

BEAUFORT LAKE GOLDSMITH SNAKE VALLEY STONELEIGH LANDCARE NEWS

Part of the UMEC Landcare Network
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Landcare Network

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Hi to all UMEC members.....

I'm the new Facilitator for the network. For those who have not already met me, my name is Joel Owins.

I come from the quiet suburb of Invermay, where I have lived all my life. I studied locally in Ballarat at Federation University, specializing in Environmental Management.



My choice of study reflects my strong interest and passion for all things nature.

After Graduating from university, I worked at the Committee of Management in Barwon Heads where I was involved in a vast range of conservation and rehabilitation projects. Majority of my experiences and skills are in weed/pest control and revegetation of native landscapes.

I look forward to meeting and working with many of you over the coming year!



Photo: Dianne Jennings

Forthcoming Events

Free trees distribution

Saturday 3rd June
Burrumbeet, Beckworth Bolton and Lexton
Landcare Groups

Free trees distribution,

Saturday 17th June
Beaufort, Lake Goldsmith, Stoneleigh and
Snake Valley Landcare Groups

Free trees distribution

Saturday 1st July
Cardigan, Invermay and Miners Rest
Landcare Groups

**National Tree Planting Day
Friday 28th July (Schools)
Sunday 30th July (community)**

Contact Joel if you need assistance to coordinate a local event in your area.

Rotary Club Planting

In a project that's planted over 10,000 native trees and been bringing people together for over five years, the Sustainable Communities Committee of Rotary District 9810 has completed its annual tree planting project for 2016.

The project involves Rotarians from the suburbs of east Melbourne (Rotary Clubs of Doncaster, Rotary Club of Mount Albert and Surrey Hills and the Retract Clubs of Monash and Whitehorse) raising native seedlings from the Tree Project organisation in their own backyards. After tending to the seedlings for over six months, volunteers have the chance to get their hands dirty, planting the trees on properties in the Beaufort region, supporting local Landcare efforts to rebuild nature corridors and decrease erosion and salinity.

Three "generations" of Rotary groups participated on the day. Challenged by the weather conditions, only around a third of the trees grown this year were planted by volunteers on the day. Land owners and drought employment crew completed the remainder of the plantings.

The rotary groups had the chance to see the trees flourishing which were planted in previous years and enjoyed some lovely country hospitality from the landowners and the Rotary Club of Beaufort.



Tree Pots

We are currently collecting any loose tree pots from last year's free trees program. If you have any sitting around, we would love to collect them to be reused for this year's program. Contact Joel to organize pick up.

Planting Trailer and Tools

We are very pleased to announce that we have been successful in obtaining several

grants to purchase and fit out our own tree planting trailer.

Our thanks to the Rainbow Serpent Music Festival, City of Ballarat and the Waubra Wind Farm Community Fund for their assistance with this project.

We plan to have the trailer ready for this year's planting season. It will be available for community events and member use with tree planting activities.



(Photo sourced from Latrobe City Council)

Free Trees Program 2017

The UMEC Network is running the free trees program again in 2017. The trees are locally indigenous to the UMEC Landcare area. We have set the dates for distribution in each of the groups in and around Beaufort.

Depending on responses there is a possibility to distribute the trees at a local event in the area or to run a single distribution for multiple groups.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like your allotment of trees so we can plan our distribution accordingly.

Fill out the form below and return it by mail, email or text, responses by the end of April will greatly help our planning.

Feel free to share this opportunity with other interested people in your area.

Free Trees 2017

Up to 50 trees per member will be available this year. Please circle how many you require.

Contact David by email or text to order. Pickup arrangements will be confirmed closer to delivery time. To order:

Name:

Locality:

Email:

Mobile:

Trees (please circle) 20 40 50

The trees will be mixed native trees and shrubs suitable for your local area.

David Clark M: 0417 374 704

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Membership must be paid up to be eligible

Facebook & Instagram

Our Facebook and Instagram pages are regularly being updated with new information from our network. This information will be shared onto our

Facebook page which includes upcoming events, network stories or articles.

Links to these sites are listed below:



facebook.com/UMECLandcare



instagram.com/umec_landcarenetwork



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GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

Membership for 2017 and for 2018 can now be paid. The fee is \$11.00 per year (inc GST)

Send a cheque or money order (payable to Landcare) to PO Box 21, Lexton 3352 or pay by direct debit BSB: 633 108 A/c 118 390 483 Include your name with the direct debit

(Membership status is detailed on the address label on this page)

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:

Group (if known):

We enclose \$11.00 for one year or \$22.00 as membership for two years.



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