

Winter planting sessions

We are excited to offer 6 planting sessions for this Winter. All planting sessions begin at 9.30am with morning tea, followed by planting from 10.00am. The 2022 dates are as follows:

Saturday June 18:– Davie’s Farm, 663 Back Beach Rd, Ventnor.

Saturday June 25:– Jeffery’s Farm, 549 Ventnor Rd, Ventnor.

Saturday July 2:– Webster’s Farm, 230 Rhyll Newhaven Rd.

Saturday July 23:– Plant’s Farm, 1265 Phillip Island Rd, Surf Beach.

Saturday August 13:– Morton’s Farm, 14 Wiltshire Rd, Ventnor.

Tuesday August 30:– Council Land, Gap Rd (Northern End), Cowes.

We hope to see you at as many planting sessions as possible. All ages and abilities are welcome. No need to RSVP — just turn up. Further information can be found on our website.

Membership plants



Membership plants are now available. All members are entitled to 20 free membership plants. The variety of plants this year is huge, with thanks going to Leela Maki who completed the order through Bushbank. You can pick up your plants from the Rooks farm at 457 Ventnor Rd, Ventnor. — Contact David Rooks on 0418 115 935 or david@eventsupport.com.au to arrange a suitable time.

Membership now due

Membership is due by June 30 for the financial period of first of July 2022 to June 30, 2023. We encourage you to go our website: [www.phillipislandlandcare.org.au/](http://www.phillipislandlandcare.org.au) and renew your membership. Our membership has grown recently to around 160. We thank you all for your support.

Phillip Island Land Alliance

Phillip Island is recognised for its sensitive and unique landscapes. It is important they are protected and enhanced. To further this cause a newly formed group named *Phillip Island Land Alliance (PILA)* has developed. The vision for the 11 inaugural groups that make up the alliance is, ‘A connected community who respects and protects the unique and biodiverse environment of Phillip Island’. The alliance members include all 9 coastal groups that manage their respective areas of the Phillip Island coast, Phillip Island Landcare Group and Phillip Island Conservation Society. Please go to our website to see further information on the alliance.

Dieback

The Dieback sub-committee are working on a monitoring process to help people monitor the effects of Eucalyptus dieback on their properties. Member John Eddy has devised a simple process; which we are currently putting into a monitoring pack, including instructions on recording what is happening on your property or roadside. With enough input from properties across the island using this standardised method, we can see if there is any pattern emerging from the data collected.

Stay tuned for emails to members on when our Dieback monitoring pack will be available.

Home Garden visits

After a slow start, due to Covid, our group has completed most of the Home Garden Visits for all those who have signed up. The feedback has been fantastic from all involved – both participants and the volunteers. Check out the image below where David and Leela were provided with a ‘cuppa’ that went beyond the call of duty when they recently visited a Ventnor home.



Further events

A few upcoming events organised by the Bass Coast Landcare Network which include:

Wednesday June 15: – Visit to CERES Fair Wood and mobile salvage sawmilling

Saturday June 18: – Regenerative agriculture for small properties workshop – 10.00am to 2.30pm.

Bookings are essential. Further details go to their website:

www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/newsandevents

Friday June 17 – Book launch, Tony Rinaudo’s ‘The Forest Underground – Hope for a Planet in Crisis’, 2.00pm Newhaven Yacht Club, sponsored by Phillip Island World Vision Club. www.fmrhub.com.au

Urban Forest Strategy

Bass Coast Shire Council is developing an Urban Forest Strategy to drive improvements to help ensure we grow a healthy, green and resilient urban forest that is well managed, protected and provides maximum benefits to our community.

Everyone can help grow our urban forest, and enjoy the many benefits trees and shrubs provide.

We encourage you to contribute to shaping our urban forest approach by completing the survey for individuals or download the community groups/organisations submission form. Full details at:

engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/urban-forest

National Landcare Conference

The National Landcare Conference is the largest knowledge sharing convention for the Landcare community. This national event brings together Landcare groups and volunteers, landholders and farmers, Indigenous land and sea managers, landcare facilitators and coordinators, educators, research agencies, universities, natural resource management professionals, and other community environmental groups and individuals to share insights, learn and connect. 2022 National Landcare Conference is in Sydney from 23 to 25 August. For full details go to

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Weed of the Month

Capeweed *Arctotheca calendula*

Status: Agricultural weed

Family: Asteraceae

Origin: Africa

Description: A widespread annual herb with divided, spreading leaves and yellow, daisy like flowers. Seeds covered in a pink, tangled wooly covering.

Dispersal: Seeds spread by animals, wind and machinery.

Invades: Bare areas in paddocks and waste places.

This weed has just germinated, so the strategy is to get in early before spring flowering and seeding

