



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

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Weed Identification Night: Mark Trengove Discussion of large scale tree planting.

Thursday, 25th June, 2015 @ 1930h,
Balliang Hall
Balliang-Bacchus Marsh Road

Our in house weed expert Mark Trengove has offered to talk informally about the identification and control of weeds. Perennial favourites such as Serrated Tussock will be of interest in terms of the best approaches to take for control. But new weeds are constantly invading: Chilean Needle Grass is a particular threat for example. Bring any samples of weeds (secured in a leak-proof plastic bag) and Mark will help you identify them and suggest control strategies!



Mark Trengove has more than 20 years' experience as an ecologist, specializing in the indigenous flora of central and south-west Victoria. Mark is the proprietor of Mark Trengove Ecological Services, a well-known consultancy service that specializes in flora and fauna assessments that has done much work in our local area and beyond.

Mark's business has much ecological expertise and aims to create workable and cost effective solutions for planning issues. His clients include State and Local Government Departments, as well as businesses and individuals requiring help with planning issues. Clients have included Ford, Shell, DNRE, City of Greater Geelong and many others.

Mark has been a member of many boards and committees of importance in environmental issues, including six years of service on the Board of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority. Come and support a local landcarer with professional expertise he is happy to share with members and visitors!

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'15 Trees' large scale planting proposal

Colleen Fillipa from the '15 trees' organization has actively supported the work of our Landcare Group over several years, especially assisting us with donations of trees for smaller plantings.

This year we are again in discussion with '15 trees' and a major donor who is offering, not only trees for planting, but also willing volunteers to help plant them! Combine this with the support offered by BRLG to members for tree guards and stakes, and we all have the opportunity to see substantial numbers of trees planted at minimal cost.

Time will be set aside to discuss the proposal and provide further details at the meeting. If you are thinking of planting trees, but haven't previously had the resources or time available to do so, here is your chance!!!

Community Environment Grant

Our final report has been submitted to the federal government who supplied \$49,200 to help engage landowners and our community to improve our local environment.

Many thanks to the 15 landowners involved, the Balliang Hall Committee and other landcarers for their generous support over the last 18 months. CEG projects have included work on small to large properties and have involved improving and connecting remnant vegetation, managing weeds, planting trees/shrubs/groundcover, creating windbreaks/shelterbelts and controlling erosion. (Allan (Bart) Bartholomew)

Anzac Day 2015 – Balliang

Balliang commemorated the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli on Saturday 25th April. A light rain fell as more people than have ever lived in Balliang made their way across the paddock behind St Georges Anglican church. A bank of hay bales formed a stage in the far corner of the paddock and evoked the Gallipoli cliffs. A freshly planted lone pine stood to one side like a lonely soldier. Hard not to think of the grim trenches as seats were mopped with whatever lay to hand.

The service was simple with Steven Beggs making a heartfelt introduction. Chris Winfield read the prayer and chaplain Elizabeth Bufton provided a Christian perspective.



Flight Officer Bardoe gave an insight into military history and the reality of modern warfare, urging a peaceful approach to the resolution of our differences.



Andrew Prime read the roll of locals who had served, and those who had died in the name of peace. Sobering to think of lives un-lived and the ongoing impact of their absence in families and the community.

At the end of the service the Last Post was played and Flight Officer Bardoe took the salute. Wreaths and sprigs of rosemary (the herb of remembrance) were laid.

The organisers hit a perfect note with the staging and presentation of the service, and the children will tell you the jumping castle was the icing on the cake. Balliang knows how to barbecue and nothing beats a cup of tea, a cake and a chat inside out of the rain, and popcorn kept the kids bouncing until stumps.

A lovely simple day and a fitting way to remember those young people who so long ago braved their fears in the hope of keeping home safe. They would have enjoyed the day. (Trish Edwards)

Forthcoming local Field trip:

A preliminary notice for your diary: there will be a local vegetation/ecology walk and talk on Saturday October 10

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