

MCLG JAN / FEBRUARY 2018



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LANDCARE GROUP

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**NEXT MCLG MEMBERS
MEETING:**

Wed 21st February 2018

ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, BALLAN

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LANDCARE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Welcome to 2018! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. There are some exciting events and activities planned this year. Below is an update on events and projects for MCLG:

Events:

- The Christmas Party attracted around 40 people with a fantastic live bird show with Martin Scuffins, see photo below.
- Summer surveying for Brush-tailed Phascogales has been successful with our first photo of a Tuan taken at Meredith, see photo below.
- We have started the frog 'tile' survey to find endangered frogs. An information evening was held in early January.
- We are seeking expressions of interest for volunteers to help with Ballan Autumn Festival (Sunday 18th March 2018).

Active Projects:

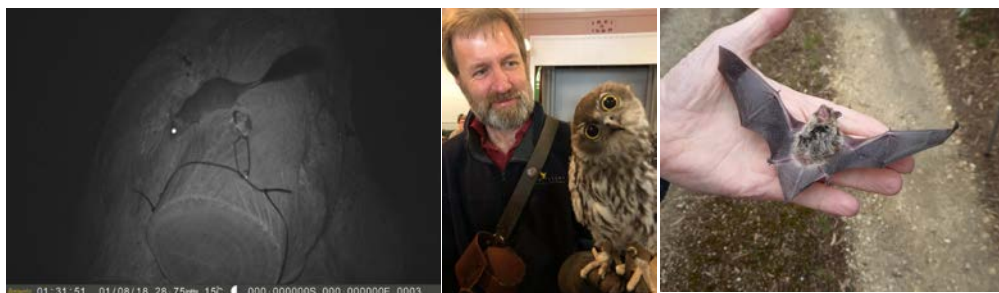
- Round 3 of the Bat Surveying Program commences this autumn.
- Barwon Water's 10,000 free plants will be available from May 2018 onwards. If you have not ordered plants for 2018, contact Jennifer.

Funding Applications:

- We have successfully obtained a Growling Grass Frog grant of \$21,500. The funds will be used to survey 25 sites within the Landcare area and provide wetland plants for frog habitat.
- We are waiting on funding advice for CCMA "Streamside Funding".
- We will be applying for further grants for the fungi workshop, first aid training, nectar/bee keeping, ACUP and a bowerbird workshop.
- We have successfully obtained \$1,000 from Bendigo Bank to assist with workshops and educational events.
- We have been awarded \$100,000 from the *20 million trees program* for major revegetation work along the East Moorabool River.

For all project or grant queries please contact Jennifer on:

Mobile: **0497 770 075** or email: moorabool.landcare@gmail.com



FREE TREES FOR 2018

There are still plants available for 2018 for revegetation projects, please contact Jennifer if you'd like some free trees.

The trees will start to become available in **May 2018**



UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

WED 21st FEBRUARY 2018

GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, BALLAN

7 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: Rose de la Cruz

Moorabool Wind Farm



SUN 18TH MARCH 2018

Ballan Autumn Festival



Wed 18th April 2018

Lisa Miller (Results of Soil trials)

Simon Falkiner (Soil health)



May 2018 - TBA

Cultural Heritage Workshop

Venue: TBA



June 2018

2018 Fungus identification

Moorabool region

Ballan Mechanics Hall

Day workshop: Sun 3rd June 2018

Night seminar: Wed 6th June 2018



Autumn / Winter 2018

Conduct additional Tuan Surveys



15 August 2018

Ballarat Environment Network TBC

Bowerbird Information & Training



TBA September 2018

Bee Keeping / Nectar workshop

Ballan – Venue TBA



17 October 2018

AGM

Guest speaker TBC



Christmas Party

8 December 2018

ACTIVE GRANTS:

VICTORIAN GORSE TASKFORCE GRANT:

If you have not already done so, please contact Jennifer if you are interested in accessing the gorse grant. This grant will finish end of April – don't miss out!



The gorse control grant focuses on Mt. Egerton and Morrisons.

THE R.E. ROSS BAT BOX PROJECT UPDATE

Surveying of Bats in the Moorabool region will again take place in 2018. We had some really good results during the December 2017 surveys with up to 11 Bat species found on some properties. There is one last chance to participate in Bat surveys. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested.

Please also let Jennifer know if you are interested in a Bat Box for your property. You can pick them up from Jennifer's Office: - 3/136 Inglis Street, Ballan (above Joe McFall's Real Estate).

TALE OF THE TUAN PROJECT - UPDATE

Exciting news! We had our first successful photo of a Tuan near Meredith on the 7th January 2018. This proves that they are still in our area. We are still to check all the other cameras on other properties, so there is a chance we could find more. If you would be interested in having fauna cameras set up on your property to detect Tuans over Winter 2018, please let Jennifer know.

If you are interested in obtaining a Tuan Nest Box, please also let Jennifer know (limited amount left).

GROWLING GRASS FROG SURVEY PROJECT

Landholders participating in the Growling Grass Frog survey have put out some roofing tiles to entice frogs to come and use them as shelter. Ray Draper spoke to participants and volunteers in early January about what happens next as a part of the survey including addressing hygiene issues and if Chytrid fungus is found. Landholders are now putting in orders for wetland plants to enhance the habitat of dams and waterways for frogs.

FUNGI WORKSHOP: 3 June

Book now – as this is expected to fill very fast. Limited to 20 participants! Cost TBC.



NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING:

Wind farms and future grants – Rose de la Cruz

Venue: Commercial Hotel, Inglis Street, Ballan

Date: Wednesday, 21st February 2018

Time: 7 pm

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