehand helps to get the rabbits used to going to the trail and helps you see where they are, which means that you don't waste valuable Pindone from your night's poisoning.

You will need to supply the carrots for the free feed.

It is recommended to do at least three free-feeds with a 2-3 day interval between each. You should have approximately 10% of the untreated carrots remaining in the morning after the final free-feed.

There is no permit required for this campaign and if there is any suspicion of accidental poisoning of animals, they should be taken to the vet immediately.

Please take all care and on the morning after each poison feed, look for and pick up any dead rabbits you find and any leftover bait and dispose of both thoughtfully.

Communicate with your neighbours to let them know if you intend to be part of the campaign so that their family pets can be protected.

Send an email to order your rabbit bait



Koala Scat Collection

As part of the [Great Victorian Koala Survey](#), the genetics of Gippsland koala populations is being compared to other koala populations across the state. To do this the Arthur Rylah Institute are sampling DNA from koala scats throughout Victoria, and would welcome volunteers on both public and private land.

For more information: contact [Kelly Smith at Federation University](#).



Cockatoos

The Sulphur Crested Cockatoo (easily identified with their white body and yellow crest) is particularly prone to becoming a nuisance as a result of being fed by humans. It is natural for these birds to spend a large part of the day browsing for seeds, grass, plants, nuts and insects.

Cockatoos need to chew items to maintain their beaks at the correct length and condition. In the wild, they achieve this by chewing bark and branches in their roost trees. When people feed them, they tend to hang around that location. This can result in cockatoos chewing on fittings, outdoor furniture, or vegetation on neighbouring properties. Removing the food source may be enough to move them on to another area.

For more information, Wildlife Victoria have produced a detailed document, [Guidelines for Reducing Cockatoo Damage](#) - Wildlife Management Methods.



Living with Snakes

[Watch this video](#)

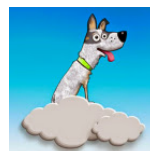
News round up

A round up of interesting events and other information.



Moorabool Landcare Network News

Read up on recent activities...



The Very Fast Break Seasonal Climate Update For Victoria

Published by Agriculture

Landcare Resources

Need help on your property? These Internet resources offer good advice.



Weeds

Identify your weeds and make informed decisions about how best to control and manage them



Pest Animals

Control methods for deer, feral cats, feral goats, foxes, rabbits and the FeralScan app.



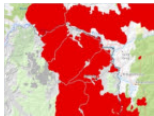
Moorabool Landcare Network

MLN is one of two networks we are in.



Geelong Landcare Network

We are members of GLN and MLN.



DELWP Mapping Tools

Free interactive mapping tools from the Dept of Environment, Land, Water and Planning



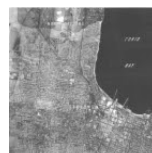
Traditional Owner Boundaries

for our area and across Victoria



Spatial Mapping Data

Great data resources from Vic Gov data that you can download and use for mapping



Historical Aerial Photography

What did your property once look like? Here's some links to answer that.



Moorabool Council Grants Information

Grant opportunities funded by Moorabool Council



Grants Hub

Register for this free email alert advisory service on grants from a wide variety of organisations



Melbourne Water Grants

Funding opportunities from
Melbourne Water



City of Greater Geelong Grants

Grant opportunities from
Greater Geelong Council

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wadawurrung, and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

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