

# LPLN News



LODDON PLAINS LANDCARE NETWORK



Loddon Plains Landcare Network strategic planning workshop attendees in Serpentine

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## What's on...

### 21 July

Friends of Kooyoora Annual General Meeting. 10am, Parks Victoria, Inglewood.

### 22 July

Victorian Landcare Grant Applications close 5pm.

### 24 July

FSS soil workshop and field trip. 9am Powlett Plains Community Hall.

### 25 & 26 July

Loddon Plains Landcare Network peer group mentoring training.

### 14 August

FSS grazing grasses field day. Salisbury West

### 14 & 15 September

Friends of Kooyoora Wildflower Show. From 10am. Rheola Hall.

### 21 September

Loddon Plains Landcare Network area bus trip. Departs Bridgewater

## Network update

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network is excited to be able to run a workshop series, thanks to funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country. Now is the time to get any workshop ideas or topics on the list, as we will be making a decision on the workshops shortly.

A reminder that expressions of interest are open for protecting native vegetation on properties in the Network's area. If you are interested, the forms are available at the end of the newsletter or can be downloaded on our website at [www.lpln.org/goanna-project/forms/](http://www.lpln.org/goanna-project/forms/). The Network will be developing a project around respondents with the assistance of member groups, as part of the GOANNA Project.

The Network ran a successful strategic planning workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. With 20 representatives from member groups, the workshop was a chance to bring together different perspectives around one table to explore strategic themes and identify priority actions that will guide the Network in the next 1-3 years. The strategic plan will be made available once complete.

I attended two media training workshops in the past couple of months as part of the North Central CMA facilitators support. The workshops were a helpful reminder on targeting audiences and the key issues to think about with media and promotion.

Anthony Gallacher, Landcare Facilitator

## Grant opportunities

A reminder about current grant opportunities available or coming up in the near future:

- Coming up - 2013 Communities for Nature Grants
- Victorian Landcare Grants 2013/2014 close 22 July.
- Coles Junior Landcare Grants – partner with a school! Round 3 close 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2013

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network is available to act as a sponsor for groups if required. 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.

## Equipment available

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network has the following equipment available to member groups:

- **24 High Visibility Vests**
- **Data Projector**
- **Projector Screen**
- **Video Camera**

For more information on making use of this equipment, please contact our Landcare Facilitator. All equipment is lent by the Network under a hire agreement.

Photo: high visibility vest in use



## Peer Group Mentoring Program

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network will be trialling a new Peer Group Mentoring Program. The Network has received assistance from The Norman Wettenhall Foundation in exploring the merits of such a program and ways it could be adapted to the Loddon Plains context.

The Network has a group of prospective mentors who will undergo training at the end of July to learn the ins and outs of the mentoring program.

The mentors will then be able to provide on-farm, practical and on-going advice and guidance to participants who join the program as mentees. Expressions of interest for mentee participants will be available once further funding is secured for the program.

## Workshop series

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network's Community Landcare Grant application to run a workshop series as part of our GOANNA Project, was one of 53 successful projects in Victoria to receive funding as part of the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.

The program will involve a series of workshops and information sessions on sustainable agriculture and Landcare topics, run by the Network for members and available to the wider community. It will also include a sustainable agriculture and Landcare bus trip as part of the Naturally Loddon: A wonderland in spring festival in September/October this year. The series will run into 2014.

If you would like to make suggestions about topics and speakers that your group might be interested to hear about, please let us know.



*SUBSCRIBE to email updates at our website: [www.lpln.org](http://www.lpln.org)*

# Victorian Landcare Grants 2013-2014: call for applications

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is calling for applications for the next round of the State Government's Victorian Landcare Grants program for (incorporated) community groups to undertake natural resource management (NRM) projects in 2013-14.

The Victorian Landcare Grants Program continues to have an emphasis on building community capacity. The program is designed to fund projects that enable NRM community groups, networks and their volunteers to undertake effective on-ground works to protect and restore the Victorian landscape.

There are two grant types available:

- Project grants (up to \$20,000)
- Maintenance and start-up grants (up to \$1,000)

**Applications close 5pm Monday 22 July 2013**

For further information or to download the application forms and guidelines, visit the Landcare page on the North Central Catchment Management Authority website:

[www.nccma.vic.gov.au/Land/Landcare/Grants/index.aspx](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/Land/Landcare/Grants/index.aspx).

Alternatively contact Jodie Odgers, Regional Landcare Coordinator on 03 5440 1883 or email [jodie.odgers@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:jodie.odgers@nccma.vic.gov.au).

## Kooyoora Wildflower Show

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Kooyoora Wildflower Show is on again at the Rheola Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September. A full weekend program is available from 10am Saturday through to 4pm Sunday.

Activities include:

- A static wildflower display,
- Bus tours of the Kooyoora State Park,
- Photographic competition, displays and sales
- Saturday evening program including star gazing and guest speakers

On-site camping available. The event is part of the Naturally Loddon: A Wonderland in Spring Festival.

More information is available on the Friends of Kooyoora website at: [www.kooyoorafriends.org.au](http://www.kooyoorafriends.org.au)

## Discover what lies beneath!

The Salisbury West and Mt Korong Farming for Sustainable Soils group are running a soil workshop and field day to discover the results of deep soil testing over a wide area of the group's patch.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**9am start**

**Powlett Plains Community Hall**

**Free event**

The day is being presented by Michael Eyres and Christian Bannan, local independent soil scientists. 4 demonstration sites will be toured by shared travel.

RSVP by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> for catering to FSS Facilitator Jean McClymont:

Ph: 5437 3281

M: 0409 187 725

Email: [bjmccly@activ8.net.au](mailto:bjmccly@activ8.net.au)

## Grazing grasses

The Salisbury West and Mt Korong Farming for Sustainable Soils group are running a field day and paddock trials inspection.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**Salisbury West**

**Free event**

Hear from Dean Harrington (Boort agronomist) and Michael Grant (Stephen Seeds) and see how soil fracing and alternative fertilizer is improving soils and pasture. Commencing in Salisbury West.

For more information contact Jean McClymont, FSS Facilitator:

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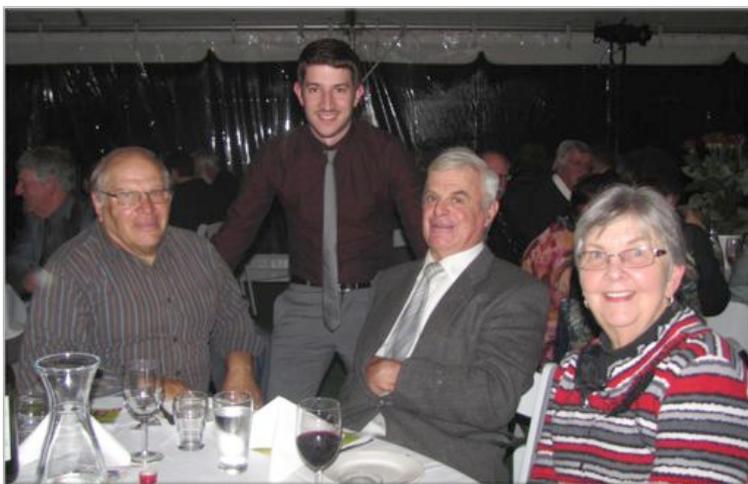
# Landcare Facilitator Employee of the Year finalist

Our Landcare Facilitator, Anthony Gallacher was runner up finalist in the Loddon Powercor Excellence Awards in the category of Employee of the Year, held on the 30th of May, 2013 in Eddington. The dinner was a great social opportunity for the LPLN, which was well represented with two tables at the event.

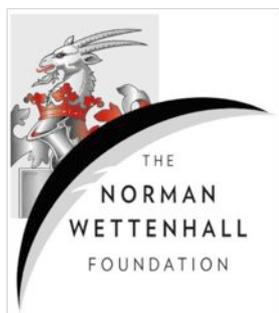
The awards celebration was held at the Eddington Hall and included pre-dinner drinks and canapés, plus a 3 course meal. Musician Mike Brady entertained the crowd and Neil Druce, owner of the June Licorice and Chocolate Factory, provided an insightful and engaging story as guest speaker.

Congratulations to all the winners for the evening. Well done to Anthony and the LPLN for making the finals. Thanks to the Loddon Shire, Powercor and other sponsors for putting on a great event.

Photo at the Awards (from left): Fred Belli, Anthony Gallacher, Bill Twigg and Gwen Twigg. Photo courtesy East Loddon Community News.



Partners and supporters of the Loddon Plains Landcare Network:



Don't forget to  
submit your  
workshop topic  
ideas!

We are taking suggestions for  
workshop topics that Network  
members want to hear about.

If you have any topics of  
interest in sustainable  
agriculture or Landcare that  
your group or the wider  
community would be  
interested in, please send  
through to Anthony  
Gallacher. Details below.

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or other news that you would  
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## Remnants Project: Expression of Interest form

*Do you have a piece of land with a patch of vegetation that would benefit from protection? The Loddon Plains Landcare Network is seeking landholders interested in caring for native vegetation on their properties. Works could include fencing off a small patch for tree regrowth, linking significant tree patches with corridors, or fencing off a treed creek line. The Network is developing a remnants project, with a view to gaining financial assistance towards protection of quality remnant habitat in the Network area<sup>1</sup> (see map below).*

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone: ..... Email: .....

Are you a Landcare member? Yes/No Group: .....

Description of proposed works (please tick):

<i>Fencing remnant:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Tree planting:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Fencing creek/wetland:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Understory planting:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Fencing corridor linkage:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Plant corridor linkage:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Hectares: ..... Fencing (KM): ..... No. landholders: .....

Vegetation type (if known): .....

Other information (e.g. Brolga habitat) .....

*Please mark your property on the map below. If able, please include a rough map of proposed works on your property.*

I understand that:

- This form is an expression of interest only, with a view to the Network developing a suitable project around respondents
- This form does not guarantee financial assistance relating to the proposed work
- My details will be held by the Network for the purposes of informing this project only
- I am happy to be contacted with regards to a site visit for the proposed work

EOI continued...

Signed:

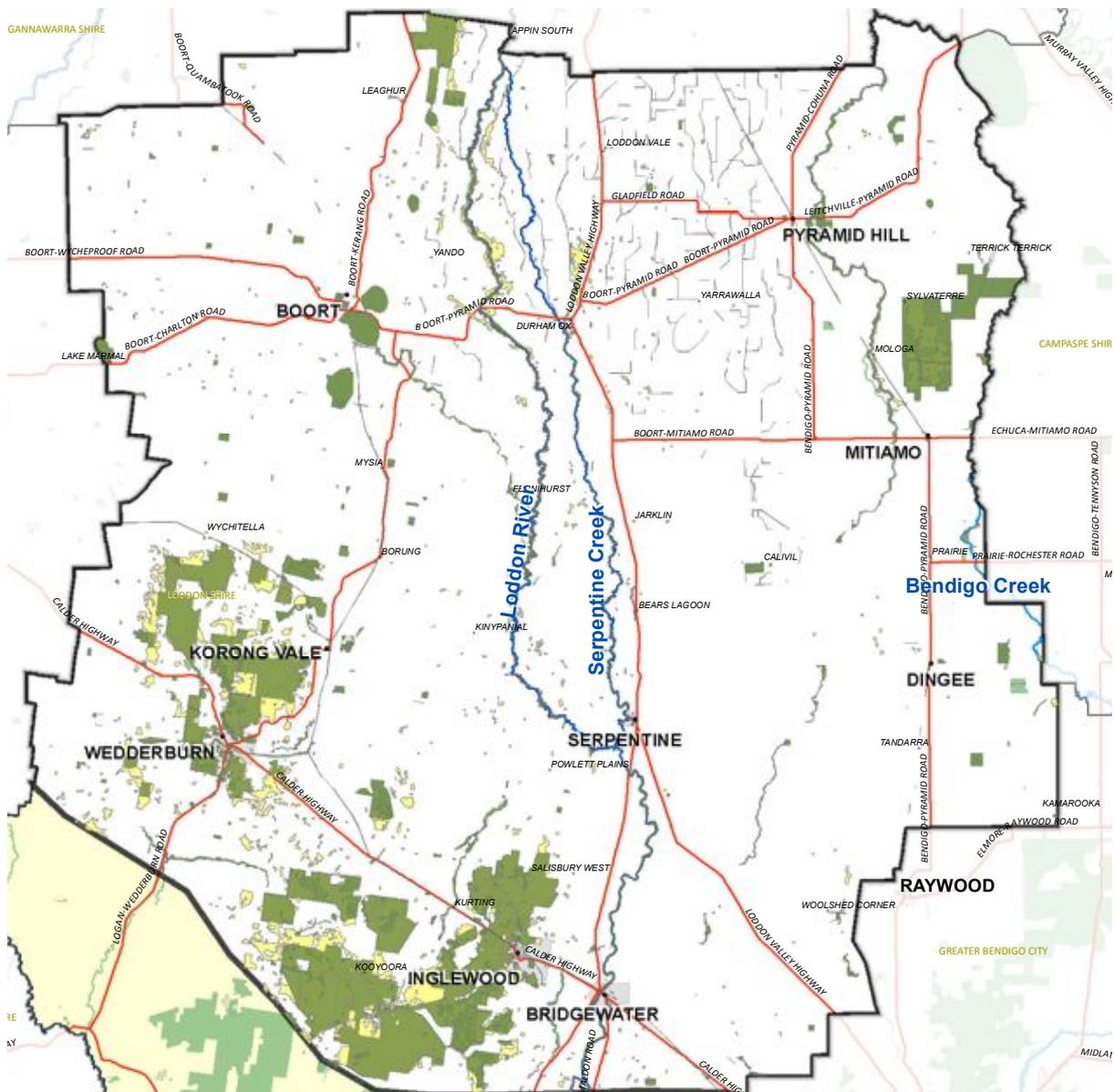
Date:

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Please send "Expressions of Interest" to:

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Eaglehawk, Vic, 3556

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For more information or assistance phone Anthony on 03 5446 9249 or 0447 095 501



<sup>1</sup> Network area shown on map. Expressions of interest from properties adjacent to Network area are welcome.