

Calendar of events

Feb: Bushbank vouchers issued
Mar 03: PINP Open day
Jun 14: Bunny Boiler
Jun 29: Tree planting day
Jul 28: Tree planting day
Aug 25: Tree planting day
Sep:TBC Tree planting day
Nov:TBC Annual General Meeting

Phillip Island Landcare Group welcomes new trailer

The Phillip Island Landcare Group recently received a new trailer from the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne – Sunrise Inc, which was no longer required after the project it was used for finished. The trailer is much more than just a trailer – a trailer-caravan that perfectly suits the needs of the group. It will have two main purposes – 1: For the groups' tree planting days and 2: As a promotional caravan on other community days.

Our first community day to launch this new caravan is March 3 at the Phillip Island Nature Parks Open Day and will be on display from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Koala Conservation Centre.

The Phillip Island Landcare Group host at least three planting days each year on the Island when up to 1000 trees are planted and a BBQ is provided for the volunteers. Everything needed can now be stored and brought out from the new trailer.

The Group is investigating use of this trailer-caravan to other like minded community groups here on the island or other landcare groups within the Bass Coast Landcare Network. Our trailer will be securely stored in our new Shed (which has just been approved) at the Nature Park's Koala Conservation Centre.

We also invite members to a guided tour of the Barb Martin Bushbank (behind the KCC), from 1.30pm on March 3 to see the current upgraded nursery.

We have a home!

We received exciting news from the Nature Park recently. They have accepted (endorsed in principle) our wish to build a Phillip Island Landcare Shed on their land at Koala Conservation Centre. The shed will store our new trailer, our currently used resources and historical memorabilia. We thank the Nature Park kindly for their offer and recognise the strong partnership and collaborative work our two groups share. We'll keep you updated on the shed project as it progresses.

Membership

Thanks to those people who have renewed their 2018/ 19 membership. If you have renewed your membership we have enclosed your membership card for this year. Those that haven't renewed have received a reminder card.

Die back

We have recently joined with Bass Coast Shire Council, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Phillip Island Conservation Society to address the issue on 'dieback' on the Island. Dieback is the dying of Eucalyptus trees without the full knowledge on why this is happening. We hope to establish why it is happening and put in processes to stop it. If you wish to share anything with this sub group please call Mike Cleeland on mikeosaurus@yahoo.com.au

New brochures

We have enclosed 4 brochures in this newsletter. One for you and three to give out to increase awareness of what our group does, encouraging them to become members.



Phillip Island Landcare Group receiving their new trailer from the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne – Sunrise Inc. Landcare members are: (L to R) Bill Cleeland, Leela Maki, Bhavani Rooks, Charles Watson, Bev Watson, David Rooks with Kevin Love, Board member from Phillip Island Nature Park and member of Rotary Club of Central Melbourne – Sunrise Inc.