

MCLG MARCH / APRIL 2018



THE MOORABOOL CATCHMENT  
LANDCARE GROUP

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## NEXT MCLG MEMBERS

### MEETING:

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Gordon Bleu, GORDON**

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## LANDCARE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Welcome to the Autumn edition of MCLG news. It has now been a full year since starting this role and the time has flown! We had a very busy start to the year. Below is a list of recent activities:

### Events:

- Ballan Autumn festival on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March attracted many people despite the gale force wind! A big thank you to the volunteers who helped including: Yolanda Ricci, Andrew Wells, Mark Dunne, Jane Dennithorne, Joy & Rob Geoghegan, Jeremy Maddox & Mark Conlan.
- We will shortly begin the frog 'tile' survey to find endangered frogs. An information evening was held in early January.
- The Fungi workshop is scheduled on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the Fungi Seminar on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June (as part of the General members meeting)

### Active Projects:

- Round 3 of the Bat Surveying Program is to commence this autumn.
- Barwon Water's 10,000 free plants will be available from late May 2018
- Preparation work is beginning for the major revegetation program on the East Moorabool river as a part of the *20 million trees Round 3* grant.

### Funding Applications:

- Successful in obtaining CCMA "Streamside Funding" for 3 properties.
- We are actively seeking funding for first aid training and ACUP permit
- We have successfully obtained \$1,000 from Ballan & District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) for workshops & educational events i.e. Fungi Workshop and Seminar and Beekeeping / Nectar workshop.
- We will be submitting a \$50,000 grant application for Biodiversity on-ground works to continue with the threatened species surveys i.e. Growling grass frog, Tuans and Golden Sun moth surveys. This grant will also provide further funding for revegetation projects in 2019-2020.

For all project or grant queries please contact Jennifer on:

Mobile: **0497 770 075** or email: [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2018 - 2019

Please note that membership fees will rise to **\$15** this year. This is to fund the maintenance of equipment used by the group. Membership renewal is due by **June 30, 2018**.

In addition, for those interested, there will be a once off yearly fee of **\$50** to borrow the Landcare spray unit for weed control work.

## UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

### WED 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

#### GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

GORDON BLEU, GORDON

7 PM (6 PM – Dinner)

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Lisa Miller & Simon Falkiner

Soil Health: Lime Trial results



### WED 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

Lisa Miller (Results of Soil trials)

Simon Falkiner (Soil health)



### SUN 3<sup>RD</sup> & WED 6<sup>TH</sup> June 2018

#### Fungus identification

Moorabool region

Ballan Mechanics Hall

Day workshop: Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

Night seminar: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018



#### May - July 2018

April morning tea & bait prep event

Conduct additional Tuan Surveys



### WED 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Ballarat Environment Network

Bowerbird Information & Training

Citizen science workshop

Ballan Mechanics Institute



### SUN 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - TBC

Bee Keeping / Nectar workshop

Ballan Community Centre – \$40 pp &

\$85 non-Landcare member



### Sept / Oct 2018 - TBA

Cultural Heritage Workshop

Venue: TBA



### 17 October 2018

#### AGM

Guest speaker: Weed identification

TBC



### Christmas Party

9 December 2018 - TBC

## ACTIVE GRANTS:

### VICTORIAN GORSE TASKFORCE BIOCONTROL RELEASE

The Gorse moth was released in February 2018 on Brian Dunne's property near Elaine. This new biocontrol using Gorse soft shoot moth has been brought in from Tasmania where it has been shown to be successful in controlling gorse. We need to allow a couple of years for the moth to build up its numbers before Landcare members will be allowed to harvest the site and move the biocontrol agent to new locations.



Release of the new Biocontrol agent: Gorse Soft shoot moth on the Brian Dunne's property with Greg Lefoe (VGT) assisting in the release. Photo: Cindy Hauser, University of Melbourne.

### THE R.E. ROSS BAT BOX PROJECT UPDATE

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

### FUNGI IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP & SEMINAR

We have a very popular event coming up in June. Alison Pouliot, who is well known for her work in Fungi, will be running a workshop in Ballan on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (all day). This will cost \$40 per person for members.

Places are limited to 20 and only a few places are left. Alison will also be speaking at the General Landcare meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the Mechanics Hall for the General members meeting – but please RSVP.

Both the workshop and seminar are sponsored by Ballan and District Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank).

**If you are interested in either the workshop or seminar – contact Jennifer for more details – *Workshop places will go fast!***



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## **ACTIVE GRANTS & ACTIVITIES:**

### **WINTER FAUNA CAMERA MONITORING**

We still have a few places left for Landcare members who would like to set up wildlife cameras to look for Brushtail phascogales (Tuans) over the May–July period. There are also about five Tuan nest boxes left: for Landholders who have Tuan habitat. Jennifer will be also organising a morning tea, where we can have a chat and a cuppa while preparing baits for the upcoming survey. The morning tea will take place in late April during the working hours.

**If you are interested in either the Morning tea bait preparation session, camera monitoring or Tuan nest boxes – contact Jennifer for more details.**

### **GROWLING GRASS FROG SURVEY PROJECT**

The survey for the Growling grass frogs has been delayed due to continuing hot weather through March. The temperature needs to be between 20-25c to conduct the survey as this is when Chytrid fungus is active. We hope to conduct surveys over late March / early April.

**If you are interested in helping as a volunteer with the Growling grass frog survey – please contact Jennifer for more details.**

### **SERRATED TUSSOCK AERIAL SPRAYING (WINTER): EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

If you have a Serrated Tussock problem and are thinking of aerial spraying, please contact Jennifer to register an Expression of Interest to spray during mid-late Winter 2018

**If interested contact Jennifer on: 0497 770 075 / email [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com)**

### **BEE KEEPING / NECTAR WORKSHOP (SEPTEMBER)**

A follow up / refresher workshop will be held in early September (TBC) for those interested in Bee keeping and providing flowering plants and habitat for bees. We are seeking an expression of interest on what people would like to get out of this workshop (see form on last page of newsletter). This workshop and seminar is sponsored by Ballan and District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank).

**If you are interested in this workshop – contact Jennifer for more details: 0497 770 075 .**

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE WORKSHOP (AUGUST / OCTOBER)**

We are currently investigating organizing a Cultural Heritage one-day workshop with a local aboriginal representative from the Wadawurrung to improve cultural heritage awareness in our Landcare area. The objective is to learn about cultural sensitivity and heritage sites, how to manage them and the consultation process involved for earthworks along waterways.

**If you are interested in either the workshop, please fill in the expression of interest form on the last page and return to Jennifer via post or email: [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com)**

### **FREE TREES FOR 2018**

There are still plants available for 2018 for revegetation projects. Please contact Jennifer if you would like some free trees. The trees will start to become available in **late May 2018**.

***For landholders requiring planting assistance for large numbers of orders (i.e. over 1,000 plants, the Victorian Mobile Landcare Group (VMLG) is offering free volunteer assistance.*** This is offered as a voluntary service, however, we do ask for some recompense for VMLG such as BBQ lunch. If the task involves multiple days then an area to camp, or shearing shed to camp in, is required. For further details contact David McKinnon, on 0411 410 568 or email (preferred) at [david.mckinnon@itaus.net](mailto:david.mckinnon@itaus.net)



**BEE KEEPING / NECTAR WORKSHOP  
QUESTIONNAIRE / EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2018**



If you are interested in attending a Bee Keeping / Nectar workshop in spring, I will need to get some feedback about what you might like to get out of it or what topics you might like to see covered. We currently have some funding to run this event through the Ballan and District Community Bank (There will be approx. \$40 fee per Landcare member to attend to help us cover the full cost for the day).

Please either highlight, bold or circle OR put in a YES or NO on each Item category below and return to me: [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com)

WHICH DATE?	
	Date of Workshop (1-day workshop) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sat 1 September 2018</li> <li>Sat 8 September 2018</li> <li>Sun 9 September 2018</li> </ul>
Which of the following interests you? YES / NO	TYPES OF THINGS WE CAN COVER:
	Basic Beekeeping
	OH&S and Legislation
	Honey Hive Extraction – process involved – Basic – Intermediate level
	Honey Hive Extraction – process involved – Intermediate - Advanced level
	Pests and diseases
	Swarm management
	Honey Flora – which Eucalypts and native plants best attract <b>Honey Bees</b>
	Honey Flora – which Eucalypts and native plants best attract <b>Native Bees</b>
	Revisit information from a previous workshop over a year ago
	New Biosecurity Laws
	Practical session: How to create Native Bee Boxes
	Other Suggestions for workshop to cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO ATTEND WORKSHOP:**

Name:  
Contact Details: (Phone & Email):

**CULTURAL HERITAGE WORKSHOP**

**QUESTIONNAIRE / EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2018**

If you are interested in attending a one-day Cultural Heritage workshop this year, I will need to get some feedback about what you might like to get out of it or what topics you might like to see covered. We are in the process of seeking funding to organise this event. This workshop was identified in our survey last year as something that would interest many Landcare members.

Please either highlight, bold or circle OR put in a YES or NO on each Item category below and return to me: [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com)

WHICH DATE?	
	Date of Workshop (1-day workshop on the weekend) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 2018 – Sat or Sun</li> <li>August 2018 – Sat or Sun</li> <li>October 2018 – Sat or Sun</li> </ul>
Which of the following interests you? YES / NO	TYPES OF THINGS WE CAN COVER:
	Increase awareness of Cultural Heritage and what it means
	Finding out what is involved in relation to consulting a Wadawurrung representative in relation to environment works activities i.e. Earthworks on a waterway or within a Cultural sensitivity area.
	How do you identify if you have a Cultural Heritage Site?
	If you have a Cultural Heritage site – how do you look after it?
	Removing barriers, displacing myths and increasing connectivity with indigenous people in relation to land management
	Indigenous Land Management Practices: Cultural Burning or Bushfoods etc.
	Property Visit: We are proposing to seek funding for 5 properties to be visited by a Wadawurrung representative(s) to discuss cultural land management or get advice about cultural sites. If you were to be one of the 5 properties, you would also be required to provide a short presentation on your experience at General members meeting about how the visit has helped you to better understand cultural land management and what you learned from it.
	Other Suggestions for workshop to cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO ATTEND WORKSHOP:**

Name:  
Contact Details: (Ph & Email):

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING:**

**Soil health and lime trail results – Presenters: Lisa Miller and Simon Falkiner**

**Venue:** Gordon Bleu: 69 Main Street, GORDON

**Date:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Time:** 6.00 pm Dinner (*Optional - Prior to meeting*)

**Cost of Dinner:** \$10 pp (Members) \$20 pp (Non-members)

**Dinner Menu:** Soup, hot finger food including a pasta dish and a light dessert. Food is served buffet-style, so everyone will be able to eat and mingle!

**RSVP is essential for catering numbers and any dietary requirements to [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com) by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Meeting Time:** 7.00 – 8.00 pm - General members meeting  
8.00 – 9.00 pm - Presentation on Soil Health

**Topics:** Find out on the latest results of soil trails conducted in the region

**For more information contact: Jennifer Johnson (Landcare Coordinator): 0497 770 075**

