



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

# Newsletter

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***Biodiversity for Geelong rural landscapes, linking and bridging remnant grassy woodlands to areas of high conservation value***

Special Guest: Mandy Coulson

Thursday, 20th June, 2013 @ 1930h  
Balliang Hall



Mandy is well known to many members having been involved with numerous Landcare projects over many years. She currently manages a major federally funded biolinks project, with a budget of some \$300,000 ... one of the biggest projects our group has been engaged with. We asked Mandy to tell our members a little more about herself and to discuss the project which is now well underway. Mandy writes:

“This project will establish new large scale biodiversity plantings across the landscape to improve connectivity between Brisbane Ranges, You Yangs, Pt Phillip wetlands, Inverleigh Flora & Fauna Reserve, Bannockburn Bush and Dog Rocks Flora and Fauna Reserve all of which are important conservation sites. This project aims to enhance and build links that will bridge together these local, regional and state reserves. The project will include the Mid Barwon and Lower Moorabool River catchments and their waterways to further widen the landscape links to provide alternate routes for wildlife movement”.

## Our next speaker, Mandy Coulson

We asked Mandy to tell us a little about her background. Mandy writes: "After having my children, Lily 8 and James 6, I then decided to contract my natural resource management services to organisations requiring project management, technical advice and expertise and strategic planning. In my down time, I find myself designing gardens and small landscapes for the general public! So far my career has led to many new horizons. I particularly enjoy meeting and learning from people, sharing ideas and achieving high value ecological outcomes".

## 15trees supports many BRLG plantings

Colleen Fillipa from the "15 trees" organization has offered support for smaller scale plantings from the following members:

Andrew Prime 30, Garry Heath 30  
Michelle Kerr 30, Andrew Kerr 30  
Jacki Staude 30, John Anderson 30  
Mark Trengove 60, Andrew Vallance 60  
Eric Sharkey 105, James Bufton 210

The BR Landcare group supplements this generous support with tree guards and stakes to the value to \$200 per member family (subject to an overall spending limit).

If you are interested in joining the 15trees project and receiving free trees and guards, please contact Neil Day or any member of the Executive.

## Bus tour of Little River

Our friendly facilitator, Susie Inglis, wants to encourage people interested in the Little River to start thinking in terms of the whole water-way, rather than just selected bits. With this in mind she has organized a FREE bus trip to bring people together from the whole length of the River. BRLG has secured more than a fair share of places, but there may be some vacancies.

This a great chance to see areas of the River that are usually inaccessible, and to talk to other river rats! (landowners and others interested in the Little River).

If you are interested please contact Susie at 0447 133 334 or contact Neil Day for a brochure.

Date Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1000 to 1530h.

## Forthcoming events

The Friends of Brisbane Ranges is holding its very popular Wildflower Show on Sunday 13 October. <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr/> This is a great chance to learn more about the many wildflowers that grace the Brisbane Ranges and includes guided bus tours led by wildflower experts.

## Hall Maintenance



Lachlan Allen demonstrates the art of acute observation, while Matilda and Charlotte Jensz do their bit for progressive gender role development. The children helped members of the BR Landcare Group and others prepare for a new fence at the Balliang Hall.

Note the strict observance of Occ. Health and Safety Guidelines with ear and eye protection!

Members of our Group meet at 1100h on the first Sunday of most months to maintain the hall grounds: regrettably, opportunities for task delegation are not always available!

### **Serrated Tussock workshop**

A community event to promote the control of serrated tussock is being held at the Little River Reserve, You Yangs Road, Little River (Melways Ref 200 C4) on 1900-2100h on Tuesday 25 June 2013.

The aim of the event is to inform participants about effective control techniques, especially in and around native vegetation, and to reignite community commitment to control the weed. There will be industry specialists presenting on latest research findings and the Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party will also be present.

Door prizes will be awarded! Rural landowners from Wyndham City and City of Greater Geelong are encouraged to RSVP to be eligible for major prizes of \$200 and \$100 farm supply store vouchers.

RSVP: For catering purposes and to register for the major door prize please contact Julie Dickson.

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