



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

Newsletter



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Brisbane Ranges LandCare Group
Meeting
Wednesday 6th May 2009
Balliang Hall
Ian Garsed from Melbourne Water



Ian Garsed from Melbourne Water will update us on Melbourne Water activities and plans for the BRLC area.

Does your property include a Melbourne Water waterway? We have asked Ian to bring us a map showing the locations of the waterways for which Melbourne Water is responsible. These include many drainage lines that you might not expect would qualify. Come along to the meeting and discuss with Ian what Melbourne Water has on offer by way of support for work along waterways! You may find your property qualifies for assistance.

Other matters to be discussed:

- revegetation project for public land around the Balliang Hall
- financial support for members with vermin control and small scale tree planting
- Sam Bayley from the Catchment Management Authority will be at the meeting and will be pleased to answer any questions.

New members of the Executive



Alistair is the bloke without the hat!

Members elected two fresh faces to the executive of the BRLCG last year: Michelle Kerr and Alistair Sadler. We will profile Michele in our next news letter, and Alistair in this one.

The invariably cheerful and cherubic Alistair moved into the area in 1997 from Birregurra. He is a farm boy from Camperdown by background and his work in the meat industry brought him here. He recently started his own meat business, which has a lot to do with the exponential improvement in the quality of Landcare Barbeques!

He was introduced to Landcare by Bob the wandering Dog who shares his favours between Treasurer Chris and the Sadler household down Murphy's road. Alistair and Nerida, together with Angus and Amelia, are very active in the local community, especially the CFA where Alistair, together with other CFA members, are learning to look like frogs in Breathing Apparatus.

Alistair is very approachable and is delighted to handle any queries about Landcare from local people.

Spray Trailer and Pottipuki

How is your crop of Serrated Tussock coming along? A reminder that the Landcare group has a **spray trailer** available for hire: it will speed up your spraying and keep those noxious weed inspectors smiling.

If you have many trees to plant and your soil is friable and damp, you probably don't live anywhere near Balliang ... but if things change you might like to hire our **Pottipuki tree planter** which speeds up planting and save back breaking bending and worn out knees.

Contact John Anderson on 53694201 if you are interested.

Free money for Landcare members

Yes, just when you thought dodgy financial instruments like Margin Loans and CFDs had died off in the Credit Crunch, along comes your local LandCare group offering members up to \$150 of financial support for tree-planting and vermin control activities.

Tree planting

We offer a subsidy of up to \$100 per financial membership to encourage local indigenous revegetation efforts by members that are not otherwise financially supported. The subsidy is a contribution towards the purchase of tree guards and/or stakes and/or weed mats at a rate of \$1 per tree planted, up to the value of \$100 per financial membership. You will need to supply receipts to our Treasurer to qualify. Remember if more than 20 members fully participate, the amount remitted to each member may be less than \$100 as the maximum overall spend is to be limited to \$2000 for the group.

Rabbit control

The BRLCG also offers members a subsidy of up to \$50 to cover the cost of small quantities of rabbit bait. Baiting is often recommended in the late summer or early autumn when food for bunnies is scarce. Pinadone is available without the special training needed for the ACUP permit required for some other more toxic baits.

Talk to a member of the committee if you are interested!