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THE MOORABOOL CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUP

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**NEXT MCLG MEMBERS
MEETING: XMAS PARTY!**
SUN 9th December 2018
ALL ARE WELCOME
Ballan Mechanics Hall
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LANDCARE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Welcome to the final edition of MCLG news for 2018 as Christmas is almost again on our doorstep.

Events (See page 2 for more information):

- **Sun 18th November** – Gardens for wildlife Information Day, Gordon.
- **Wed 14th November** – Gorse Information 7.30 – 8.30pm, Meredith.
- **Sun 9th December** – Moorabool Catchment Christmas party, Ballan.
- **February 2019** – Friends of Paddock Creek Summer Evening events.
- **Sun 24th March 2019** – Environmental Photography Workshop, Ballan.

Active Projects:

- Completion of stage 1 & 2 in the 20 Million Tree program
- Corangamite CMA streamside grants – work has begun on 2 properties
- Completion of Growling Grass Frog survey and Chytrid fungus testing.
- Gardens for Wildlife to enhance biodiversity on urban / peri-urban areas.
- Summer fauna camera monitoring to start December to February
- Atlas of Living Australia forum funded by the Victorian Gorse Taskforce

Funding Applications:

- We were unsuccessful in our bid for \$11,710 from the Yaloak Estate Windfarm for 10,000 plants and some more Hamilton tree planters.
- We are still waiting to hear if we have been successful for the volunteer grants of \$3,600 for tree planters and storage equipment and \$4,500 for an ACUP course.
- We are still waiting to hear if we have been successful for \$4,300 for a Cultural Heritage workshop including 3 private property visits with Moorabool Shire Council. Irrespective of funding support it is likely that this workshop will still take place.
- We are seeking expressions of interest for a new *Gorse Rebate* grant for 2019 - 2020 focusing on the Meredith, Morrisons and Elaine districts. There will be an information night held on **Wed 14th November** 7.30 – 8.30pm at Meredith Community Centre, 4 Russel St, Meredith.
- For all project or grant queries please contact Jennifer on:
Mobile: **0497 770 075** or email: moorabool.landcare@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MCLG COMMITTEE 2018-2019

The Moorabool Catchment Landcare group would like to thank outgoing committee members: Jeremy Maddox, Simon Cook and Jonathan Levitzke for all their hard work as committee members. We would like to welcome in the new elected committee members:

President:	Andrew Wells
Vice President:	Paul Dehnert
Treasurer:	Mark Conlan
Secretary:	Elsbeth Swan
General Committee:	Noni Clarkson Brian Kennedy Darren Bellingham



UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

SUN 9th DECEMBER 2018

MCLG CHRISTMAS PARTY

ALL WELCOME

BALLAN MECHANICS HALL

Community Centre, Inglis St

10 AM – 2.30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT:

ROO KEEPERS: WILDLIFE SHOW

WED 14TH NOVEMBER

GORSE INFORMATION SESSION

7.30–8.30PM

Meredith Community Centre

4 Russel St, Meredith

SUN 18th November 2019

GARDEN WALK

Gardens for Wildlife

Friends of Paddock Creek

Meet at Paddock Creek Gazebo,

Gordon at 9.30 am

3rd & 10th FEBRUARY 2019

SUMMER EVENINGS IN

PADDOCK CREEK – 7pm

Sun 3 Feb: Tai Chi in the Park

Sun 10 Feb: Indigenous Stories

WED 20th FEBRUARY 2019

Julie Dargan (TBC)

Moorabool Wind Farm update

Ballan Community Centre

SUN 17TH MARCH 2019

BALLAN AUTUMN FESTIVAL

SUN 24th MARCH 2019

Alison Pouliot

Environmental Photography

Workshop - \$100 per person

Ballan Community Centre

FEB & MAY 2019 TBC

ALA CONFERENCE &

CULTURAL HERITAGE

AWARENESS

ACTIVITIES & ACTIVE GRANTS:

GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT 2019



We are taking expressions of interest from landholders who would like to participate in an urban & peri-urban project to enhance biodiversity in their garden. It will include garden visits and some free plants. We will be having an information session on this program on **Sunday 18th November at Paddock Creek Reserve at 9.30 am**, to discuss how this program works. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer assessor to provide advice on gardens and how to make them wildlife friendly, please let us know. We will be offering training for assessors. Learn more about Gardens for Wildlife at this link: <https://gardensforwildlifevictoria.com/>
If interested contact Jennifer on: 0497 770 075.

SUMMER EVENINGS IN PADDOCK CREEK, GORDON

Friends of Paddock creek in Gordon are planning to run some community-based activities to connect people better to the environment as well as promote health and wellbeing with two events during February. The two activities scheduled for 7.00 pm on both dates include:

- **Sunday 3 February:** Tai Chi in the Park with local practitioner
 - **Sunday 10 February:** Indigenous cultural stories with Barry Gilson
- If interested contact Jennifer on: 0497 770 075.**

GROWLING GRASS FROG SURVEY PROJECT

Field work should be complete by the end of October with final Chytrid fungus tests done from recent swabs. Still hoping for wetland plants by end November. Common frogs of Moorabool Catchment Landcare area:



Common froglet



Spotted Marsh Frog



Victorian Smooth frog



Ewing's Tree frog

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO ATTEND 2019 WORKSHOPS:

We have several workshops coming up in 2019. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in any of the following: Environmental Photography Workshop (Alison Pouliot); Cultural Heritage Awareness workshop (May); or Atlas of Living Australia Workshop (Feb) on mapping invasive weeds.

MCLG CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Entertainment: ROO KEEPERS

Lunch Caterers: Ballan CWA



When: Sunday 9th December: 10am – 2.30 pm

Where: Ballan Mechanics Hall, Inglis St, Ballan (Next to IGA).

RSVP: Wed 28th November. Please note dietary requirements

If you are not coming to lunch, you are still very welcome just to attend the Roo Keepers session at 1 pm - please contact Jennifer Johnson for more details Ph: 0497 770 075 or moorabool.landcare@gmail.com