

Kyogle Landcare

August Update



National Tree Day

A group of enthusiastic volunteers arrived at the tennis courts on Sunday at 10 ready, willing and able to plant trees. A massive 100 trees were put into the ground. What an achievement! This work compliments the weeding undertaken by the Conservation Volunteers Australia and Envite who have been working with Kyogle Landcare over the past 7 weeks. The results are AMAZING!!! This essential work is to continue. If you would like to be involved, turn up on **Tuesdays at 9am** at the tennis courts. We generally work until 1pm. Come for as little or as long as you like. Many hands make light work.



Keeping the Door Open

Many of you have sent through inspiring and thoughtful testimonials about what Landcare means for you. Thank you!!! These will form part of a multi-faceted display to take place on the 31st of August at the BRRLN Office from 10 until 2pm. We are hopeful that our local councillors and local politicians will be in attendance. If you have some time please drop in on the 31st.

As you are aware Government funding for Landcare support staff has been drastically reduced. A 35% reduction in funding has already taken effect as of June 2018, and there is a strong possibility that most of the remaining funds will be lost in June 2019.



What does this mean for Landcare in Kyogle? Well in the interim, the Landcare Support Officer role will continue as is. We are working with our partners and the extended Landcare Network, to develop an alternative, sustainable funding stream for the future. It does however mean a decrease in the funds available to undertake community support activities such as field days, school visits, and attendance at local events and without other funds the current level of support will not be maintained.

Of course there will always be volunteers and landholders doing great work to care for the land because it's what we know is needed regardless of government policy or priorities. But we also know from experience that this community commitment is greatly enhanced and expanded by professional support from dedicated Landcare staff. The BRRVLN committee are working hard to source alternative funding streams. Ideas welcome!



Upcoming Events

- 19th August **Horseshoe Creek Working Bee**. Meet at 823 Horseshoe Creek Road at 9am. Refreshments provided.
- Saturday 25th August. **Fawcett's Creek Working Bee** Meet at the tennis courts 9am. Refreshments provide.
- Friday 31st August **ALL HANDS ON DECK - "Keeping the Door Open"** 10 - 2pm. BRRVLN OFFICE (next door to Leading Edge)
- Tuesday 4th September- **Landcare meeting** - 6- 7.30. BRRVLN OFFICE (next door to Leading Edge)

Don't forget - Grant Writing Workshop

Thursday 16th August. Come and learn how to write that "winning grant". 5.30 – 8 pm. Meet at the BRRVLN Office. RSVP for catering by Tuesday 14th August. Ring Emma on 0457052636



