NEWSLETTER

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Hi Landcare members, we realise its been a while since our last newsletter and there is much to share with you. We are currently holding our monthly meetings online using Zoom.

2019 AGM and Christmas Dinner.

The evening was a success with 35 attendees. Thanks to Bimbadeen Café for hosting this event and providing the food. Also to Bern Carroll for performing alongside Bill Cleeland on guitar and Anthi Emmanouil on drums. They provided great entertainment and had everyone up dancing.

Our 2020 committee

This has only once change from last year. Ian McPhee resigned and is replaced by Jarryd Minahan. Our committee and their roles are:
David Rooks – President
Jarryd Minahan – Vice President/Social Media
Dean Thompson – Treasurer
Mike Cleeland /Board Representative, Nature Park Advisory Committee
Bev Watson – Public Officer
Charles Watson – Bushbank Representative / Graphic design.
Leela Maki – Committee
Bill Cleeland – Committee
Richie Davie – Committee
Derek Hibbert – Committee
Jim McFee – Committee
Jon Fallaw – Committee

New membership team.

Introducing Robyn and Thirza. All enquiries for membership now go to Robyn on 0417 106 361 or phillpislandlandcare@gmail.com

Lisa Wangman,our new BCLN staff representative has taken over from Joel Geoghegan. Welcome back Lisa and thanks Joel for your efforts over the last few years.

Landcare Australia, together with the Landcare State and Territory organisations, have agreed to change the date for Landcare Week to be held the first week of August.

Farm gate, letterbox and house signs.

We have new signs for members to proudly put up on your property. We have three sign sizes. A farm gate sign, a letter box size sign and a house sign for those that don't have a farm gate or letter box. The signs are complimentary. We will look to distribute the signs along with members vouchers plants.

Bushbank closure and plant vouchers

Following the temporary closure of Bushbank, Kate Wills, PINP Churchill Island Horticulturist and Rachael Ferguson, PINP Volunteers coordinator will cover Bushbank while Candice takes up a short term contract elsewhere. We look forward to welcoming Candice back when Bushbank re-opens. As Bushbank is closed our group is looking at options to get your members voucher plants to you. We will have an update on this in late May with an aim to distribute plants from the start of June. This may include the chance to purchase additional retail tube stock.

2020 Planting days

We still hope to do a number of planting days this Winter with dates planned for the following landholders: Darren and Tracey Jeffrey, Huey Stoppa and David and Bhavani Rooks. Further details to come.

Weed funding

Recent funding was used to attack blackberries in an attempt to eradicate it off the Island. We still have some weed funding to spend. If you know of any final blackberry locations on the island please contact Geoff Trease on 0437 011 638. geoff.trease@basscoastlandcare.org.au

Climate Change Action Plan

Our Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to developing an evidence-based, Climate Change Action Plan. Our group supports this initiative.

The Plan will guide the community towards net-zero emissions while facilitating climate adaptation and urban resilience over the next 10 years. Council is now inviting the community to complete a survey, to support this work.

Residents are encouraged to participate and share their thoughts on climate action and adaptation by completing an online survey, which is open until Thursday, 30 April. The survey is estimated to take 15 to 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed from the Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/climateaction.

To request a hard-copy of the survey, contact Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Advisor on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211, or email benita.russell@basscoast.vic.gov.au

The Victorian Landcare Grants 2020 – 2021

Our group is submitting a grant in partnership with Council, Nature Parks and Phillip Island Conservation Society to help us understand dieback. Lets hope our application is successful to assist our investigation into the issue of dieback on the Island.

Coastal Care Grant 2020 - 2021

We are submitting a grant in partnership with all the coastal groups on the Island. The aim is to have a coastal care month in August of 2021 with each coastal group having a field day caring for their local area through planting, erosion control, education etc.

Recycle Your Tree Guards.

BCLN are very pleased to announce that they now have the capacity to recycle the corflute tree guards used in many of their revegetation projects. If you have corflute tree guards at your property and your vegetation is now well established, please remove and return the guards to the BCLN depot at Bass and they will be sorted for reuse on future projects or to be recycled by SureGro Treemax. The recycled guards will be converted into Hico Trays which will in turn be used to grow more trees.

Phillip Island Wildlife Strategy

There is a new project to develop a wildlife plan for Phillip Island (Millowl) The Plan aims to achieve a balance between the needs of the community with the needs of wildlife through a strategic Island wide and cooperative approach. Included in this email is an information sheet on the development of the plan.

Shed update

After some initial delays on our new shed it's finally getting closer to being built. The planning permit is approved and a deposit has been paid . Hopefully earthworks and building will start in the next month.

Landcarer Social Media Platform

Landcare Australia have created their very own online communication platform, titled 'Land carer', where you can collaborate, connect and learn with people who share your passion.

This platform is particularly useful now during the current Covid-19 situation, to 'hang out' with like minded people, share positive stories, and plan future events·

https://www.landcarer.com.au