

# WHAT'S ON... FEBRUARY~ 2012

The monthly bulletin of the Upper Barwon Landcare Network

**Wurdale Landcare Group**— the 2012 Annual General Meeting will be held in the Wurdale Hall on Wednesday 1st February. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm with nibbles before at 7:00 pm

**Upper Barwon Landcare Network**— next executive meeting will held at Farm Foods, Birregurra on Monday 13th February starting at 9:30 am

**Irrewarra Farmcare Group**— a BBQ lunch and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February at the Irrewarra Recreation Reserve. Start time is mid day. BBQ supplied.

**Murroon Landcare group**— the next meeting will held on Friday 24th February at 'Rex's Corner', Division Road, Murroon starting at 12:30 pm. This meeting will look at repair work to be done at this site and updating the photo display.

**East Otway Landcare Group**— next meeting will be on Sunday 19th February starting at 3:00 pm. Venue is Richard & Pat Gilbert's, 36 Pennyroyal Station Road. Pizzas from Their new wood oven will follow the meeting. Details will be finalised for a working bee at the Bambra Wetlands during the following week to extend the walking track, some weeding and other jobs. A Diversat Green Jobs crew will be helping out

**Farm Tree and Landcare Association**— the 2012 Annual General Meeting and forum will be held on Friday 24th February. Venue is Level 16, Marland House, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

**Gorse control**— Department of Primary Industries staff are continuing inspections of farms in the Pennyroyal Creek area between Cape Otway Road and the Deans Marsh Creek as part of their Gorse compliance program. It is anticipated this program will extend to other parts of the UBLN area. The UBLN can help with advice on control measures or developing a control plan if you require

**World Wetlands Day and borell-a-kandelop 25th Anniversary**— Greening Australia invites you to this celebration to be held on Thursday 2nd February. Venue is 'Leslie Manor' homestead at 90 Homestead Road, Leslie Manor. Time is

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Special guest is Prof. Kate Auty with presentations from Donna Smithyman, CCMA (Wetlands), Barry Kentish, University of Ballarat (Brolgas and wetland birds), Jessie McMaster, DSE (Threatened Species), Rod White, Greening Australia (Native Grasslands). There will also be bus tours on Friday 3rd February around Colac (Rocks and rare reptiles) and Camperdown (Grasslands and beautiful birds). RSVP by 20th January to Greening Australia 5231 6910 or [corangamite@gavic.org.au](mailto:corangamite@gavic.org.au)

**Wildlife app for iPhone**— Museum Victoria have a very clever, free app available called 'Field Guide to Victorian Fauna'. There are sections on Birds, Butterflies, Fish, Freshwater Invertebrates, Frogs, Insects, Lizards and Mammals. Details include images, details, distribution map and scarcity. Some species have recordings of calls.

**Myrtle Rust** — this rust has the potential to cause serious problems to nurseries, re-vegetation and agroforestry sites. It was recently found in Victoria and effects plants in the Myrtaceae family - including Gums, Bottlebrush, Tea-tree, Lilly pilly and Paperbark. DPI need help in tracking its spread. Please let us know if you are able to monitor a site or two every couple of weeks. This may be as simple as keeping an eye on your garden or a nearby re-vegetation site. We will let DPI know the co-ordinates of the sites and any results.

**Research project help request**— Dr Quentin Farmer-Bowers from Deakin University is seeking help with a research project about landscape management in the south west of Victoria. He would like to hear from people who have views and ideas about how land (including waterways and wet lands) is managed, and what landscapes and land uses we should be aiming to achieve in the future and how you think change might be achieved. Please email or call to organize a short phone interview on 5227 8645 or 040 134 607. email

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