



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

# Newsletter

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## Annual General Meeting

## Election of Office Bearers

Thursday, 21st August, 2014 @ 1930h,  
Balliang Hall  
Balliang-Bacchus Marsh Road  
(opposite CFA fire shed)

Several important issues have arisen over recent months which the Executive would like to canvass at the AGM.

For a landcare group named after the Brisbane Ranges, we spend a lot of time and effort on the upper and middle reaches of the Little River. Should we change any aspect of our group to reflect this broader focus?

The welcome arrival of the Mt Rothwell Landcare Group, together with the long established Little River Improvement Program (drawn from areas around the township of Little River) means we now have landcare groups spaced out along the length of the Little River. Should we be seeking to take a more "whole of catchment" approach in some of our activities, and how should we coordinate with these other groups?

Thanks to generous support from several funding bodies and the economies we have managed to achieve, we have a surplus of funds that should be expended. Your ideas needed on this urgent matter!!!

## Geology Field Trip



Neville Rosengren, pictured above, is an earth scientist with a Masters thesis on the geomorphology of the Gippsland coast and Ph.D. studies on volcanic coasts in Indonesia, New Zealand, Iceland and Santorini. His career includes teaching and research in geomorphology and environmental studies at Melbourne, RMIT and La Trobe Universities. He is an Honorary Associate at La Trobe University and maintains consultancy and community teaching engagements in Australia and overseas. Neville has a long association with the Brisbane Ranges, Little River and the Balliang Plains as teaching and research sites.

Some years ago, we had a talk from a visiting geologist who held our members spellbound with a detailed account of the geology of our area. It turns out that the Balliang area has a diverse range of geological features, many not found elsewhere in the country. Now we have the chance not only to hear, but to see these features as they are explained by an expert on the geology of our area.

Mark Trengove from BRLG together with the Mt Rothwell Landcare group have arranged for Neville to conduct a talk and tour for Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 0930h. The activities commence with a classroom session at Mt Rothwell Interpretative

Centre, followed by a bus tour of selected sites. BYO lunch. Please arrive at Mt Rothwell (Mt Rothwell Rd, off Little River Ripley Rd, West of Kirksbridge Rd intersection) 9.30am for morning tea. Classroom session commences 10am **RSVP is ESSENTIAL:** Book with Mark 0428298087 or Trish 0413064479

## Breakfast for our Croppers

The PPWPCMA is holding a special "Croppers' Breakfast" at 0730h on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Karen Thomas, who spoke recently to our group, will talk about options available on her program. This event will be of particular interest to farmers among our members. Contact James Bufton, 0418524863 if you would like to attend.

## 1935 trees and grasses in a weekend!

Brad Ferrier and family, with lots of help from volunteers, planted 1935 trees and grasses over a single chilly weekend in early July with support from BRLG. Brad sent us the photo below with the interesting explanation: "a photo highlighting nitrogen fixing root nodules Rhizobium bacteria on roots of an Acacia.



## Elections

**Nominations are invited for all positions on the BRLG for the coming year. Some nominations have been received, but more are required! Nominations can be accepted at the AGM.**