# Berry Landcare

## Coomonderry Swamp:

The Berry landscape is justifiably heritage listed. One of its major assets however is little appreciated and not obvious. Coomonderry Swamp is one of 3 interrelated wetland areas that are inland from the Seven Mile Beach National Park. The others have been compromised by development. CS drains to the Shoalhaven River at the Southern end of the beach. It is approximately 670 Ha and represents 40% of the coastal freshwater wetlands in NSW and 90% on the South Coast. It is in part protected within the SMBNP but is affected by development within its catchment. The swamp is outstanding in its bird life after heavy rain events. Its native inhabitants include the endangered Green and Golden Bell Frog and Australian Bittern. The scale of the wetland makes it a habitat for scientifically important vegetation communities that support a number of endangered and vulnerable species. These include Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest, Swamp Sclerophyll Forest and Freshwater Wetlands.

The Swamp is visible from the Southern end of Agars Lane and can be accessed via public ways from Cambells Run and the Sand Track.



## Weeds and Natives of Month:

To effectively remove weeds permanently it is necessary to be able to identify them accurately. They are easy to control if removed as seedlings. Could you differentiate these plants that are similar? Lantana- Native Peach; Wandering Jew - Commelina; Small Leaf Privet - Coffee Bush; Broad Leaf Privet - Lillypilly; Fishbone Fern - Rasp Fern; Bridal creeper - Wombat Fern; Moth Vine – Native Milk Vine. These and many other confusing plants are immerging in Landcare work sites all around Berry. Attending your local work site can be very educational.

The Tindalls Lane work site in the Boundary Road Link is filled with beautiful examples of our local Flora as well as weeds growing where Lantana has been removed. Anyone is welcome to a Plant Identification Working Bee this month (see below).

## Seniors’ Week Walk:

There will be a walk at the Bundewalla Work site on the Wednesday 6th of April at 9:30am, lead by Will Armitage.

##  Working Bees for March 2016:

Alexandra Street Parkcare: 9-11 am Friday 18th March: Gail Paton 44487915.

Extra helpers with wheelbarrows to move mulch would be great.

Broughton Vale: 3-5 pm Sunday 6th March: Barry Virtue 44641389.

Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 13th March: Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

Bundewallah Bushcare: 3-5pm Sunday 27th March: John Clark 44643911.

Camp Quality: 9-11am Sunday 20th March: Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

David Berry Hospital: 3-5pm Saturday 19th March: Leslie Pigott 44643241.

Mount Coolangatta: 1-3 pm Saturday 19th March at end of Roxbrough Rd, Far Meadow.

Be on time to get a lift to site: Myke Cunningham 0418 297 435 or mcunningham@pci.cx.

Mark Radium Park: 9-10am Friday 25th March: Rodney Cole 4464 1475.

Tindalls Lane: 3-5 pm Sunday 13th March: Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Jim Jefferis 4464 2988. This will include a plant identification workshop. Please advise Harvey Blue if you wish to attend.

Information can also be found at Berry Landcare on Facebook.

**Plant identification service:** Please contact Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Ian Parker, 4448 6359.

Visit our pages at:  <http://www.landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/berry-landcare> for more on Berry Landcare and late changes to working bee details. Information can also be found on Facebook.