



Deep Creek Landcare Group

Covering the Lancefield & Romsey Districts

Newsletter

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Monthly Meetings:

2nd Monday of every month
Lancefield Mechanics Hall
Institute Annex.

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Local Schools love landcare trees

The Spring TreeProject trees were the best we've received for many years. Must have been all that rain.

Unfortunately, however, there was very little interest from the members in purchasing such wonderful locally sourced indigenous tube-stock, notwithstanding the ridiculously low price of 40 cents each. So, rather than waste them, we donated them to a very happy band of primary school students from each of the Lancefield Primary School, St Mary's School Lancefield and the Romsey Primary School just before the school break-ups in December. A great outcome.

Pictured here are Lancefield Primary School teacher Andrea van Gils and her happy band of budding landcarers with our gorgeous gifts.



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Mt William Biodiversity Corridor Establishment Project

The Mt William ridge line is a focal point for the whole of Lancefield, but it is badly exposed and degraded and its remnant vegetation and fauna require protection and restoration as can be seen from the photo below:



Therefore, the Group has submitted an application for a grant to undertake this project through the DSE Communities for Nature program. We are envisaging a quite large project over four years to work with landowners to undertake fencing works, pest plant and animal control, and revegetation. Fauna native to the area include brushtailed phascogales, wedge tailed eagles and koalas.

The creation of a biodiversity corridor along the Mt William ridge line will provide many environmental benefits including improving remnant vegetation and native habitat, allowing natural regeneration to occur and also increasing native fauna.

Fingers crossed for a successful grant outcome.

Website Undergoing Large update

For those who don't know, my name is Jayne Bell and I am the new webmaster for the group's website. The website is now up-to-date but still needs some work. The Website will be a way to show ourselves to the wider community and maybe, hopefully, bring a few new members to our meetings. It will also be a way for current members to stay up-to-date with current projects our group is undertaking, as well as a record of all our previous projects.

Currently our Gallery is looking a little sparse, so if you have any pictures from working bees, meetings or other Landcare events, please send them though to deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com so that I can add them.

I've added a Facebook page for the group, I'm not sure how well this will work out, and I'm not a big fan of Facebook myself. But please, if you have an account, I believe you can just add us by going to our website and clicking 'like'.

If you have any thoughts about the website or if you have something you would like to add, then please feel free to contact me at the email address above.

Sheehan's Reserve, Romsey

Members of the Group have been working with officers of both Parks Vic and Melbourne Water over the past twelve months to develop a project to clean up, revegetate and restore the Parks Vic managed crown land known as Sheehan's Reserve. Enhancing this degraded reserve and associated waterway will have enormous benefits for both the local Romsey community and surrounding community members.



So far we have been successful in receiving \$1,000 towards the project from Parks Vic through its "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" grants program and are currently seeking a grant from Melbourne Water through its "Improving River Health" grants.

The plan is to have a couple of "clean up" working bees, following by one or more community planting days, so please contact us if you would like to be involved.

Bendigo Bank Supports us Once Again

The Bendigo Bank has been a great supporter of the Deep Creek Landcare Group over many years. This year through their "Community Investment Program" they have provided us with \$500 towards the purchase of a 100 litre slip-on 12 volt spray unit (plus battery) which will be used by the members for preparatory spraying for new plantings and maintenance spraying of existing plantings.

In the previous three years the Bendigo Bank has provided us with \$500 per annum which has enabled the group to purchase the following items: miscellaneous planting equipment (2010/11), portable demountable clipole display system(2009/10), display banner for use on public occasions (2008/09).

Once again, many thanks to the Bendigo Bank for their wonderful support of community activities through their Community Investment Program



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Revised Vision & Mission Statements for 2012

Vision:
Our vision is to enhance biodiversity & natural ecosystems within the local environment.

Mission:
Our mission is to raise awareness of, protect & enhance the local environment.

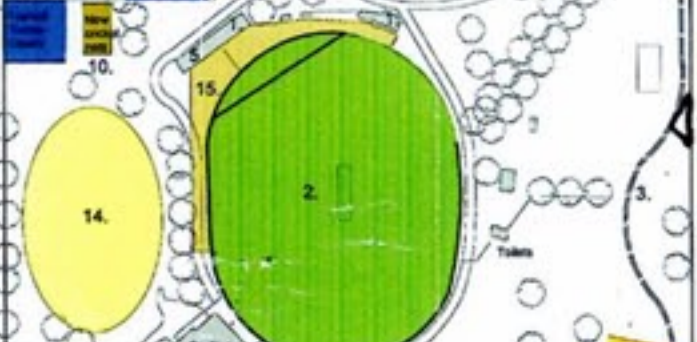
Goals:
To protect & improve the quality of water in our creeks & the Riparian environment.
To protect & nurture the biodiversity of our natural ecosystems & species.
To encourage sustainable use of natural resources by primary industries & landholders.
To engage the community in our endeavors & to increase our active membership.

25th Anniversary of Landcare Project

At the recent AGM, outgoing Deep Creek Landcare Group President John Anderson was pleased to announce receipt of a grant to establish a "Celebrating Landcare Indigenous Garden" in his handover to incoming President and Project Manager, Robin Ford.

Robin said "the garden will be built at Lancefield Park, the recreational centre of the town, and we have had wonderful support from the Lancefield Park Committee of Management, the Macedon Shire Ranges Council and the funding body, Port Phillip & Westernport CMA". "This is an exciting project which will demonstrate enhancement of conservation and indigenous values and comprise a combination of indigenous plantings."

Funding for the project is provided by the State Government as part of the Victorian Landcare Grants delivered by the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA Community Grants Program. The Group also received general support funding for its regular activities



Location of Anniversary Park



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