



August 2021

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meetings in 2021

14th September
9th November

Events in 2021

- *Exploring Regenerative Agriculture* Workshop—28th August
- *Threatened Species Art Exhibition*—Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery Sept
- *Regen Ag— What and Why* Symposium. Stanthorpe 4th September
- *Resilient Regions Conference* — hosted by Farmers for Climate Action. Esk 17th September

News in Brief:

- We now have **eighty members**. Become a member and enjoy all that Landcare has to offer.
- A recent study has shown that being involved in Landcare has significant benefits on mental health and well-being. We think our members would agree. Landcare provides an opportunity to contribute positively to the environment in the company of like-minded people.
- Boonah and District Landcare is still on the quest to build a shed to house our equipment and provide a meeting/work space. We are getting closer! Watch this space...

Boonah and District Landcare Inc



Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grant Scheme Success

Boonah and District Landcare members are celebrating their success in receiving a grant for a very important project.

Ten months ago, one of the first events held by the re-invigorated local Landcare group was a webinar titled *Fire Management: Local experiences and future preparation*. This foray into the now familiar world of webinars, involved a panel of local speakers who had, in some way, been on the front-line during the 2019/20 bushfires.

Many people were inspired by Landcare member and local Carney’s Creek land manager, Peter Dean’s presentation on his experiences and his jour-

ney into the field of Indigenous burning practices.

After a lot of consultation, discussion and planning to investigate how this approach could become a reality in Boonah and District, a funding opportunity presented itself.

Boonah and District Landcare is now ready to bring together Traditional Owners, local land managers, Rural Fire Service volunteers, Scenic Rim Council personnel and others, to begin to learn the principles and practices of indigenous fire management through a series of three two-day workshops between September and April next year.

The workshops will be conducted by Firesticks Alliance fire practitioners, including Victor Steffensen, author of *Fire Country*.

We look forward to developing skills and confidence to include these methods in our efforts to care for the land.

Below: Patchy/ mosaic burning reduces fire loads and maintains habitat.

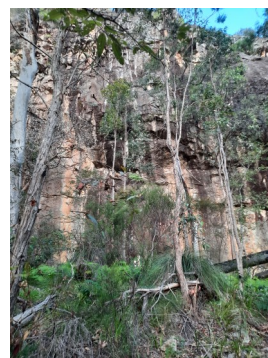


Walk, Talk, Eat and Drink at Minto Crag

Twenty eight Land Carers joined at Susie’s property in May to appreciate the benefits and challenges of land management. This beautiful property at the base of Minto Crag is a place of unique geological features, which are home to native fauna and flora.

It was lovely to welcome new members and to share a long table no-waste meal together.

These gatherings are perfect opportunities to share ideas as well as to get to know each other.



Good turn-out at Weed Workshop

Fifty six people took advantage of a free workshop at the Boonah Cultural Centre to learn to identify and manage their local weeds.

Guest speaker, Belinda Callanan from TH9 Outdoor Services had a lot of good advice. Belinda contributed to the well-known weed guide *Weeds of Southern Queensland*.

This event saw the launch of the Local Weed insert to accompany the guide.

Many thanks to Scenic Rim Regional Council, particularly Miriam and Adam.

Copies of the guide and insert can be obtained from Boonah council office.

Right: Presenter Belinda Callan

Below: Participants enjoyed the free workshop and morning tea.



Working Bee & Morning Tea



Above: "Base camp" for our weed work.

Left: Morning tea was delicious.

A dozen enthusiastic volunteers turned out on 25th July for a combined working bee and morning tea at Helen Houghton Reserve, Dugandan. Many thanks to Thomas for the practical experience in dealing with the balloon vine, lantana and leucaena.

These weeds, in particular, are a problem in this area. Controlling them at this point reduces their spread further downstream.

Of course, this hard work deserved a reward at the end. Morning tea was accompanied by some reflection and planning on the work that still needs to be done.

Thanks so much to all who attended and for those who supplied morning tea.

*Contact us
to be part of
the action*

Thanks so much...

Many thanks to Ian Beale and Sue George, with help from Ian Hislop, for their hard work researching and putting together a grant application for our **Community Nest Box Project**.

Thanks also go to Stephen Kimber, with

help from Rosalind Muller for their work to complete a grant application for the **Cane Toad Project**.

And thanks also to Chris Bowman and her team who are making headway with the **Trees 4 School Ovals Project**.