



# Boonah and District Landcare

March, 2021

Upcoming Meetings and Events

### Meetings in 2021

- 11<sup>th</sup> May
- 13<sup>th</sup> July
- 14<sup>th</sup> September
- 9<sup>th</sup> November

### Events in 2021

- Stage Two Bruckner Hill Planting TBD
- Susie Bell's Place—social gathering @ Minto Crag May TBD
- Weed Identification and Management Workshop—June/July TBD
- Toad Challenge Workshop TBD
- World Environment Day—17th July

### News in Brief:

- AGM on 9th March elected a new executive: President, Linda Kimber; Minutes Secretary, Joan Sheldon; Treasurer, Alison Green
- Boonah and District Landcare Inc now owns two corflute signs and 30 high-vis vests with our logo
- The local weeds A3 insert to accompany *Weeds of Southern Queensland* is ready for printing. This has been a joint project with Scenic Rim Regional Council and will be available and launched at a workshop mid-year
- The Toad Challenge Project is in negotiations

## Boonah and District Landcare Inc



## Trees Adopted by Boonah Community

Chris Bowman loves trees. You may be familiar with Chris as a driving force behind efforts to save the trees in High Street last year. Saving trees is one thing, but Chris is also behind efforts to plant trees in our community.

Chris and a small group of friends joined forces with Boonah and District Landcare late last year to create an avenue of native trees from Bruckner Hill to the Boonah Golf Club.

Part of the vision was to involve community members who would adopt, plant and care for 4 trees each. This was to increase the chance of survival in what can be harsh conditions in Boonah—hot

summers, winter frosts, the occasional flood and all too familiar droughts.

After much paperwork, and with the support of Boonah and District Landcare, Scenic Rim Regional Council approved the project just in time to plant on the proposed planting date. Our local Landcare Group provided funding for a Risk Assessment from Customised Traffic Management as well as tree guards, stakes and people power.

It was wonderful to see a good turn out of Landcarers and Adopters on 28th March to complete Stage One of the planting.



Above: Project Coordinator, Chris Bowman

Below: Landcarers on site



## International Day of Forests Movie Night

Eighty people attended a movie night hosted by Boonah and District Landcare to celebrate International Day of Forests at the Cultural Centre in Boonah. The Bob Brown Foundation documentary, *Forest Defenders*, highlighted the lengths to which environmentalists are going to protect native forests and wildlife habitat in Tasmania. The second documentary, *Rediscovering the Country*, focused on the revegetation of

farming land that was cleared in Victoria in the middle of last century. The project is based on a successful model from Sri Lanka and provided hope for the future.

Thanks to Friends of Whinpullin, BOSS and TechScenic for showcasing your groups at this collaborative event.

Thanks to Scenic Rim Regional Council for its support in the provision of the venue, ticketing and publicity.



Gretta and Faw from Friends of Whinpullin attracted interest in their cause

## Local Weed Information for Locals

Locals will soon have access to information about priority weeds in Boonah and District. A double-sided, A3 information page, highlighting local problem weeds, will soon be available to use in conjunction with the Weed Society's publication *Weeds of Southern Queensland*.

Thomas Bell and Linda Kimber from Boonah and District Landcare have been working with staff from Scenic Rim Regional Council to develop this resource which will also include strategies to approach weed management and weed management techniques.

Scenic Rim Regional Council will assist in launching this project by providing funding to conduct a half-day workshop on Weed Identification and Management. The workshop is planned for mid-year so keep an eye out for details of contact Boonah and District Landcare by email (see address below).

Weeds can have a devastating effect on the environment and on agricultural production. Whether we live in town or on acreage, weed management is an ongoing task.



## Local Interest in Landcare Grows



Above: Local Landcarers at our Mini Field Day at Jo-Ann's property.

Below: Landcarers ready to start a planting project.



Just over a year ago, Boonah and District Landcare Inc was bracing itself to close. A handful of people had been working hard to keep the group going. At the Annual General Meeting in March 2020, some "new blood" attended with a determination to support and revive the group at a time when caring for the land/environment is more important than ever. Membership stood at 9.

Miriam Nyrene took on the position of President and Linda Kimber became the group's Secretary. Soon after, Miriam secured a position with the Scenic Rim Regional Council and had to resign due to potential conflict of interest. At the same time, Covid started to impact the lives of all Australians.

Not to be deterred, a small group continued to meet and plan for the potential of a better year in 2021.

The first event planned in 2020 to renew interest proved to be a challenge with Covid threatening a live event. This was an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with Zoom and the concept of Webinars. It was also an opportunity to create partnerships with other groups and to realise the potential of partnerships with other community groups.

Twelve months on, our local membership is growing. We now have almost 50 paid members. We have various projects in progress and have healthy relationships with other community groups.

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## Thanks so much...

Many thanks to our out-going Treasurer, Tom Cowan, who has kept us afloat through difficult times. Tom is staying on as a member so we will see him around at our various projects and events. He will also be a transition support to our new Treasurer, Alison.

Thanks also to Thomas Bell who, despite stepping down from the Presidency 12 months ago, is a continuing source of support, encouragement and expertise.

