

## Upcoming Events

**Planting session:** Saturday 22 October

**Bus Tour:** Friday 28 October

**AGM:** Wednesday 7 December

**Bunny boiler:** Wednesday 7 December

## Spring Planting Session

We have a new planting session coming up on Saturday October 22. We have 1400 tube stock to plant at Helen Henderson's farm. The address is 117 Rhyll-Newhaven Rd. Helen is a passionate Landcarer who has completed many re-vegetation projects over the years. We hope you can attend to assist Helen and admire the previous plantings. 9.30am for morning tea, with a 10.00am start. To help Helen organise the food on the day please RSVP to [david@eventsupport.com.au](mailto:david@eventsupport.com.au) or 0418 115 935.

## Landcare Bus Tour

We hope you can join us on our upcoming Bus tour on Friday October 28. From 9.30am you can meet at Waterboy Cafe to grab a coffee or a chai, otherwise be at Cowes Transit Centre by 9.45am for a 10.00am departure. Return time is 4.00pm. We will be visiting the following sites: Catholic Primary School, Council's new Cowes recreational reserve (old Carnival site), Council's proposed transfer centre at Gap Rd, Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Biodiversity Project, Scenic Estate, Kim Plants' and Jim McFees' farms. Some sites we'll walk around, others we'll chat about from the bus. Lunch will be at The Wild Food Farm in Rhyll. \$20.00 will get you lunch and the bus ride. Bookings can be made online at

<https://www.phillipislandlandcare.org.au/landcare-bus-tour>

## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 5.00pm on Wednesday December 7 at the Phillip Island Winery, with our annual Bunny Boiler event following from 6.00pm. At the AGM we present the Chair and Treasurer's report for the year, listen to any general feedback and appoint our new Committee. If you're interested in getting

involved in the committee or as a non-committee helper please come along. If you'd like further information prior to the AGM, please contact David Rooks – Chair on [david@eventsupport.com.au](mailto:david@eventsupport.com.au) or 0418 115 935.

## Bunny Boiler

The 2022 Bunny Boiler will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday December 7 at the Phillip Island Winery, following our AGM. The Bunny Boiler is an annual dinner our group hosts. The scrumptious meal on the night will include the option of a rabbit or vegetarian dish. The dinner event also highlights the environmental damage caused by rabbits. This year, Tim Bloomfield and Bass Coast Landcare Network will return to update our community on the Phillip Island 'Teaming Up to Tackle Rabbits' project that is in its second year of a three year period. If you're tired of rabbits on our Island come along and learn what's going on and the opportunities for you to get involved.

Tickets for the bunny boiler will be available soon.



## Island Bush Carer

We are pleased to finally launch our Island Bush Care project. There are two programs on offer: A plant a day and Emission reduction. Both programs provide an opportunity for you to have direct impact in revegetating Phillip Island. In partnership with Totally Renewable Phillip island, indigenous trees will be purchased and planted on selected land. As an Island Bush Carer, the contribution you make goes towards purchase of trees reducing your impact on the environment. Your contribution could be 'a tree a day, a week', or another option of your choice

For example, as a business, your choice may be a portion of every item or service provided by your business. Each plant is costed at \$3.00, which includes an indigenous plant from Barb-Martin Bushbank, a rabbit guard and two stakes. Our website has further information on the programs, including an online application form. We hope you, your business or community group take up one of these great programs. Participants in either program will be able to advertise their support through our Island Bush Carer sticker or sign.

## Successful planting sessions

Thanks to all those volunteers who participated in this Winter's planting sessions. This year's sites ranged from Plains Grassy woodland to Swamp Scrub across bare paddocks with an aim of returning areas to nature and creating Biolinks or wildlife corridors. Our participant numbers ranged from 20 to 60 for each session. During the six community planting sessions we planted 6500 plants, ate six delicious lunches, socialised with others, had a Cultural Heritage induction from the Bunurong Land Council, had one vehicle bogged, 5 sunny days and spent quality time outdoors. Next year we've applied for funding to build temporary rabbit and wallaby proof fencing to trial re-vegetation sites without any animal grazing. As volunteers we will be building the fences so you can apply this knowledge elsewhere.

