

### Weed Watch

Now that the growing season is upon us it is time to be vigilant with weeds. In particular watch out for the following:

- Giant Devil's Fig (very similar to Tropical Soda Apple)
- Cat's Claw Creeper (major **DESTROYER** of riparian zones)
- Madeira Vine (equal major DESTROYER of riparian zones)
- Tropical Soda Apple (if you find this report immediately to Rous County Council)

For information on how to control these pests and remove efficiently please visit <u>Weeds by common name</u>.

The war continues...



Giant Devil's Fig



Madeira Vine



Cat's Claw Creeper



Tropical Soda Apple

BE ALERT AND ALARMED

### Nesting Boxes for Sale

Many of our native animals rely on the natural hollows of old trees for nesting, shelter and hibernation. The clearing of Australia's original bushland has resulted in huge losses of these natural nesting hollows impacting many of our bird and mammal species.

Nesting hollows can take up to 80+ years to form. So, while we can plan to leave more trees for the future it still means that our birds and animals are struggling to find a home.

#### What can we do?

We can mimic natural hollows by installing nesting boxes to provide homes for birds, bats and possums. By installing these important boxes we are creating more opportunities for native birds and animals to nest and breed.

We currently have a range of sizes, priced accordingly from \$22.00 - \$30.00. Call Rob to arrange collection on 0437 866 911.



Small Nesting Box - \$22.00



Large Nesting Box - \$30.00

## **Upcoming Site Visit**

Come and visit an exceptional example of what can be achieved when you devote over 15 years of your life to re generating 40.5 hectares of degraded farmland.

365 Mountain Top Road Georgica is a special part of the Northern Rivers. Join Ken and Adrian for a walk and talk about what works, what doesn't, and what takes time.

Date: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Time:** Meet at the tennis courts to car pool at 7.30am.

**Bring:** Water, hat, walking shoes and sunscreen.

Morning Tea provided.

**RSVP:** 9<sup>th</sup> November either text Rob - 0437 866 911 or email - robdrury3@gmail.com

## Nursery News – Calling for seeds

- Don't forget that if you have native trees that are currently seeding please collect and drop them in so we can propagate. Please note the name of tree, date and locality.
- Plenty of stock available at great prices. Small tube stock \$1 for member, \$2 for non-members. Large tube stock \$2 for members and \$4 for non-members.
- Heaps of Black Beans. If you don't have much room to plant; these trees make excellent pot specimens. Great Christmas presents.
- Bird wing butterfly vines are in the process of being nurtured. If you are interested in purchasing one of these rare vines please contact Rob or Sharon and have your name added to the list.



Bird Wing Butterfly vines



# **Upcoming Events**

- 6<sup>th</sup> November Landcare Meeting 6pm.
- Site Visit: Ken and Adrian's property at Mountaintop – a stunning example of what can be achieved over a 20-year period.
- Horseshoe Creek Working Bee 9 11 823
   Horseshoe Creek Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Fawcett's Creek Working Bee 9 11 meet at the tennis courts Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- For details of upcoming events visit.

  Kyogle Landcare

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**Membership renewal is due.** Please pay at nursery, Landcare Office or direct debit. BSB:728728, Account No:22217437, Account Name: Kyogle Landcare Group

Thank you!