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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)

Chris Winfield (Treasurer)

Loretta Wilson (Newsletter editor)

Tony Wilson

Simon Wilkins

**Annual General Meeting Thursday  
October 19**

Balliang Hall 7:30pm

Our next meeting is coming up on Thursday 19th October at 7:30pm at the Balliang Hall. At our meeting, we will have bird photographer, David Whelan, speak to us and show us some of his photos. He will particularly speak about the Brown Falcons in the trees that the solar company wishes to knock down near Mt Rothwell and his campaign to protect them.

Our AGM will headline this meeting event. As usual, all roles are up for re-election. Remember that we are always looking for new members on the Committee and encourage a diversity of interests and backgrounds. You don't have to have any specific environmental or agricultural expertise, just a willingness to contribute and help make this group as meaningful as possible to the local community.

Please don't hesitate to speak to any of the existing committee to express interest or ask for more information.

Photography below: Brown Falcon by David Whelan:



**More birding news:**



### **Birdwalk for beginners at Jacksons Creek, Gisborne**

Join bird enthusiast and Biodiversity Project Officer, Tanya Loos, along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds. Come along to learn to identify the little birds, and practice using Birddata to record your sightings.



### **Aussie Bird Count 16-22 October 2023**

Join in Birdlife Australia's great Australian bird count.

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## **Koala ALERT - mating season**

As usual, it has been quiet over winter with less sightings, but we have started to hear and see some male movement to indicate that the mating season is starting. If you are not sure what to listen for, search for koala bellow or koala sounds.

**Please be on the lookout for koalas,  
including on the ground where they are  
more vulnerable**

### **Monitoring Program Update Sept 2023**

- The Moorabool Koala Count project now has 143 sightings of koalas since Feb 2022 spread over a wide area of the Moorabool River catchment and the Brisbane Ranges

- more than 40 individual koalas have been identified for the Brisbane Ranges
- we have just had our first sighting of a koala joey with mum this season. Last season's joeys are mature enough to leave the pouch. Mum's tend to be protective of young joeys so they may be hard to spot. The joeys become more adventurous and likely to be seen on mums back as they grow larger. NOTE: Koala pouches are not like a kangaroo pouch but face backwards, similar to wombats.

Please respect their "safe space" and don't go too close to a koala tree (10m), especially at this time of the year. Avoid excess noise, be patient and you may be pleasantly surprised.

Allan Bartholomew [0401 925 886](tel:0401925886).



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## **BRLG News – What have we been up to?**

Another local planting was completed on August 23 at the property of Tim and Ann Payne (close to Anakie Gorge). This time corporate Selleys Australia came along to help doing a magnificent job planting 500 trees and shrubs on a tributary running from the Brisbane Ranges down to Stony Creek.



## Drone Footage



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## **BRLG also held a workshop on multi-species cropping with Jade Killoran.**

We videoed the workshop so you can watch the event here if you were interested and couldn't make it:

[Click here for Workshop](#)

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## **CoGG Grant Works at the Triangle**

As passers by will have noticed, we have had contractors at work mulching the elm suckers on the road verges at the Triangle. Interestingly, in the late summer of last year, all

the elms dropped their leaves and looked sick. Nor sure why this occurred. However, they have not shot new leaves to date this year (way behind those in the Bacchus Marsh avenue of honour) so potentially they may have died. We will watch closely. If they have died, we may not need to do a follow up spray on the suckers we have mulched but there will be a lot of work for Council to do to remove dead trees



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## **Landcare working bee on Sunday November 5 10am-12 noon**

A working bee will be held at the Triangle on Sunday November 5 from 10-12noon followed by a BBQ. The contractor has mulched most of the elm suckers, particularly on the west side of the road, but left a few intertwined in the fenceline. We will cleaning these up. Bring a chainsaw if you have one. Otherwise people will be lugging the cut trees into piles. Hope to see you there!

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## Other Upcoming Events

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### **Grass ID Field Day, Malmsbury 10-11:30am Thu, 7 Dec 2023**



#### **Grass ID Field Day, Malmsbury 10-11:30am Thu, 7 Dec 2023**

This field day is a practical session for beginners to learn more about the grasses that populate your property and surrounds. Using our newly produced grasses of Central Victoria guide, our skilled grass identification practitioner will show you:

- How to use our new grass identification guide in the field.
- Traits of grassland plants.
- Identifying native and exotic plants in the field.
- Identifying important weeds in the region.

**Click photo above for more details...**

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# 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 Victoria, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia



## New Natural Capital Handbook available for download

A new CSIRO handbook to guide Australian businesses towards nature positive future.

The Natural Capital Handbook delivers practical step-by-step guidelines on how to measure and incorporate natural assets such as clean air, water, soil and living things into operations.

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# 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



### **Moorabool Landcare Network**

MLN is one of two networks we are in.

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



### **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

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

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