



# NEWSLETTER



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## Calendar of events

We hope you can participate in one of the many activities scheduled below. You will note that some of the tree planting sessions also include a fence install. We are trialling smaller, fenced planting sites, that exclude both rabbits and wallabies. Adjacent to the fenced area will be a control site. We are monitoring the impact animals have on vegetation. It will be a 'lighter' built fence allowing it to be easily removed and used again in the future. Attendees on the day will learn how to install the fencing, a useful skill for your own property. For further details go to our website.

All fencing install and planting sessions start at 9.30am for morning tea, with work beginning at 10.00am. Sessions finish around 12.30pm, then we serve a complimentary lunch. Our first fence install and tree planting day is at Jim McFee's property, 175 McFees Rd, Rhyll. We hope to see you there. RSVP to Carolyn Atherton on 0433 284 148 or [carolyn3231@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn3231@gmail.com)

### May.

**Thursday 18**, Integrating remote sensing technology into farm planning. BCLN website.

**Sunday 21**, Sustainability Festival. River Garden Bass. 10.00am to 3.00pm.

**Saturday 27**, McFee's Fence install & tree planting, 175 Mc Fees Rd, Rhyll.

### June.

**Saturday 3**, Morton's fence install & tree planting, 14 Wiltshire Rd, Ventnor.

**Saturday 17**, Jones tree planting

100 Cowes Rhyll Rd.

**Sunday 25**, Francis Gilley fencing install and planting, 1125 Phillip Island Tourist Rd.

### July

**Saturday 15**, Fields tree planting. 300 Watts Rd, Ventnor – session 1.

### August

**Saturday 12**, Fields tree planting. 300 Watts Rd, Ventnor - session 2.

### Gorse Funding

Funding is now available to support the control of Gorse on private land. The Victorian Gorse Taskforce (VGT) is interested in helping landholders looking to control their gorse long-term. The program looks to educate and build community capacity around gorse and gorse control so that communities can take real ownership and overcome the problem.

Our group can apply for funding up to \$8000.00 for on-ground gorse control works. All participating landholders involved may receive up to \$1500.00 in grant funding and must match this with their own monetary contribution. If interested, please email Lisa Wangman, Group Facilitator for the Phillip Island Landcare group on [lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au](mailto:lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au)

### Sustainability Festival

This year's Bass Coast Sustainability Festival is on May 21 from 10am-3pm at the River Garden in Bass and is shaping up to be an informative, entertaining, and inspiring event for all ages and is

organised this year by Bass Coast Landcare Network. A gold coin entry donation will get you lots of free activities to keep the adults and the kids entertained, including fantastic speakers on the event stage, hands on gardening demonstrations, a new documentary screening, Eco arts workshops and performances, a dedicated Kids Zone with environmentally themed activities and crafts, a chance to browse the latest in sustainable products from exhibitors, and delicious food to keep you going all day long. For further information please put the following into your browser:

<https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/newsandevents/sustainability-festival-taking-shape>



## Membership Plants

Membership plants are delayed this year and will be available from mid June. All members both new and renewing receive 20 complimentary plants. Guards and stakes are also available should you require them. We will update you again once plants are available.

## Bass Coast Landcare Network Plants

All Landcare groups within the Bass Coast are fortunate to receive 2000 plants from the Bass Coast Network's Nursery. Ours will be available this

Winter. They are available to any members however are best suited to landholders that fit between urban homes and large farms. Please let David know on 0418 115 935 or [david@eventsupport.com.au](mailto:david@eventsupport.com.au) if you are interested in these plants, which species we have and how many you would like.

## Are you concerned about Eucalypt dieback on Phillip Island?

Over the past several years, many of our Landcare Members have noticed Eucalypts, young and old, dying back across Phillip Island. The nature of dieback in different areas can vary due to many complex, and often interacting causes. Phillip Island Landcare Group have formed a Sub-Committee of scientists, farmers, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Bass Coast Shire Council representatives to look into local dieback issues.

You can help in the research on this issue as a landholder or community member, by becoming a 'Citizen Scientist'. We have launched a Pilot Dieback Survey Program and need your help to record the location, extent and nature of any dieback happening on your properties or roadsides. Collecting information on where dieback is occurring across the island with any factors affecting local trees, may help us to see if any patterns emerge.

The development of this program was supported by the Victorian Government Biodiversity Action Grants. See our Dieback page for a downloadable Land for Wildlife note, explaining the complex nature of tree dieback.

For any inquiries and for filled out forms/photos, please email Lisa Wangman, Group Facilitator for the Phillip Island Landcare group on [lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au](mailto:lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au)



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## 2023 Fencing install and tree planting sessions

9.30am morning tea.  
10.00am work starts.  
Complimentary lunch.

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Plant in comfort with our new camper trailer: Hot drinks, seating & shelter.

#### Please bring:

- Appropriate dress for the weather
- Sturdy footwear
- Gloves
- Water bottle

