

MCLG JULY / AUGUST 2018



## THE MOORABOOL CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUP

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### NEXT MCLG MEMBERS MEETING:

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Ballan & District Community Centre**

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## LANDCARE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Welcome to the Winter edition of MCLG news. We have just given away 10,000 Barwon Water trees and starting our 20 Million tree planting. Upcoming events are highlighted below:

### Events:

- **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> August** – Friends of Paddock Creek working Bee (see page 2)
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August** - *How to use Bowerbird* (Citizen Science on-line database) seminar commences at 7pm at the Ballan Mechanics Institute, Supper Room.
- **Sun 9<sup>th</sup> September** - Bee Keeping & Nectar Workshop from 10am – 4pm at the Ballan Mechanics Institute. \$40 pp for Landcare members.

### Active Projects:

- Winter fauna camera survey has now finished, and cameras are being checked for fauna observed. No Phascogales found so far.
- Winter Serrated Tussock control: aerial and on ground spraying.
- Major revegetation program on the East Moorabool river as a part of the *20 million trees Round 3* grant is now underway.
- Growling grass frog survey and Chytrid fungus testing will continue in Spring 2018. We are looking for an additional four new sites in which to do this survey this year.
- The *Friends of Paddock Creek* have a Facebook page – please 'like' it!

### Funding Applications:

- We have put in funding applications with the Moorabool Wind Farm to assist with our community events such as the AGM and Christmas party; investigating a wildlife and nectar garden project; and financial assistance with a Chemical Users course (ACUP permit).
- We are waiting on for the outcome of a \$20,000 CCMA funding application for a *Woody Weed Rebate* focusing on blackberries & revegetation.
- We were unsuccessful in our \$50,000 grant application for Biodiversity on-ground works from Dept of Environment, Land, Water & Planning.
- We are seeking expressions of interest for a new Gorse Rebate grant for 2019 - 2020: focusing on Meredith, Morrisons and Elaine districts. 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)  
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## NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING: WED 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST BOWERBIRD (CITIZEN SCIENCE ON-LINE DATABASE)

The Ballarat Environment Network BEN will present a session on *Bowerbird*: an online database connected to Museum of Victoria where you can record what you find on your property and also where other people can assist you with identification. We will demonstrate its use. BYO Laptop, mobile phone (to hotspot from) and photos from your property, so you can use *Bowerbird* to record sightings - or feel free to just come and listen and see how it works.

**When:** **Wednesday 15th August: 7pm**

**Where:** Ballan Community & District Centre (Supper Room):  
Inglis St, Ballan (next to IGA).

## UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

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

#### GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

BALLAN & District Community

Centre (Supper Room)

7 PM - 9 PM

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Emily & Peter Noble

(Ballarat Environment Network)

Citizen Science: Bowerbird Database



### August 2018

Aerial Spraying of Serrated Tussock



### SAT 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Friends of Paddock Ck Working Bee

Meet at west end of walking track

(Old Western Highway, Gordon –  
north of the pub) at 10 am.



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

Bee Keeping / Nectar workshop

Ballan Community Centre – \$40 pp  
members & \$85 non-members



### September/ October 2018

Revegetation Projects

Wetland plants available – frog project

Eucalypts available from Bat Project



### WED 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

#### AGM

Aus Eco Solutions

Weed identification & control

Ballan Gold Club, Blow Court.



### SUN 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Gordon Community Fair

MCLG to have a stand

10am – 4pm



### SUN 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Christmas Party Lunch

9 December 2018

ROOKEEPERS will host a show

Ballan Mechanics Institute

## ACTIVE GRANTS:

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

We will have some Eucalypts available through the Bat grant for spring. But there will be limited numbers per property and it will be first, in best dressed. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested in Eucalypts for spring or a Bat Box for your property. Bat Boxes can be picked up from Jennifer's Office: 3/136 Inglis St, Ballan (above Joe McFall's Real Estate).

### WINTER FAUNA CAMERA MONITORING

We are taking expressions of interest from landholders who would like cameras on their property over the summer period: November to February. If interested contact Jennifer.



### GROWLING GRASS FROG SURVEY PROJECT

We hope to survey for frogs again this spring at sites where no frogs were found in March 2018 and we will again test for Chytrid fungus. We need four new sites. If interested in the frog survey, please contact Jennifer ASAP.

### FREE MEMBERS LANDCARE GATE SIGNS

Any members who are interested in obtaining a free gate sign for their property to display that they are a MCLG Landcare member, please contact Jennifer or drop into her office to pick one up. Signs will also be available from the next general members Landcare meeting on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August.



### BEE KEEPING / NECTAR WORKSHOP

A full day workshop will be held with Angela & Millie Enbom-Goad (Enbom Honeys) for those interested in bee-keeping and providing nectar rich flowering plants for bees. The morning session will focus on basic beekeeping, changes in legislation and native plants for bees. In the afternoon, we hope to break the participants into beginner and experienced beekeepers to better cater for the differing skill and knowledge levels. *This workshop is sponsored by Ballan and District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank).*

**When:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September: 10am – 4pm

**Where:** Ballan Community Centre: Inglis St, Ballan (next to IGA)

**Cost:** \$40 for members / assoc. members. \$85 non-members

**If you are interested in the workshop – please contact Jennifer Johnson for more details pH: 0497 770 075 or [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com)**



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