Westernport Catchment Landcare Network Inc. NETWORK eNEWS September 2016 Ed. 21

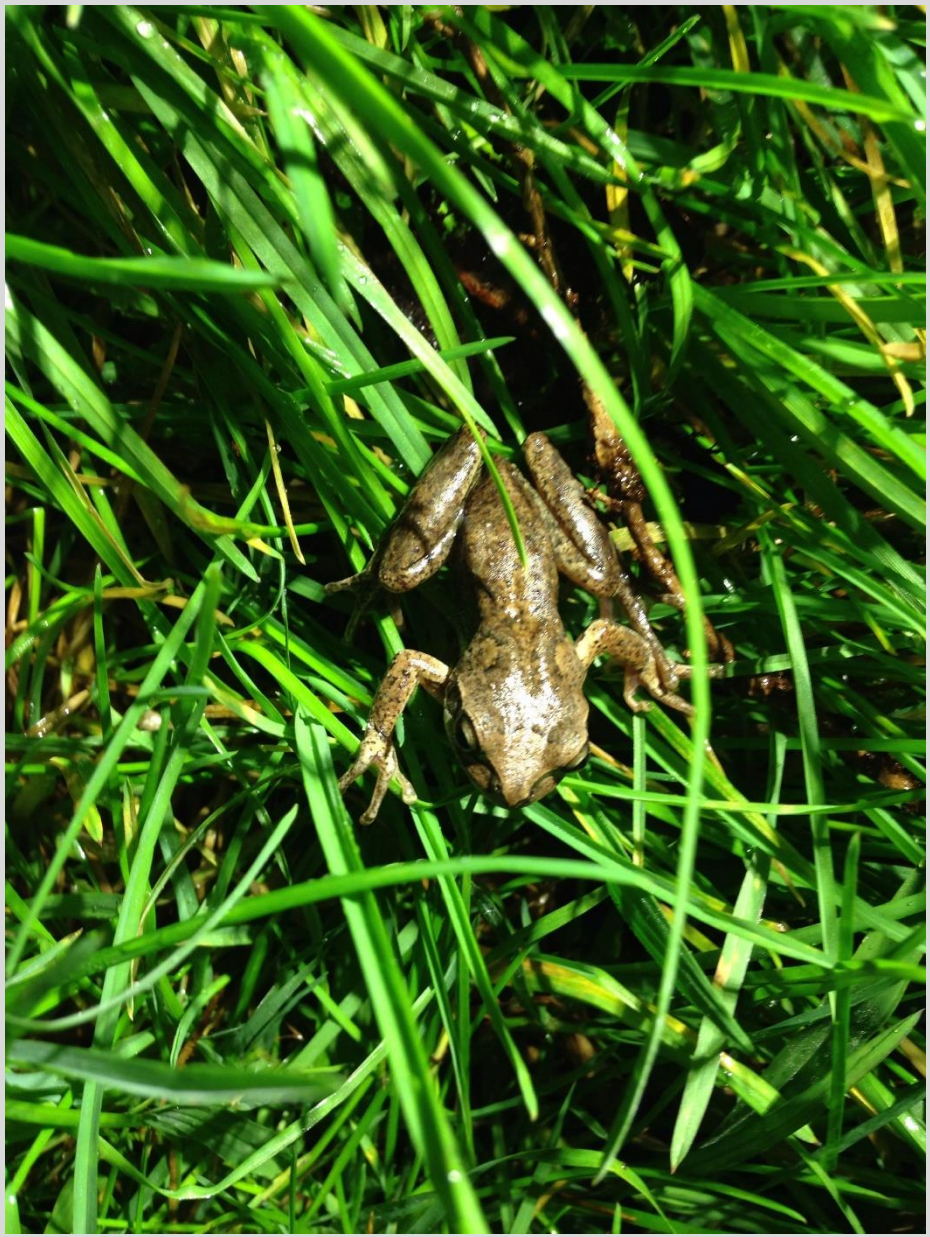
Facilitator News

Hi Westernport Catchment Landcare Network Community,

- Thanks to Sue Anderson and the Bunyip Landcare Group for hosting the August WPCLN Network Meeting!! It was great to hear about the Bunyip Landcare Group journey!!
- We will send out a WPCLN Events flyer on Tuesday 27th September. If you have any events you would like included please send them to kathleen@wpcln.org.au.
- The next eNEWS will go out Tuesday 11th October if you would like any articles or flyers included send them to kathleen@wpcln.org.au.
- It would be great if all groups could please send a meeting/events schedule for the year to kathleen@wpcln.org.au so we can plan ahead & keep the Enews updated. Neerim District Landcare Group sent a wonderful events calendar that you can check out in this edition of eNEWS.
- IMPORTANT: Final date for the production of the WPLCN Annual Magazine is very quickly approaching. We would like to encourage all groups within the network to report on projects or events held during the year or both along with photographs. Each group will be provided with a double page space for their article. This is now an annual production rather than seasonal. Please send your articles by 30th September to kathleen@wpcln.org.au.
- WPCLN AGM coming up mid-late November. A short meeting followed by a guest speaker. Dinner at the Garfield Golf Course to Celebrate 30 years of Landcare!! More details to follow!

Kathleen

Cannibal Creek Frog Night



Southern Brown Tree Frog found on the night.
Photo credit: Richard Akers, Melbourne Water.

Cannibal Creek Landcare Group as part of the Cannibal Creek Catchment Biodiversity Project held a very well supported Frog Identification night at the Tynong North Hall on the 9th September. Prior to the interesting talk a well organised barbeque provided by Nic's Spits and Bits was enjoyed by all.

Rick Akers from the department of Waterwatch at Melbourne Water gave a very informative, fascinating and well thought out presentation. The 49 people who attended appreciated his knowledge, presentation and sense of humour.

Richard outlined the importance of having frogs on your farm, house block, creeks, streams and dams. Each of the 17 known frogs which should be in our area were displayed and information about each frog discussed. Their mating call was recorded and played to the group. Several members of the audience had recorded the frogs on their properties which were played. Richard was able to identify all of these calls.

Cannibal Creek Frog Night

The Frog Census was explained and the importance of it outlined, Richard hopes that the vast majority of the audience will record their frogs and enter them on the census. Melbourne Water will soon have an App which will allow you to record your frogs and it will be able to record your GPS reading automatically. You need to give your name and address prior to the recording. If you google Frog Census all the information will come up and be explained in detail.

Many of the audience then followed Richard around Jeanette Cope and Greg Collins's property to listen and identify the frog calls.

CCLCG would like to thank Richard Akers for the most interesting talk and also Kathleen Roberts from WPLCN for her help in organising this event.

Pam Cunningham – Secretary Cannibal Creek Landcare Group

Spotted Marsh Frog
Photo credit: Richard Akers, Melbourne Water.

Creeklink

James Maund from Creeklink presented at the WPCLN Network Meeting at the end of August. Many of our groups showed interest in being involved in the Creeklink project, inspired by the Creeklink motto: simple, easy and fun! It is a great mapping tool that assists local communities in mapping the condition of their waterways. For more information about Creeklink or to apply for your own map see the link below. Thankyou to James for sharing the Creeklink project with us.

http://creeklink.org.au/

WPCLN & Social Media

Our numbers are starting to grow… help us to keep on growing

We recently reached 320 followers of our Facebook page. This has grown in the last few months with the help from our friends at Honeypot Creations. If you are on Facebook, help us reach 350 followers- invite your friends to like us! Click here to visit our Facebook page, and if you are new to social media why not ask a friend or family member to help you get started, and get them to like our page while you are at it! Our pages can help you to stay updated and to continue to share with and inspire each other via photos and stories!

We are aiming to spread the word about the WPCLN network and our Landcare Groups amongst the community. Share your stories and photos with us and tag us in your posts.

WPCLN Twitter account: WPCLN Twitter

WPCLN Instagram account: WPCLN Instagram

WPCLN Facebook account: WPCLN Facebook

Group & Network Events

Event	Date & Time	Location	Information/ Contact/ RSVP
Western Port Catchment Landcare Network & Birdlife Australia Bird Morning	Saturday 24th September 10:00am – 12:00pm	To be confirmed	For more information contact, Kathleen kathleen@wplcn.org.au
Neerim & District Landcare Group Tarago BBQ	Thursday 6th October @ 6pm	***Tarago Reservoir picnic area,*** ***Jindivick Rd, Neerim South***	***For more information contact Sandra McPhee*** ***sandra@ndlg.org.au***
Toomuc Valley Landcare Group & Western Port Catchment Landcare Network Planting Day	Sunday 9th October 10am	Toomuc Valley Nature Reserve Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham Upper	For more information contact, Kathleen kathleen@wplcn.org.au
Neerim & District Landcare Group AGM & General Meeting ***AGM followed by guest speaker on*** ***fire & forest management.***	Friday 14th October @ 2pm-4pm	***Neerim Junction Hall, Main Rd,*** ***Neerim Junction***	***For more information contact Sandra McPhee*** ***sandra@ndlg.org.au***
Neerim & District Landcare Group Frog Festival ***A family friendly walk in the wetlands*** ***with frog and plant experts.***	Saturday 5th	***Neerim South Wetlands***	***For more information contact Sandra McPhee*** ***sandra@ndlg.org.au***

WPCLN & Birdlife Australia
Indigenous Bird Identification Workshop

Learn about indigenous birds, conservation and protection initiatives and creating habitat for birds at home.

Powerful Owl
Photo credit: Nick Bradsworth (Birdlife Australia)

Saturday 24th September

10:00am-12:30pm

Gumbuya Park Function Centre – Area R

2705 Princes Highway
Tynong, Victoria, 3813

Presentation by Caroline Wilson

Followed by a bird walk

Educational activity for children by Laura Craggs

Presenters from Birdlife Australia

RSVP by Wednesday 21st Sept. to kathleen@wpcln.org.au

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Toomuc Valley Landcare Group & Western Port Catchment Landcare Network Planting Day

Toomuc Valley Nature Reserve
Cnr Browns Road & Toomuc Valley Road

@ 10:00am on Sunday 9th October
Planting along the Toomuc Creek

Customary BBQ lunch provided at Toomuc Valley Community Hall, Leppitt Road

Please wear suitable outdoor clothing & shoes for planting

RSVP to kathleen@wpcln.org.au

Funded by a Landcare Australia Support Grant & generously supported by ProPlumb Pakenham

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - All Welcome

contact - Sandra McPhee
mobile - 0407 826 649
email - sandra@ndlg.org.au
website - ndlg.org.au

Neerim District
Landcare

Spring

October

Tarago BBQ
- Land use and platypus.
- Join in on a fireside chat & BBQ tea.

Tarago Reservoir picnic area,
Jindivick Rd, Neerim South
Thursday 6th @ 6pm

AGM & General Meeting
- AGM followed by guest speaker on fire & forest management.

Neerim Junction Hall, Main Rd,
Neerim Junction
Friday 14th @ 2pm-4pm

November

Frog Festival
- A family friendly walk in the wetlands with frog and plant experts.

Neerim South Wetlands,
Saturday 5th

SUMMER

December

Weeds, Wine & Cheese
- Working bee
- Christmas breakup (bring a plate to share!)

Neerim South Wetlands
Friday 9th @ 4.30pm-6pm

January

Native Seed Harvest
- School holiday activity
- Collect native seeds and explore waterbugs

Neerim South Wetlands
Tuesday 17th @ 10am-11.30am

February

Organic Picnic
- Land use and organics
- Enjoy a farm organic picnic

Mount Baw Baw Tourist Rd, Noojee
Sunday 26th @ 11am-2pm

Autumn

March

Feral Dinner & Auction
- Guest speakers on native fauna & pest animals.

Neerim South
Friday 17th @ 6pm

April

Mud Seed Bomb Making
- School holiday activity
- Making mud seed bombs for planting

Neerim South Primary
Tuesday 11th @ 10am-11.30am

May

Fungi Workshop & Farm Walk
- The Fungi- an intro to a curious kingdom (edible fungi & history)

Neerim South
Friday 5th @ 10.30am-4pm

Drone Field Day Trials
- On farm at Neerim South
- Date TBC

Winter

June

Planting Morning
- Join the group for a local Landcare planting on the first day of winter.

Meet at Neerim South cafe
Thursday 1st @ 9.30am-12noon

July

August

Training & Discussion Groups

Event	Date & Time	Location	Information/ Contact/ RSVP
Gippsland Food Growers & Makers - Save the Date	Wednesday 12th October 9:15am –1:30pm	Warragul Arts Centre	Tickets are $10 and can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gippsland-food-growers-makers-tickets-26673912390 http://www.wpcln.org.au/event/gippsland-food-growers-makers-save-date/
Morn Pen Discussion Group - Dromana	Saturday 15th October 2016 9:00 am - 12noon	Colin Watkins' Property, 255 Wallace's Rd, Dromana VIC	Please RSVP by October 13th to: Anna Roach 0404 681 995 or anna.roach@gmail.com http://www.wpcln.org.au/event/morn-pen-discussion-group-dromana/
Sustainable Farming Discussion Group - Ellinbank	Wednesday 19th October 2016 10am morning tea, 10:30 until 12:30pm (BYO Lunch)	Peter & Wendy Wallace's Family Farm, 2888 Korumburra Road, Ellinbank	http://www.wpcln.org.au/event/sustainable-farming-disc-group-ellinbank/
Organic Vegie/Fruit Growers Disc Group - Moondarra Blueberries	Thursday 20th of October 2016 1:00pm cuppa or BYO lunch 1:30 - 3:30pm - Discussion & farm walk followed by afternoon tea	Moondarra Blueberries, 120 Browns Road, Moondarra	http://www.wpcln.org.au/event/organic-vegiefruit-growers-disc-group-moondarra-blueberries/

GIPPSLAND FOOD GROWERS AND MAKERS 2016

BRINGING GIPPSLAND TOGETHER TO INSPIRE, SHARE & CONNECT.

SAVE THE DATE: WED 12TH OCTOBER

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Demonstrating Sustainable FARM PRACTICES

Small Rural Landholder Network

Morn Pen Farmer Discussion Group - *Farm machinery safety and selection*

Join us at Colin Watkins' property in Dromana to discuss factors affecting the safe use and selection of appropriate machinery on your property. Topics will include:

- Basic safety regarding farm machinery and vehicles
- Considerations of machinery size and type according to land use and country/ terrain, and farm requirements
- Potential implements worth considering relative to some common situations (ie slasher, carry all etc.)

Workshop Details

Date: Saturday 15th October 2016

Time: 9:00 am - 12noon

Address: Colin Watkins' Property, 255 Wallace's Rd, Dromana VIC

Please RSVP by October 13th to: Anna Roach 0404 681 995 or anna.roach@gmail.com

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Demonstrating Sustainable FARM PRACTICES

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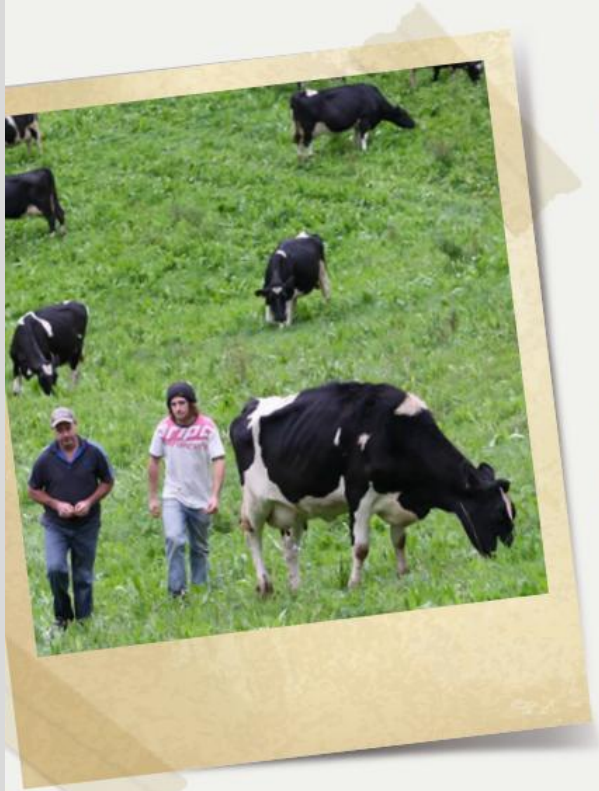
SUSTAINABLE FARMING
Discussion Group



The next WPCLN Sustainable Farming Discussion Group will be held at Peter & Wendy Wallace's Family farm.

The Wallace family commenced farming on Elderslie in 1886. The farm is still predominantly run as a dairy farm but has also diversified by producing eggs and garlic as well. Elderslie was certified organic in 2005. The focus of the day will be on organic systems including soil & animal health, fertilisers and pastures. An interesting morning is assured!

Where:
Peter & Wendy Wallace's Family Farm
2888 Korumburra Road, Ellinbank
https://goo.gl/maps/k1fXdjmub812

When: Wednesday 19th October 2016

Time: 10am morning tea,
10:30 until 12:30pm (BYO Lunch)

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Peter Ronalds at WPCLN on 0402 650 382 or peter@wpcln.org.au

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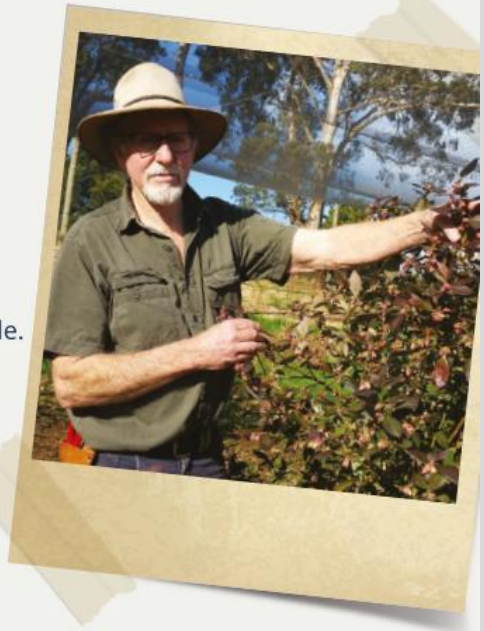
ORGANIC VEGETABLE & FRUIT GROWERS

Discussion Group



You are invited to attend the next organic vegie/fruit growers discussion group at Moondarra Blueberries.

Mal & Joel Deveson run Moondarra Blueberries and have been growing them since 1979. They are now possibly Australia's largest organic blueberry farm & also propagate up to 100,000 plants each year for sale. We will have a farm walk to view the blueberries & also the propagation area. Mal will also talk about marketing & share his wealth of knowledge about anything blueberries! This will be a very interesting afternoon!

Where: Moondarra Blueberries,
120 Browns Road, Moondarra
https://goo.gl/maps/EAKp96mTYUE2

When: Thursday 20th of October 2016

Time: 1:00pm cuppa or BYO lunch
1:30 - 3:30pm - Discussion & farm walk
followed by afternoon tea

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Chris Alenson at calenson@bigpond.com or 5968 3040 or
Peter Ronalds at WPCLN on 0402 650 382 or peter@wpcln.org.au

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Community Events

Event	Date & Time	Location	Information/ Contact/ RSVP
SWIFFT VIDEOCONFERENCES 2016	This year, the following SWIFFT videoconferences will be held at 9.45am at a variety of venues: • Thursday **28 July 2016** - Threatened species - population enhancement • Thursday **27 October 2016** - Learning from indigenous knowledge of ecology	See the SWIFFT website for event locations.	For a full list of event locations, please visit the SWIFFT website at: http://www.swifft.net.au/cb_pages/video_conferencing.php
2016 National Landcare Conference	Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd September	Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.	Landcare Australia, https://landcareaustralia.org.au/our-programme/national-landcare-conference/
2016 National Landcare Conference Western Port Field Trip	Depart from Federation Square at 8.30am on Wednesday, 21 September 2016.	Bob Gray's property, Warragul Trevor and Anne-Marie Mills, Drouin South	**Cost $60.00 per person (includes transport, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)** **http://www.nationallandcareconference.org.au/western-port/**
2016 National Landcare Awards	Thursday 22nd September	Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.	Landcare Australia, https://landcareaustralia.org.au/our-programme/national-landcare-conference/

Open Grants and Funding

Name	Date Due	Amount	Details
Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants	Applications open 27 September 2016 and close once a suitable number and spread of applications have been received.		http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/
Litter Innovation Fund	Expressions of Interest close 30 September 2016.		http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/services-and-advice/funding/victorian-litter-plan-litter-innovation-fund
Sunsuper Dreams Program	Applications close 30 October 2016.	$5,000	https://dreamsforabetterworld.com.au/about
Rural Land Program – Melbourne Water	Available all year	Melbourne Water will pay up to 50% of the cost, including labour and materials, of a broad range of activities designed to improve the quality of the water leaving rural properties.	The Rural Land Program is available to landholders who own or manage rural land in these catchments: • Upper Jacksons, Upper Deep Creek and Upper Werribee • Upper Bass and Lang Lang For more information, see: http://www.melbournewater.com.au/getinvolved/applyforfunding/Pages/Rural-land-program.aspx

Open Grants and Funding

Name	Date Due	Amount	Details
Melbourne Water Stream Frontage Program	Available all year		http://www.melbournewater.com.au/getinvolved/applyforfunding/pages/stream-frontage-management-program.aspx
The Philmac Project **Support water projects for community groups.**	Available mid 2016	$25 000 cash grants	http://www.philmac.com.au/philmacproject
RACV	Throughout the year Up to $2000		http://www.racv.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/Internet/Primary/about+RACV/community+engagement/minor+sponsorships
EPA Inspiring Environmental Solutions community funding program	Throughout the year	Around $25,000 to $100,000.	http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/programs/inspiring-environmental-solutions
RE Ross Trust **D: The Protection & Preservation of Australian Flora and Fauna**	Available all year round	Up to $10 000 for one year	http://rosstrust.org.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/ Submit and Expression of Interest Form to begin with.

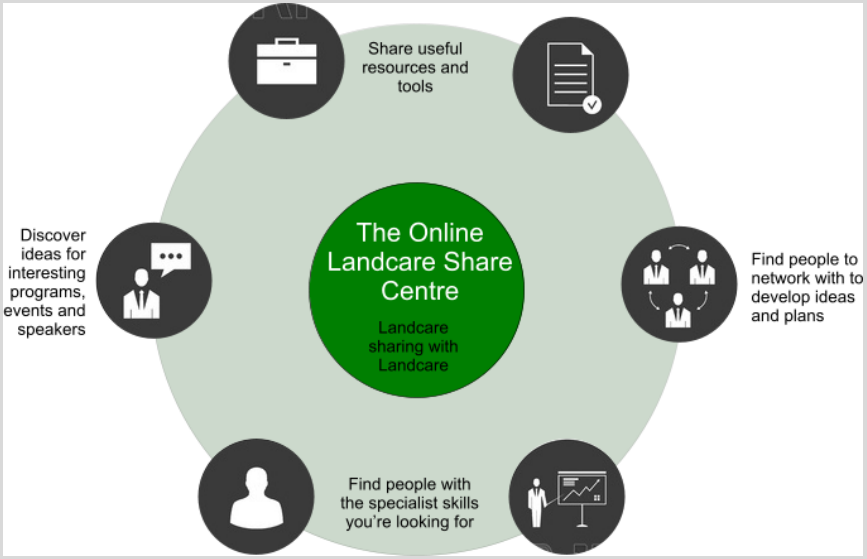
Landcare Share Centre

The VLC's new Landcare Share Centre is an online tool designed to facilitate landcarers sharing with landcarers. It is not a portal to other websites, nor does it duplicate information held elsewhere on the internet.

Rather, it is a repository of things which landcarers, individuals, groups and even networks have found useful through practical implementation. Such things (we call these things "Gems") as Ideas, Resources (many of which have been developed by landcarers), Contacts and Opportunities (being opportunities for groups and networks to form mutually-beneficial partnerships) are available in the share centre for others to view and to take inspiration from. There is also the capacity for people to share Stories.

The key thing to remember is this: the share centre promotes and facilitates sharing, not (per se) education, up-skilling, knowledge building, information storage and so on. Your favourite search engine has all the technology behind it to support these. The share centre on the other hand, is all about SHARING, and the VLC encourages the Landcare community to open up and share with others all those things that have proven to be useful in advancing the Landcare cause.

[Landcare Share Centre]



Resources

Resources for loan:

- Wildlife CDs by Ed McNabb: Frog Calls of Melbourne and Night life of Australia
- Bird Field Guides
- Fungi Field Guide by Bruce Fuhrer
- Digital recording devices to record wildlife sounds
- Cat Traps ($30 refundable deposit)
- Wildlife cameras

WPCLN Contacts

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