



## LANDCARE NEWS

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**Committee meetings  
are on the second  
Monday of the month,  
8.00 to 9.30 pm, at the  
Lexton Community  
Centre.**

**All members welcome.**

**Meetings held in February,  
March, May, July, August,  
October & November**



## Landcare catch up BBQ and bird box handout

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, from 5.30 – 7.00 pm**

**Toll Bar Park, Lexton**

Drop by for a free sausage and pick up a bird box or two for your property on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

With help from the Langi Kal Kal prisoners we are getting a range of bird boxes built for Landcare members.

The boxes are free on the basis that you can tell us where you will put them up, and that you will keep an eye on how they are utilized. See the order sheet across the page.



Pictures: Crimson Rosella and Spotted Pardalote, which we are providing bird boxes for this year.

## Hi to all Lexton members.....

I'm helping David out with projects at Lexton, for those who have not already met me, my name is Joel Owins.

I work as the Network Facilitator for the UMEC Landcare Network, which involves Lexton and the groups to its south from Beaufort to Ballarat.

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!

## 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, or simply drop them behind the Landcare Shed (next to the Lexton CFA).

## 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)

## Weed control works for autumn

As part of ongoing weed control program we plan to target a series of roads in the Lexton Landcare area over the autumn period.

Specifically we are looking to control a range of woody weeds, the most prolific being sweet briar. While we are there we will also be looking to control any isolated areas of gorse, broome, blackberry and boxthorn.

Key roads we are targeting include:

- Dawsons Road,
- Retallicks Road,
- Stud Farm Road,
- Lexton Amphitheatre Road,
- Langi Kal Kal Road,
- Glenbrae School Road,
- Loaders Road,
- Gordons Road, and
- Troys Road

If you have local weed issues either on your property or on adjoining roadsides please contact Joel as we have assistance available.

## Free Trees 2017

Free trees will again be available across the Beckworth Bolton, Burrumbeet and Lexton Landcare Group areas in June 2017.

Up to 200 trees are available for Landcare members, and up to 40 trees for all other community members. The allocation is one lot of trees per household.

Please return this slip to place your order for this year.

Name: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....

Number of trees (circle):

Landcare member: 80 120 160 200

Community member: 10 20 30 40

Group: Beckworth-Bolton Burrumbeet  
Lexton Nil

Use for planting:

Habitat Shelter Timber Wet area

(Please return to PO Box 21, LEXTON 3352, or email [garvagh@bigpond.com](mailto:garvagh@bigpond.com) with your order). Return by early April if possible to allow us to finalize our orders.

***Note your Landcare membership must be paid up to receive your trees.***

Tree pickup will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, at David Clark's property 425 Glenbrae School Rd, GLENBRAE

### Landcare Membership

Membership for 2017 and for 2018 can now be paid. The fee is \$11.00 (inc GST). See your mail label below for your status.

Pay at the Lexton Post Office, or by return mail to PO Box 21, Lexton 3352.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email: .....

\$11.00 for one year or \$22.00 for two years.

Direct debit is also available, contact David Clark [garvagh@bigpond.com](mailto:garvagh@bigpond.com) for details.

## Bird Boxes order form

Bird boxes are available free to members, on the basis that members will erect and maintain them, as well as let the group know about their utilization. More than 1 per member may be available depending on orders.

Please return this slip as soon as possible to place your order for this year.

Name: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....

Bird Box Preference (please tick)

Rosella

Pardalote

Other, please specify .....

I will (please tick) pick my bird boxes on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at the Toll Bar Park BBQ

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If undelivered return to:  
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