

# WHAT'S ON...JULY 2010

The monthly bulletin of the Upper Barwon Landcare Network

## Soil Organic Matter and Soil Carbon Workshop

The next workshop in the series supported by our Woolworths Sustainable Farming Grant will be held in the Birregurra Hall on Wednesday 14th July between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. The presenter is Cath Botta. Soil Organic Matter and Soil Carbon are essential parts of nutrient cycling and are vital to maintaining healthy, productive and sustainable farming systems. The workshop aims to enable participants to:

- Understand what soil organic matter and soil carbon are
- Understand the functions of organic matter in the soil and how critical they are to soil health, productivity and sustainability
- Know how the various soil organic matter components change and deplete over time
- Understand how management practices encourage organic matter cycling in soils
- Understand how to incorporate learnings from this workshop into a soil health management plan
- Know where to find follow up information and advice

Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by Monday 12th July to the UBLN office on 5236 2401 or [neil@ubln.org.au](mailto:neil@ubln.org.au)

There is no cost to attend. Morning tea and lunch supplied.

This workshop is supported by the Department of Primary Industries *'Healthy Soils for Sustainable Farms'* program.

## Focus Farm Group meetings

**Birregurra— Murroon group—** Next meeting will be held at Nathan Bennett's property on Wednesday 21st July at 8:00am. Tim Johnston from the DPI Healthy Soils for Sustainable Farming program will be attending.

**Irrewarra—Murdeduke— Winchelsea Group.** Next meeting will be held at the Winchelsea Shire Hall Tearooms at 7:30am for breakfast on Tuesday 27th July. Adrian Kennelly for RMCg will be conducting a workshop on business management.

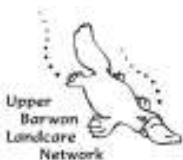
**Otway LEAF project—** presentations have been given to the Landcare groups and schools in the immediate project area. A draft plan is now in preparation and Peer Group Mentors from the Otway Agroforestry Network are contacting landholders to scope out future on-ground works and ground truth some of the information that has been provided to us by the various government agencies. School students are now adding their favourite flora and fauna sightings to the interactive map. This map is available to anyone in the community to use to record sightings that are important to them. Everyone is encouraged to contribute. Go to <http://cwmp.spatialvision.com.au/svcwmp/> or contact the UBLN office for further details or assistance.

**Murroon Landcare Group—** next meeting will be held at 12:30 pm on Friday 30th July at Peter and Jan Greigs' property. The meeting will include a presentation on the Otway LEAF project. There will also be a brief presentation on the 'structure' of Landcare, the roles of the various bodies and how they interact.

**Irrewarra Farmcare Group—** next meeting will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday 21st July. Venue is Will and Kate Hanson's property, 630 Ramsay Road. The topic for the meeting will be 'Lucerne establishment'. Included will be a paddock walk to look at the work Will has been doing.

**Wurdale Landcare Group—** no plans for a July meeting.

**NAIDOC Week—** The Colac group for National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee are celebrating NAIDOC week this year between the 5th—10th July with a series of community events. The program includes: Monday 5th—BBQ lunch and welcome to country, indigenous dancers & smoking ceremony. Wednesday 7th—reading at the library. Thursday 8th—Bus trip to Cape Otway Lighthouse, Friday 9th—Awards presentation, entertainment & music. Saturday 10th— soccer match. For further information contact Anne on 0439 294 993 or [annem3641@gmail.com](mailto:annem3641@gmail.com)



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