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Brisbane Ranges Landcare Newsletter

News relevant to our local hills and plains!

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Our Next Meeting: Thursday June 15

Balliang Hall 7:30pm



Emma Anderson (CoGG)

A new Emergency Water Supply Point for our community

Emma Anderson, Emergency Management Officer from the City of Greater Geelong will speak to us about the decision on the final location for the



Robert Hall (President)

Landcare Projects, past, current and planned

At the meeting, Robert Hall will also provide a brief look at results from a recent erosion and rabbit management project, a couple of projects we have funding to undertake and

Emergency Water Point for the area. She will also give an overview of their role in all emergencies and what their Fire Prevention Team does.

a weed control project that we have an application in for funding.

What is an Emergency Water Supply Point?

Last Meeting

BRLG farewells Chris and Mary Winfield and Andrew and Bernice Prime

Chris and Mary Winfield and Andrew and Bernice Prime were presented with plaques and flowers at our last meeting acknowledging their significant contributions to the Landcare Group. All enjoyed a meal and speeches from current and past Presidents and other friends. We wish them the very best in Newcastle and Ballarat respectively.







Erosion Control in Staughton Vale



You might recall an erosion control project that we completed on the west side of Staughton Vale Road with the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA in 2021. Well, the direct seeding revegetation work that was undertaken by the works crews has been hugely successful. Acacias and eucalypts are growing up in profusion, helping to bind the soil together and prevent further erosion.

Key factors to the success of this project were:

- Using a dozer to control tunnel erosion and rabbits and loosen the hard crust of soil that was across the escarpment
- Loosening the soil allowed the rainfall to soak in
- Hand raking in the acacia and eucalypt seed
- Placing old straw over exposed areas to reduce moisture loss whilst the soil was bare
- A good season with some summer rainfall

Hear more about the project at our next general meeting!



Free Trees for Landcare Members

[15 Trees](#) have again kindly funded indigenous trees and shrubs for us to plant for which we are very appreciative.

Send me your desired species from the list below. Second hand corflute guards and stakes also available. All you need to do in return is take a picture of them being planted and take care of them of course. Get in quick!

Email rambling2robert@gmail.com with your plant wish list

SPECIES		TOTAL
Acacia paradoxa	Hedge Wattle	20
Allocasuarina verticillata	Drooping Sheoak	20
Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia	10
Bursaria spinosa	Sweet Bursaria	20
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	River Red Gum	5
Eucalyptus leucoxyton spp connata	Yellow Gum	20
Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow Box	20
Eucalyptus microcarpa	Grey Box	15
Eucalyptus obliqua	Messmate	20
Eucalyptus polyanthemos	Red Box	20
Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum	20
Hakea decurrens	Bushy Needlewood	20
Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree	20
Rhagodia parabolica	Fragrant Saltbush	20
		250



Elgin Energy Solar Farm Update

Elgin Energy's solar farm at Mount Rothwell is at the stage of seeking Ministerial approval. They have submitted a detailed planning proposal as part of the approval process. Their plans include the removal of 54 large trees (see their Native vegetation removal report and the Bosis Flora and Fauna Assessment). Elgin Energy are required under State Law to offset any losses resulting from the development. The Flora and Fauna Assessment document details their offsetting obligations.

All their supporting documents can be accessed by clicking on the link below, then clicking "View more details" under the Supporting documents section.



Unlicensed dams and our river system

You may have seen Cameron Steele from [People for A Living Moorabool \(PALM\)](#) in the news recently speaking about how unlicensed dams are contributing to the decline of the Moorabool River. If you missed it, click on the button below to read the article.

We hope to have Cameron attend our August meeting to speak about his work. Brisbane Ranges Landcare has also offered to assist with the analysis of farm dams in the Little River catchment to augment the work that Cameron has undertaken elsewhere. Little River is considered part of the Moorabool catchment in the State Govt's [Sustainable Water Strategy](#).

This analysis will be undertaken using Google Earth. Would you like to help? Please let the President know on [0401404899](tel:0401404899) or rambling2robert@gmail.com

[Read the News Article](#)

We Need You!

**An Important Role Needs an
Important Person**



Can you help? The volunteer Treasurer role of our Landcare group is an important but not onerous role. Ask the President what is involved on [0401404899](tel:0401404899).

News round up

A round up of interesting events and other information.



Next Working Bee

A planting morning will be held at the Triangle on Sunday July 30 from 10–12 noon. Hope you can join us to help plant some more trees and shrubs.

The trees and shrubs we will plant have been donated by Leigh Dicker and [Bazil's Church Guitars](#).



A Conservationist's (bleak) view of the Western Grassland Reserve

Land acquisition has failed to obtain the best bits of the Western Grassland Reserve. That has to change. It's time for some big thinking, says Grassy Plains Network Facilitator, Adrian Marshall



Photos for our 2024 calendar

Are you loving your Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group 2023 calendar? To ensure it continues into 2024 and beyond, we need more photos! Send your favourite shots, including landscapes, flora and fauna, farming and agriculture, to fly2nina@gmail.com No photos = no calendar!



Fungi and soil health

You know about Flora and Fauna. Watch this video about the forgotten F: Fungi and learn what hangs our ecosystems together.

Landcare Resources

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

Weeds

Pest Animals



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



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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