

# LPLN News



LODDON PLAINS LANDCARE NETWORK



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LPLN bus trip 2015 – Bill Twigg shows off trees growing at the Calivil Recreation Reserve

## What's on...

### 19 April

Wheel Cactus Program Launch,  
1.30pm, Buckrabanyule.

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NCCMA Volunteer Recognition Event,  
4pm, Andersons Mill, Smeaton.

### 7 May

Loddon Plains Landcare Network  
Committee of Management Meeting,  
5pm, Serpentine.

### 11/12/13 May

NCCMA grant writing workshops,  
Echuca/Huntly/St Arnaud. 2 sessions:  
9am – 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

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*Securing healthy  
landscapes on the Loddon  
Plains*

## Facilitator Update

The first quarter of the year has gone quickly and with a great number of successful events and announcements for Landcare locally.

In late January we teamed up with Murrumbidgee Landcare to run two workshops on Silverleaf Nightshade management in Mysia and Calivil. We had 60 people attend over the two days with very positive feedback from participants, enabling the improved management of this weed in our area.

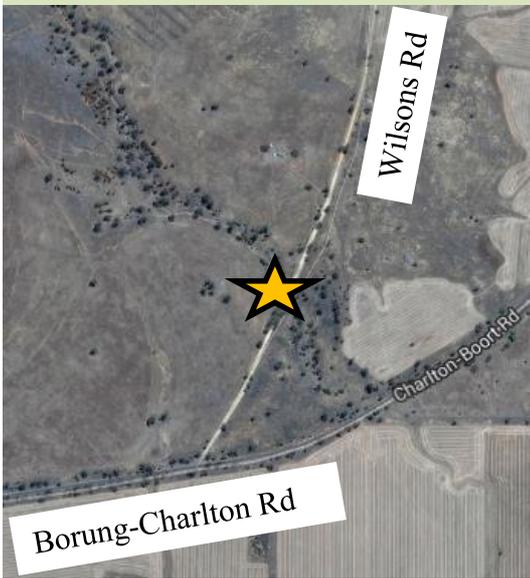
The 2015 LPLN bus trip was a great success with 25 participants touring Landcare sites across the Loddon Shire. The valuable stories from local landholders and the successful works undertaken at each site are a great story to share.

It has been great to have an increasing number of conversations about our Wheel Cactus control program as the awareness of the weed and new actions to tackle it increase among our local community. Keep those conversations going!

The LPLN education workshop series has officially wrapped up. The series has been an excellent way to provide quality speakers to the Landcare community over the past 18 months, thanks to a Community Landcare Grant from the Australian Government.

For more news from the Network, read on!

Anthony Gallacher, Landcare Facilitator



## Wheel Cactus Program Launch

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network is launching their 2015 working bee program to tackle Wheel Cactus at Mt Buckrabanyule and surrounds. The afternoon includes the official launch of the Network's Wheel Cactus program and latest from the Loddon Weed Control Committee.

Training in stem injection of Wheel Cactus will be provided for newcomers so that they can master the technique. It will be a great opportunity to join other locals to get out doors and tackle this problem weed.

*Afternoon tea provided.*

**Sunday 19th April  
1.30pm – 4.30pm**

Site at Hartley's property,  
Wilsons Road, 500m north Borung-Charlton Road  
Buckrabanyule, 3525  
Follow signs. See map (left).

Please RSVP by 15<sup>th</sup> April for catering requirements to  
Anthony Gallacher on 0447 095 501 or email  
[facilitator@lpln.org](mailto:facilitator@lpln.org)

*This event is funded by a Communities for Nature Grant from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning through the Loddon Plains Landcare Network and is supported by the Loddon Shire and Buloke and Northern Grampians Landcare Network.*

## Green Army in Upper Loddon

A Green Army project has been approved for sites across the Upper Loddon Catchment, with the Loddon Plains Landcare Network hosting the project in 2015.

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network has partnered with Connecting Country, Trust for Nature, Wedderburn Conservation Management Network, Bush Heritage Australia and the North Central CMA to produce the project.

The Green Army is a great opportunity for young Australians aged 17-24 years to gain training and experience in environment and conservation fields. The project will be based out of Bendigo and will begin towards the middle of the year.

The Green Army is an Australian Government initiative that taps into local knowledge to meet local environmental challenges. Another application round is expected in August this year. For more information contact the LPLN Facilitator.



Australian Government



# Minister announces funding for Landcare Facilitators

Media release: 26 March 2015

Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Lisa Neville, today committed \$3.2 million to ensure the funding of Victoria's 68 Landcare facilitator positions for another four years and opened the nominations for the 2015 Victorian Landcare Awards.

Facilitators build community capacity, assist communities to deliver local action, facilitate effective participation in Landcare activities and enable groups to become self-supporting.

Through the support of facilitators, more than 2,500 on-ground projects have been undertaken, almost two million native plants planted and more than 400,000 hectares have been revegetated, protected or enhanced.

The Andrews Labor Government will evaluate the Landcare Support Program over the next twelve months, in particular the Facilitator Initiative, to find opportunities to strengthen the role and scope of these positions and develop the best possible long term arrangements for Landcare.

## 2015 Victorian Landcare Awards

Entries for the 2015 Victorian Landcare Awards are now open and close on Sunday 21 June 2015.

The Victorian Landcare Awards celebrate the many achievements of the countless individuals, groups, networks and organisations who make significant contributions to the sustainable care of Victoria's natural resources.

If you know an individual, group, network, school or organisation who are involved in protecting or improving their local environment, farm, coastline, bushland, wetland, waterway, school, region or catchment, there is a category in this year's awards to suit.

For all the details on the 2015 Victorian Landcare Awards, including links to the nomination form, categories and criteria, entry guidelines, the Victorian entry brochure, and entry rules and conditions, please visit the Landcare Gateway:

<http://www.landcarevic.net.au/>

## Wheel Cactus control equipment available for Landcare groups

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network has Wheel Cactus control equipment that can be borrowed by groups free of charge to undertake Wheel Cactus control in their area. Please contact the LPLN Facilitator to make use of this. Please note an induction on the use of equipment can be provided.



## Donate today!

Deductible gift recipient (DGR) status allows you to donate to the Network. The Network and our public fund, the Loddon Plains Landcare Network Charity Fund are on the Register of Environmental Organisations. Donations to the public fund over \$2 are now eligible for a tax deduction under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

If you would like to make a contribution to the public fund to support the Network's GOANNA Project, visit the donation page on our website at

[www.lpln.org/donate/](http://www.lpln.org/donate/)

Contributions will go towards GOANNA Project activities such as revegetation, remnant protection and bird monitoring data collection.



# Autumn events gallery

***It's been a busy couple of months for the Network. Here's some photo's from some of the well attended events of late including:***

- The Silverleaf Nightshade weed workshops at Calivil and Mysia (top and middle left)
- The Wheel Cactus working bee at Mt Buckrabanyule (middle right)
- The Loddon Plains Landcare Network 2015 bus trip (bottom) including stops at Calivil Recreation Reserve, Calivil Creek Yarrawalla, Gladfield wetland (pictured) and Lake Yando.



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