



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

Newsletter

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BRLCG Christmas Party and final meeting for 2008

Wednesday 17th December

7.30 pm at the Balliang Hall

BYO Drinks

Sumptuous Barbeque supplied by Alistair Sadler Meats

Members: free

Non members \$25

A hint: cost of annual membership is \$25!

Office Bearers for 2009

President: Andrew Prime

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Committee members:

Alistair Sadler

Michelle Kerr

John Anderson

Past President: Neil Day

Revegetation subsidy now offered to members

The AGM decided to offer a subsidy of up to \$100 per financial membership to encourage local indigenous revegetation efforts by members that are not otherwise financially supported. The subsidy is a contribution towards the purchase of tree guards and/or stakes and/or weed mats at a rate of \$1 per tree planted, up to the value of \$100 per financial membership. The maximum overall spend is to be limited to \$2000 for the group.

Speakers for meetings in 2009

Your committee is looking for suggestions about speakers for our meetings in 2009. The suggestions received so far include speakers on:

- Biodynamic farming
- Farm succession planning
- Biodiesel
- Animal health - especially mulesing

Comments on these or other topics are sought.

Rabbit problems?

The BRLCG offers members a subsidy to cover the cost of small quantities of rabbit bait. Baiting is often recommended in the late summer or early autumn when food for bunnies is scarce. Pinadone is available without the special training needed for the ACUP permit required for some other more toxic baits.

Talk to a member of the committee if you are interested!

Rabbit numbers tend to build up in the Autumn, so generally the best times for baiting are February/March/April.

Water Watch



Several members participate in the WaterWatch program which monitors stream health at several places in the BRLCG network. Pictured are Anne McLaughlin from WaterWatch and Chris Winfield checking the Waterwatch site on the Little River between the properties of Eric Sharkey and Neil Day. This section of the river is now fenced off so some regeneration of vegetation is eagerly awaited.

A special water watch kit is supplied and training is provided so that volunteers can assess important aspects of water quality such as Ph, phosphorous content and turbidity. Results are collated State-wide and provide a good index of the health of our river systems. If you are interested in joining the program ask any committee member. All you need is water!!!

Weed problems?

Don't forget our weed spraying trailer is for hire.

We also have a pottapuki tree planter that saves a lot of back breaking bending when planting trees! It does require a good friable seedbed however ... something that can be difficult to provide in drought conditions!

A little humour

Definition of Schadenfreude: the smug feeling you get when you see two Mercedes gently collide in a car park.

And finally some wise words from our very own guru:

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

I am not a vegetarian because I love animals. I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.

It's lonely at the top, but you eat better.

Oh Lord, give me patience, and GIVE IT TO ME NOW!

