

WHAT'S ON...MAY 2010

The monthly bulletin of the Upper Barwon Landcare Network

Landcare Celebration Weekend and Annual General Meeting— Wurdale Landcare Group are hosting the annual Landcare Celebration Weekend this year on Saturday 8th May. The day commences at 10am with a walk in the upper part of the Wormbete Creek in Daryl Hoffmann and Rose Humphries property. Address is 555 Bamba Cemetery Road, Bamba, 5.2Km along Bamba-Cemetery Rd from the Winchelsea-Deans Marsh Rd intersection We will be walking along a beautiful fern gully to a little known escarpment. We then move to the Wurdale hall for Soup and a BBQ lunch at mid day followed by the UBLN Annual General Meeting at 1pm. At the conclusion of the AGM at 2pm there will be a walk along another section of the Wormbete Creek through the Hill and Fagg properties starting at the Wurdale Road bridge. The day will conclude with afternoon tea in the Wormbete stables. Please feel free to join in for as much of the day as you wish. Lunch will be supplied. Bring your own drinks and snacks for the walks. No dogs on the walks please.

Barwon Water information evening— An information session has been organized on Wednesday 5th May at 7:30 pm in the Barwon Downs Hall. Joe Adamski, General Manager Strategy and Technology for Barwon Water will be reporting to the community on their extraction of ground water from the Barwon Downs borefield, its impacts and plans for the future. Clarke Whitehand from Southern Rural Water will also be attending to discuss issues relating to Barwon Water's extraction license. Please submit any questions that may require some research to the UBLN office so they can be forwarded on to the relevant presenter.

Murroon Landcare Group— Lorraine Cosgriff will be hosting the Annual General Meeting at her property 'Hillside', 160 Wickhams Road Murroon on Sunday 2nd of May. A BYO BBQ lunch will commence at 12:30pm prior to the AGM. A walk of Lorraine's farm to view the extensive re-vegetation work that has been carried out along steep gullies will follow the AGM. Visitors are most welcome to join in.

Soil Health and Farm Sustainability— The first two workshops supported by our Woolworths Farm Sustainability grant have been held in Birregurra. The next in

this series is 'Understanding Soil Biology' presented by Damien Bougoure. Followed by 'Understanding Soil Organic Matter and Soil Carbon' with Cath Botta on 14th July. Both of these workshops will be held in Birregurra with further details in the next 'What's On'.

Focus Farm Groups— Funding has been received from FarmReady to establish two discussion groups, one in the Birregurra—Murroon area and the second north of the highway in the Irrewarra-Murdeduke-Winchelsea area. Aim of this project is to help farmers adapt their enterprises to varying weather patterns and these groups have taken a 'biological farming' approach. First meetings for each group have been held. Contact the UBLN office if you wish to become involved.

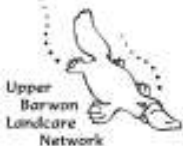
Otway LEAF (Linking Environment And Farms) Project— Presentations have been given to several Landcare Groups about the LEAF project in the last month and we will be visiting other groups in the very near future. Mapping of potential links is underway. To record sightings of species that are important to you, log on and register at <http://cwmp.spatialvision.com.au/svcwmp/> The LEAF project is supported by the Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

Irrewarra Farmcare Group— Next meeting will be Wednesday 19th May 10:30am at the Irrewarra Footy Club. Graham Clifford from BioGreen at Irrewillipe will give a presentation.

Wurdale Landcare Group — The next group meeting will be in the Wurdale Hall on Wednesday 26th May starting at 7:30pm. A representative from 'NutriSoil' will be attending give presentation on soil biology.

Fox Baiting— Bait sales and pick up day has been set for 10am—mid day on Tuesday at Peter Gannon's woolshed, 600 Murroon Road, Murroon. Contact John Sinclair on 0427 316 393 to order your baits or organize the necessary paperwork. A Farm Chemicals User Permit with a 1080 endorsement are required. Risk assessments need to be completed and neighbours notified.

From Waste to Energy— A discussion on Bioenergy and Biofuels with Liz Hamilton Senior Bioenergy Officer DPI. 7:30pm Deans Marsh Community Cottage 29th April.



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