

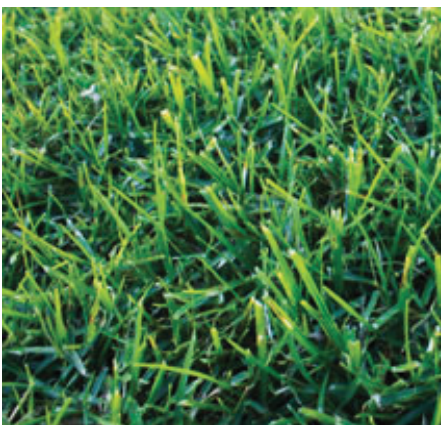
## Shed opening – 33 years in the making

Last year on December 12, we celebrated our shed opening. The event was held outside the shed in glorious sunshine and the 40 attendees were treated to entertaining speeches on the previous Landcare 'sheds', a few words from the major sponsors, and some poetry from Mike Cleeland. The shed opening was marked with the cutting of a ribbon. In addition, the group unveiled a Life Membership honour board, a President's honour board and a plaque recognising this momentous occasion. Please refer to two further attachments in the email for the full story and our photo board of the day.

## Expressions of interest for plants & planting days

We are currently receiving expressions of interest for rural landholders who would be interested in planting this coming Winter. Subsidies may be available for spot spraying, fencing, and plants. Please contact Geoff Trease for further enquiries on 0437 011 638.

## Kikuyu - Weed of the month



This spreading grass is rightly listed as a Weed of National Significance because of its ability to smother other vegetation and form a monoculture. This time of year is often a good time to control it because the green colour stands out against the dry grass, but this unusually wet summer is a little different! Kikuyu can be controlled by digging it out, use of approved herbicides or smothering with black plastic, cardboard or equivalent.

## Membership officer

Robyn and Thirza are resigning as the membership team. Thanks to Robyn and Thirza for their help with membership over recent times.

Jasmin Rooks is the new membership officer. Her contact details are:

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or 0497 370 216.

## 2020 Committee

For 2020 we have a full committee and a few additional interested members, who will be taking on special projects.

Thanks to all those members who put their hand up to get involved in 2020. At our first gathering for the year we had photos taken by local professional photographer Claire Davie. Thank you Claire. We have much to celebrate this year with the Coastal Care Grant, Winter plantings, Re-veg monitoring and our new project, 'Urban welcome visits'

## Carbon Farming trial

Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI), is one year into a two year project of trialling carbon farming on five Phillip Island farms. They wish to expand the trial and seek three further farms. Ideally the area to be trialled would be 10 acres or more. Pre and post soil measurements are paid by TRPI. Then working together with TRPI, the landholder looks to encourage carbon sequestration by introducing regenerative farming practices. For further enquiries contact Bhavani Rooks, TRPI Project Co-ordinator, on 0457 148 921.

