



# Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

## Newsletter

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***Reg Abrahams:***

***Wathaurong Co-op Cultural Officer***

***“Kitjarra ngitj”***

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 @ 1930h,  
Balliang Hall  
Balliang-Bacchus Marsh Road

(BRLG Annual General Meeting and  
Election of office-bearers)

Reg will talk about the landcare-related activities that the Wathaurong undertake in our area and how the Wathaurong utilize these works to provide mentorship and skills for younger local Koories.

As we share interests in restoration of habitat and pasture grasses, the meeting will also be a chance for us to explore any areas of possible cooperation between our groups.

“Kitjarra ngitj” means “let’s talk together” in the Wathaurong language. Information about some words and phrases in the Wathaurong language may be found at

[.http://www.wathaurong.org.au/uploads/pdf/June%20July%202015%20final.pdf](http://www.wathaurong.org.au/uploads/pdf/June%20July%202015%20final.pdf)

At the same website you can also find information about the Cooperative, including work on maintaining the Wathaurong language. The active Geelong-based Cooperative also offers health and other services to the Koori community.

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## Help to welcome tree planting volunteers to Balliang 22-23 August.

As mentioned previously, the 15-trees organization has arranged the donation of plants and assistance of volunteers to plant them. Their sponsor is Pana Chocolate and they have recently doubled their already generous offer to some 4000 trees, and around 50 volunteers, to be used for plantings for BRLG and two other local groups.

We are hoping that as many members and friends as possible can join us for at least some of the planting, due to take place on Saturday and Sunday 22-23 August – particularly on Saturday morning to help get everyone started.

Our guests will be staying at the Staughton Vale School camp on the corner of McLeans Highway and Staughton Vale Road. Please join us in welcoming these visitors who have generously given a lot of their time to help us improve our area. Bring any tree planting gear you have available.

## Reminder : Bus Trip and Field Walk

Presented by John Morgan, co-author of the recently published book '*Land of Sweeping Plains*'. This bus trip and field walk has been set up to follow up our very successful geology trip with Neville Rosengren last year. John will lead a bus tour showing the ecological diversity of our landcare area (the plains, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, also the ranges and the granites).

Meet before the 9.30 am start on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at the Balliang Hall. Bring stout footwear and waterproofs if rain is likely ... not usually a problem round Balliang!!!

Like the trip last year, this event will be popular. Please phone Mark Trengove on 0428 298 087 to reserve your spot on the bus.

For more information on the book and presenter see:

<http://www.publish.csiro.au/pid/7219.htm>

## Corangamite Rural Women's workshop: Essential conversations for farm businesses

Presented by experienced facilitator Jeanette Long from Ardrossan in South Australia. Jeanette is a very skilled communicator, having helped many farming business work through the challenges of planning for the future. Jeanette will share her experiences and tips on:

- What to consider when transitioning the farm from one generation to the next
- Approaches to enable you to continue enjoying farming as you get older
- How to keep the gains from Landcare alive into the future
- Strategies to think about if the children want to keep the farm but no one wants to farm it!

Monday 24th August, 2015, Cape Clear Recreation Reserve, Cape Clear 6.30 pm (for dinner – BYO drinks), 7.30 pm for presentation. (Alternative session: Inverleigh Tuesday 25/8 1000-1400h.)

RSVP by Friday 21st for dinner:

Jen Clarke: 0407 331 720

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## Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group: Elections

Elections will be held at this Annual General Meeting. Nominations are invited for all positions on the BRLG Executive for the coming year. Some nominations have been received, but more are required! Nominations can be accepted at the AGM.

Members who have not served on the Executive are urged to nominate. Newly joined members are especially welcome! Turnover of executive membership keeps local groups alive!!!

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