

LPLN News



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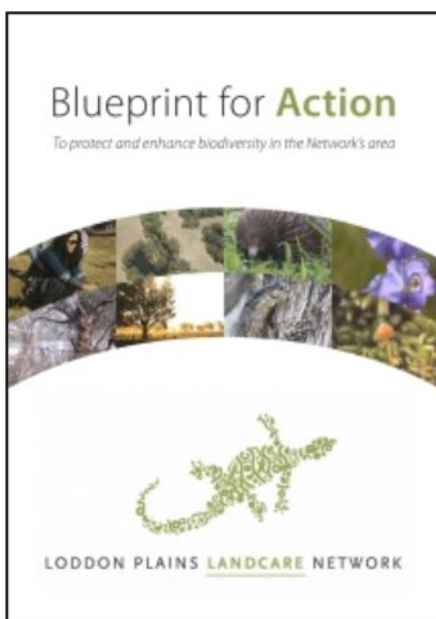
What's on...

30 January

East Loddon Landcare Carbon Farming Information Session
7pm Four Posts Hotel, Jarklin.

31 January

FRRR Small Grants for Small Communities 2013 Round 23 applications open.



Happy New Year

I hope the New Year finds you all well and rested for what promises to be an even bigger year for the Loddon Plains Landcare Network.

The LPLN looks set to continue to grow and progress in the year ahead, which will no doubt be as exciting as the last.

The LPLN has taken shipment of 250 copies of our "Blueprint for Action". The blueprint is the LPLN strategy document and outlines the network area, our focus, biodiversity elements and potential future projects through words, maps and photos. Each group in the LPLN will receive 10 copies of the blueprint. The completion of the blueprint is a milestone for the LPLN and a testament to the hard work of many people from the network, with the ongoing support of The Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

Another exciting milestone will be the release of the brand new Loddon Plains Landcare Network website. The Norman Wettenhall Foundation have kindly supported the design of the website through Green Graphics. The website is due to go live in mid-January. Groups have the opportunity to submit a paragraph or two about their group to go on the information page of the website.

Anthony Gallacher, Landcare Facilitator

Photos: Blueprint for Action (left), Rain on the plains by Robyn McKay (top)

2013 Grant Opportunities

The beginning of 2013 provides an opportunity to look ahead at some of the grant opportunities coming up this year.

The LPLN is hopeful that there will be several opportunities for small grants that groups can apply for.

Looking ahead these include:

- FRRR Small Grants for Small Communities - 2013 Round 23 applications open January 31
- 2013 Caring for Our Country Community Environment Grants
- 2013 Communities for Nature Grants
- Victorian Landcare Grants 2013/2014

The Loddon Plains Landcare network is available to act as a sponsor for groups if desired. Your Landcare Facilitator is available to assist with any grant writing and can help with preparation of information prior to the release of specific grant rounds.

Please get in touch for assistance. Contact details at the end of the newsletter.



East Loddon Landcare Carbon Farming information session

Are you interested in being paid to farm carbon?

Are you considering alternative incomes on your property?

The newly re-formed East Loddon Landcare Group is hosting a free carbon farming information session in Jarklin.

Guest speaker Ben Keogh, Managing Director of Australian Carbon Traders, will discuss the practicalities and realities of carbon farming.

Ben Keogh has a professional background in agriculture, natural resource management and forestry. He has been working in carbon farming since 2004, with extensive experience in the design and implementation of carbon farming projects and schemes.

Topics to be covered at the information session include:

- Creating carbon credits on farm
- Participating in the Carbon Farming Initiative
- Marketing and trading carbon credits.

There will also be plenty of opportunity for questions.

This event and all associated material is supported by funding from the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry as part of the Carbon Farming Initiative Communications Program.

When: Wednesday 30 January 2013

Time: 7.00 pm—9.30 pm (Dinner provided)

Where: Four Posts Hotel, Loddon Valley Hwy, Jarklin, Victoria

Cost: Free event

RSVP: For catering purposes please RSVP to the North Central CMA by 5.00pm Monday 28 January on (03) 5448 7124 or email info@nccma.vic.gov.au



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Mt Buckrabanyule – Opuntoid Cacti National Coordinator Visit

The National Coordinator for Opuntoid Cacti, Shauna Potter visited Mt Buckrabanyule on Friday 16th November. Ms Potter is undertaking a tour of areas in Victoria to gather information on Wheel Cactus and other Opuntoid Cacti, and the works being undertaken to control these invasive weeds.

Along with representatives of the local Wychitella District Landcare Group, Parks Victoria, the North Central Catchment Management Authority and the Loddon Plains Landcare Network, the gathering enabled a broad ranging discussion on the Wheel Cactus infestation at Mt Buckrabanyule from a National through to local perspective.

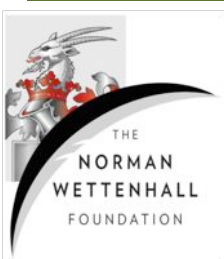
The group visited some of the core infestations on the mountain and heard from locals as to some of the issues arising from the weed and it's control.

The LPLN is developing a project proposal to help control the Wheel Cactus on the mountain, which is a main infestation and source in the district. The most effective treatment for Wheel Cactus control is stem and pad injection with glyphosate.

Photos by Anthony Gallacher (from top to bottom): Mt Buckrabanyule, Core infestation of Wheel Cactus, a large Wheel Cactus specimen, locals and representatives.



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