

# CARDIGAN INVERMAY MINERS REST LANDCARE NEWS

Part of the UMEC Landcare Network  
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Landcare Network

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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

## 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.



## Forthcoming Events

### Koala/Threatened Species Program

We are looking to run an information evening in April if there is interest. Contact us if you would like to participate.

### Mullawallah Wetlands working Bee

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Contact  
[allanjennycarter@gmail.com](mailto:allanjennycarter@gmail.com)

### Cardigan Landcare Meeting

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30 pm.

**Miners Rest Landcare Meeting**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm Miners  
Rest Hall.

**Free trees distribution**  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Cardigan, Invermay and Miners Rest  
Landcare Groups

**National Tree Planting Day**  
**Friday 28th July (Schools)**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July (community)**  
Contact Joel if you need assistance to  
coordinate a local event in your area.

## **Koala / Threatened species program**

With the support of the RACV Goldfields  
Resort we are running a major habitat  
program this year along two streams:

- a. Major revegetation works which  
can involve protecting existing  
native areas, wetlands and  
streamside's, and
- b. Local property planting to improve  
and enhance the natural values of  
existing vegetation.

The program can provide resources for  
both fencing (major works) and for trees  
to Landcare members in your area.

The project goals are to increase the  
areas of vegetation available as habitat in  
the area as well as to create better  
linkages between these areas in the  
landscape.



This is a great opportunity to enhance the  
natural values of your property, so please  
be in contact if you are interested. Also  
share this information with your  
neighbour as well.



Photo: Ray Draper

## **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.

## **Victorian Gorse Taskforce**

Having trouble with Gorse on your  
property? The Victorian Gorse Taskforce is  
active within the Invermay and Miners  
Rest areas.

Financial assistance in the form of a 50%  
rebate for control work is available. The  
rebate is scheduled to finish on the 30th  
April 2017.

Contact Jenifer Johnson (VGT Officer):  
M - 0417 594 225  
Email - [culingaia@bigpond.com](mailto:culingaia@bigpond.com)

## Winter Swamp Signs

New interpretative signs for Mullawallah Wetlands have been installed by the Cardigan-Windermere Landcare Group along the walking track that surrounds the wetland.

This is a fantastic effort by the group and a great opportunity to educate visitors about this hidden gem of a wetland.

The walking track can be accessed via Lucas Lane, or off Ibis Gardens Court and Blind Creek Road.

## 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.

## Free Trees Program 2017

The UMEC Network is running the free trees program again in 2017. The trees are locally indigenous to the Ballarat region; we have set the dates for distribution in each of the three groups around Ballarat.

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



If undelivered return to:  
PO BOX 21, LEXTON 3352

### LANDCARE 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)

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

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