

LPLN News



LODDON PLAINS LANDCARE NETWORK



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Pasture trial field day at Salisbury West
with DEPI Land Health Team

What's on...

28 September

NUFG Last Child in the Woods,
Kamarooka Education Centre, 10-1pm.

2 October

LPLN Committee meeting, 5pm
Serpentine Shire Offices.

3-5 October

Terrick Terrick National Park Open
Weekend

5 October

LPLN bird monitoring bus trip, 9.30am-
1pm

12 October

WCMN Sunday Morning Hills Picnic,
Glenalbyn, 10.30am-3.00pm

12 October

Farm Forestry Workshop, Kamarooka,
12.30pm-4.30pm

17 October

Loddon Plains Landcare Link-Up and
AGM. Loddon River, Serpentine, 5pm

Spring update

I had the pleasure of attending the National Landcare Conference in Melbourne last week. It was great to hear from landcarers and other professionals from across the nation. Highlights included keynotes from Stefan Hajowicz (CSIRO) on current global trends and Matt Moran (Restaurateur) on food production from farm to kitchen. Plenty of enthusiasm at the conference showed that Landcare will be in good hands for the next 25 years.

East Loddon P-12 students did a terrific job at the Calivil Recreation Reserve planting day a couple of weeks ago. It was great to be involved with the students. You can see photos and read more about the day over the page.

There's been pasture trial and hay production field days happening and October promises to continue the many Spring Landcare events. This includes the Loddon Plains Landcare Link-Up. Check out the "What's on..." column and visit our website to keep up to date with what's happening.

Finally a reminder about all the grant opportunities currently available. Be it Victorian Landcare Grants or 25th Anniversary Landcare grants, there's plenty of choice for small project funding. If you would like some assistance in getting a project application together, please let me know.

Anthony Gallacher, Landcare Facilitator



East Loddon P-12 Students get tree planting

East Loddon P-12 College students undertook a mammoth effort on Friday 12th September at the Calivil Recreation Reserve, planting 2000 trees as part of a revegetation project.

The local East Loddon Landcare Group with the support of the Loddon Plains Landcare Network received a Communities for Nature grant to restore a 4 hectare area of the Calivil Recreation Reserve, which funded the planting day.

Local Landcare guru Bill Twigg introduced the students to Landcare using his 4 decades of tree planting experience and explained the need to get more trees in the ground. 60 students from years 5, 6, 9 and 10 participated in the planting day with staff and members from the local Landcare group.

“Our students have a real desire to assist where possible within the local community”, said Steven Leed, the schools Middle Years Sub-School Leader. “The tree planting at Calivil was an outstanding success from our point of view as a college. To see the high level of leadership and teamwork shown both by our students, staff and local community members was incredible”.

“The day was amazing because we learnt different things about plants and had a chance to talk with people who knew a lot about plants!” said student Jasmyn B.

The school hopes to undertaking further tree planting with Landcare in the future.



Photos from top: Golden Wattle goes in the ground; a line of tree guards on one of the rows; East Loddon P-12 students and helpers at the Calivil Recreation Reserve

Victorian Landcare Grants

The **2014-15 Victorian Landcare Grants are now open** for north central Victoria.

Two types of grants are available:

1. Project grants of up to \$20,000 (Excl GST) for capacity building activities, onground works or trials.
2. Group maintenance / start up grants of up to \$1,000 (Excl GST) for administration, insurance or promotion costs.

Not-for-profit community based environmental groups are eligible to apply.

Applications close 5 pm Thursday 9 October 2014.

For further information, including guidelines and application forms please head to the Victorian Landcare Gateway website:

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



Australian Government's 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants

These grants are part of the national stream of the National Landcare Programme and are one way of marking the 25th anniversary of Landcare as a national movement.

The 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants 2014-15 will harness the expertise and enthusiasm of the natural resource management community, including landcare, Indigenous people, farmers, fishers and other land and sea managers.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 (Excluding GST) will assist community groups and individuals to undertake projects to conserve and protect their local environment and / or to manage the natural resource base, contributing to outcomes in the national interest.

Applications are open until 2 pm (AEDT) Monday 20 October 2014.

For further information please visit www.nrm.gov.au.



Donations webpage up and running

The Loddon Plains Landcare Network has obtained tax deductible gift recipient (DGR) status. The Network and our public fund, the Loddon Plains Landcare Network Charity Fund have been entered into 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/

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

Crowdfunding for Landcare

The National Landcare Conference saw the launch of the new **Landcare & Environment Collection**.

The collection provides a platform for independent crowdfunding campaigns of Landcare, environment and community groups across Australia and around the world.

For more information on the Landcare & Environment Collection visit www.pozible.com/landcare.



Loddon Plains Landcare bus trip

Join the Loddon Plains Landcare Network for a morning of bird watching and observation around the Terrick Terrick National Park.

Learn from locals who undertake bird monitoring as part of the Loddon Plains Community Bird Monitoring Project and visit some of the sites. Will you be able to spot the birds?

Hear about the Landcare vision for the Loddon Plains.

Sunday October 5th 2014

9.30am pick up at the bus stop
Kelly St, Pyramid Hill

10am pick up Davies Homestead
Mitiamo-Kow Swamp Road, Terrick Terrick

Free event. Morning tea provided. BYO binoculars.
Bus returns at 1pm.

RSVP by October 1st to Anthony Gallacher on 03 5446 9249 or facilitator@lpln.org

This event is run by the Loddon Plains Landcare Network through funding from the Australian Government.



Farm Forestry Workshop

Learn about the innovative benefits of farm forestry from the people who know it best.

Andrew Lang (World Bioenergy Association) outlines the biomass to energy options from harvest residues or woody weeds.

Ben Boxshall (wood4good) will provide an on-site silviculture demonstration encompassing productivity, stocking and coppicing.

Phil Dyson (Northern United Forestry Group) examines the below ground benefits of farm forestry observed at the Kamarooka demo site.

Sunday October 12th 2014

12.30pm – 4.30pm

NUFG demonstration site, Kamarooka

Free event. BBQ lunch provided from 12.30pm.

Event located on the Tandarra-Elmore Road between Kamarooka Store Road and Wilkinson Swamp Road. Follow signs from the road into the demonstration site

RSVP with dietary requirements by October 5th to Anthony Gallacher on 03 5446 9249 or facilitator@lpln.org

This event is run by the Loddon Plains Landcare Network through funding from the Australian Government.



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