

WHAT'S ON...JUNE 2010

The monthly bulletin of the Upper Barwon Landcare Network

Sustainable Farming Workshops— The next workshop in this series funded by our Woolworths Sustainable Farming grant is **Soil Biology**. We have been fortunate to secure the services of Damien Bourgoire, Soil Biologist from the Department of Primary Industries to present this workshop on Thursday 3rd June in the Birregurra Hall. Times are 10:00am to 3:00pm. One gram of topsoil may contain 100,000 different species of organism that contribute to the breakdown of plant residues, regulation of nutrient supply and improved soil structure. Damien will give you a good insight into Soil Biology and management techniques to enhance their activity. Lunch will be supplied. To assist with catering please RSVP to the UBLN office by 2nd June. A **Soil Carbon workshop** to be presented by Cath Botta has been organized for 14th July and will be followed later in the year with **Interpreting Soil Test Results**.

UBLN Executive— At the Annual General Meeting held on 8th May 2010 the follow people were elected to the Executive Committee :

Chairman—Roger Blake (East Otway) ; **Public Officer**— Stewart Mathison (Barwon Rivercare); **Committee Members**— Daryl Hoffmann (Wurdale); Aurell Dessewffy (Murroon); Peter Dorman (Barwon Rivercare); Andrew Stewart (Otway Agroforestry Network); Lorraine Cosgriff (Murroon); David Curry (East Otway). Other office holder positions will be decided at the next meeting to be held in June.

Fox Baiting— Bait sales and pick up for this years program has been set for 10am—midday Tuesday 1st June 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 before you can purchase baits. Risk assessment forms need to be completed and neighbours notified.

Otway Agroforestry Network— Farm Tree Expo will be held in Birregurra on Saturday 29th May between 10:00am— 4:30pm. There will be demonstrations and displays of establishment techniques, pruning equipment, harvesting machinery, portable mills, a wide range of products including bush foods, woodcrafts, musical instruments, Shiitake mushrooms and furniture.

Visitors will have direct access to local and national experts on all aspects of tree growing.

How 2 Make Things Happen 4U— a free interactive workshop for young people with some association with farming or living in a rural area. This workshop is part of the series 'Growing the Next Wave of Rural Leaders in South West Victoria' has been organized by WestVic Dairy. It will be held at the Mid City Motel in Colac on Wednesday 2nd June between 9:45am— 3pm. Contact Holly on 5592 2477 or holly@westvicdairy.com.au for more information or to register

Flora Training— Enid Mayfield, author of Flora of the Otway Plain and Ranges is running a workshop titled 'Wattles— Plant Structure, Identification and Stories' on Thursday 19th August, 9:00am— 12:30pm in the Geelong Botanic Gardens library. Cost is \$70. Enquiries and bookings to 5221 7856 or enid@westnet.com.au A similar workshop on Orchids will be held on Thursday 21st October, 9:00am— 3:30pm at a cost of \$140

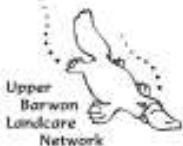
Barwon Water report— Following the Barwon Water information session held in May we have a copy of the 2008/09 report for the Gerangamete Groundwater Management Area—Groundwater Licence No 893889. Contact our office if you would like to borrow this report.

East Otway Landcare Goup— next meeting will be held at Martians on Saturday 19th June between 9:00am— 11:00am.

Irrewarra Farmcare Group— Next meeting will be Wednesday 16th June 10:30. Details to be confirmed. A number of people in the Irrewarra area have expressed interest in joining a proposed Whole Farm Planning course. The course can be tailored to suit participants and could include learning to use a web base program called eFarmer. The program allows landholders to map & measure areas & distances, create infrastructure records & printable farm maps and store information on soil test results & productivity records. Contact UBLN office if you are interested.

Wurdale Landcare Group — The next meeting will be in the Wurdale Hall on Wednesday 30th June in the Wurdale Hall at 7:30pm. Speaker to be confirmed.

Murroon Landcare Group— next meeting 30th July



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