



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

Newsletter

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Brisbane Ranges LandCare Meeting
7-30pm Wednesday 24th February, 2010
Balliang Hall

Speaker: Matt Kinred Melbourne Water.

Matt has taken over the role formerly filled by Ian Garsed from Melbourne Water which recently took responsibility for the Little River. Together with the Vision for Werribee Plains organization, Melbourne Water has generously funded our recent grant to re-vegetate approximately 14 kilometres of the Little River stream frontage. They are currently undertaking a study of the environmental flows in the Little River in preparation for development of a long-term policy for the management of this important water way which has been a major focus of BRLC Group activities. Matt will also front for Melbourne Water in its capital works, weed control (e.g. tiger pear) and continue the generous support available through Stream Frontage Management grants.

Matt will informally tell us about work that is underway, including grants available to land owners, the environmental flow study and, if information is available, plans for the Lower Stoney Creek Reservoir for which Melbourne Water is now responsible. Most importantly, however, Max is very keen to meet Landcare members and local residents and find out about our interests and concerns.

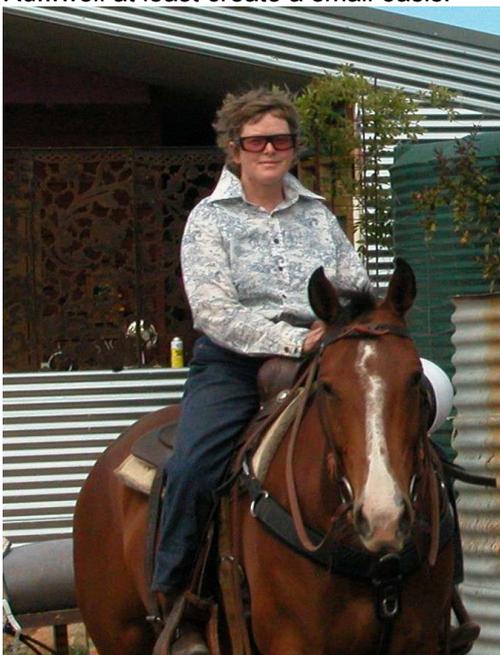
BRLCG executive: New blood

Following a bitterly fought election campaign, two young Turks have forced their way onto the executive: Allan (Bart) Bartholomew and Jacki Staude. We thank these members for committing to playing an active role in the management of our group and will welcome the new perspectives and insights they will bring. The low-down on Allan will be our next edition, but this time Jacki reveals all in following profile she has provided about herself and her family:

"We moved out of Melbourne to Murphy Rd, Balliang in mid 2005 ... to a tiny house on a few naked acres...well there were three trees! Alistair and I wanted to get back on the horses and have some space and fresh air around us.

I grew up on a farm in South. Australia: sheep, cattle, wheat and other crops. I lived overseas in suburban Texas for a year on a high school exchange before studying Fine Arts (Sculpture) at Ballarat. My metalwork interest was further developed when I met Alistair who was working as a blacksmith way back then. For many years I worked out of a shared artists space in Footscray...making work for exhibitions, on commission, furniture, fences gates public sculpture and the like. In 2000 we bought our own workshop ("*Beach House*") in North Shore.

Over the last few years Alistair and I have been building to alter our Murphy Rd house into a not-so-tiny house. We have two children: Benita living in Melbourne at Melbourne University doing an Arts/Science Degree, and Joey in year 9 at Lara Secondary College. I am a very keen gardener having established an edible jungle at our workshop in North Shore...I hope to do the same at Murphy Rd...well at least create a small oasis!"



New committee member, Jacki Staude, and friend.

Rabbit Baiting

Maude Landcare Group are, once again, running a rabbit baiting campaign supplying 1080 and Pindone poisoned carrots to landholders at competitive rates. Pindone-laced carrots cost \$63 for 20 kg, \$32 for 10 kg or \$16.50 for 5kg. Orders should be submitted by 19th February and bait will be supplied on 26th February and 1st and 4th March. Note that you should bait on each of these three days. Our group may have access to a baitlayer which makes putting out large amounts of poisoned carrots a snip!

No special licence is required, but landholders should note that Pindone should be responsibly used, and neither BR nor the Maude LC Groups will accept responsibility for use of the poison.

1080 is also available for members with the ACUP: a special licence.

Because of the scheduling of this newsletter, members with email addresses should have received prior notification about this campaign. If you would like to participate but are late in finding out about the campaign, please contact us, we may be able to help!

Contact Neil Day, 53694313 for further information.

Free Money!!!

Note that the BRLCG offers members a subsidy of up to \$50 for the purchase of poisoned carrots for use in our area. Another subsidy, of up to \$100 per member family, is available to assist with small scale tree planting not otherwise subsidized.

Contact our treasurer, Chris Winfield 53694214 for information.

Other News

Two of our executive, John Anderson and Andrew Prime, will join Max Coster (Vision for Werribee Plains) and a Melbourne Water Nominee on a Steering Committee to manage implementation of the Little River Revegetation Project!

Our group has received grants totalling \$800 from Melbourne Water and the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority to support promotion (e.g. this newsletter) and administration.

For your diary: provisional meeting dates for 2010

4 February, 28 April, 30 June, 25 August, 27 October, 16 December. All meetings in Balliang Hall, 1930h.