

Beechworth Landcare

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Dear Landcare Lovers

*Spring came haunting my garden today -
A song of cold flowers was on the grass.
Tho' I could not see it
I knew the air was coloured
And new songs were
 in the old black bird's throat.
The ground trembled at the thought
 of what was to come!
It was not my garden today,
 it belonged to itself.
At the dawn smell of it-
 my children fled the house
And went living in that primitive dimension
 that only they and gardens understand.
My dog too lost his mind
And ran in circle after canine circle
Trying to catch himself-
And do you know what?- He did!
It was that kind of a day.*

Spike Milligan

'Spring Song, March 18th 1972'

A spring sight to delight - the local magpie parents, having repaired and refurbished last year's nest, have produced this year's crop of babies. We thought we could hear two voices bawling for food, but today we noticed the parents have coaxed *three* fledglings from nest to branch! Triple trouble! The flight path from tree to supermarket-paddock and back is well worn. We are looking forward to watching the antics of the young as they learn about their neighbourhood. And to think they survived the storms and rain and freezing weather of early September! We salute them!

Note the dates for events in October

Renew your membership - September/October

Beechworth Sustainability seedsavers event: Saturday 23 October, 10am-12 noon

Beechworth Landcare AGM: Friday 29 October, 7pm at the Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre. Pot luck dinner, guest speaker and election of office bearers.

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Beechworth Landcare AGM

Social antics

Please join us at **7pm on Friday 29 October** at the Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre for a pot luck dinner, wine and a special guest speaker.

Please bring an appetiser, main or dessert! We'll provide the wine and the guest speaker.

Serious business

Election of office bearers - all positions are up for re-election. Would you consider being on the committee? Contact Joy on 5728 1413 for more information.

It's that time again! Renew your membership!

Beechworth Landcare membership runs from September to September, so it's time to send off your form and \$\$ to Peter Matthews, our Treasurer. Your membership fees help us to organize events, cover you for insurance at BL events, and entitle you to the state and national Landcare magazines. **You'll find the renewal form on p6 of this newsletter.**

October in the vegie patch

Planting

It's now time to get your summer vegetable seeds growing. If you have a warm frost-free spot or greenhouse you can start by sowing seeds of tomatoes, capsicum, eggplant, pumpkins, zucchini and cucumber. It is usually recommended to plant seeds of pumpkins, zucchini and cucumber directly into the ground but I have found that planting them in bio degradable jiffy pots in your sunny spot means when they are ready you can plant the pot and seedlings straight into the ground as the soils warm up and frosts are over. Other plants to consider are beans (straight into the ground after the frosts are finished) and regular fortnightly plantings of lettuce to have right through the summer.

Soil preparation

While you are waiting for your seeds to germinate it's a good idea to do some soil preparation. Digging some manure and compost into the soil prior to planting will give your vegie seedlings a great head start. These can be applied to soil and lightly dug in while the

soil is still moist. It's a good idea to wait until the soil has warmed up a little before mulching but watch out for the spring time explosion of weeds.

Heritage seeds

If you can, try to grow heritage seeds as you are then able to save you own seed for the following summer. A few good sources are Green Harvest seeds, Diggers seed and Eden seeds. You can source these on the internet or buy a range of Eden seeds from Albury's Border Just Foods.

Happy gardening!

Donna Page

Beechworth Landcare Project Manager

Beechworth Sustainability seedsavers event

Beechworth Sustainability Event: Preparing the summer vegie patch and vegetable seed swap

Saturday October 23, 10am-12 noon

Charlie and Faye Robinson's property, Fighting Gully Rd, Beechworth

Morning tea provided. All welcome

Master TreeGrower Course

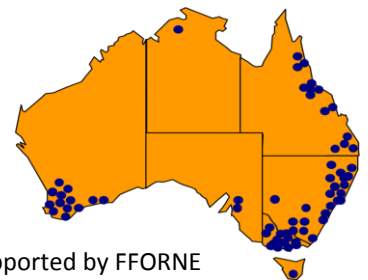
The Farmed Forests North East (FFORNE) branch of Australian Forest growers, would like to extend an invitation to landholders to join them in the upcoming Master TreeGrower program to be held in Oct/Nov 2010.

Do you want to grow trees for conservation and profit?

For shelter, sawlogs, carbon sequestration, biodiversity, soil conservation, beautification, firewood, seed, fodder, bush foods, salinity control or any other value

If so, then become a Master TreeGrower

The Australian Master TreeGrower is an 8-day, field based, course for landholders interested in planting and managing trees for conservation and profit. The course was designed up by Rowan Reid in 1996 when he was an academic at The University of Melbourne. Since then there have been 85 courses involving more than 1800 landholders across Australia.



This course will be run in North-East Victoria for local farmers. The course is jointly supported by FFORNE AFG Branch and MTG Inc. Both are not-for-profit groups aimed at helping landholders establish and manage trees on their land for both conservation and profit.

Participants receive Master TreeGrower hat, gate sign, MTG Diameter Tape, books, certificate, MTG Lapel Pin & more.

Proposed Program (subject to change)

Time & Place	Topic & Activity
	<small>Every day includes lectures, workshops and field tours</small>
DAY 1 – Oct 22 nd Benalla	Introduction, multi-purpose forest design Rowan Reid, Farm Visits,
DAY 2 – Oct 29 th Wangaratta	Markets for tree & forest products & services (Carbon, Timber, Firewood, Bush Food and Biodiversity Plus sawmill visit
DAY 3 – Nov 5 th Violet Town	Tree and forest measurement Tree, carbon and biodiversity assessment plus field exercise
DAY 4 – Nov 12 th Taggerty	Tree and forest growth and management Planting, pruning, thinning and harvesting plus field tours
DAY 5 – 6 Nov. 18 th - 19 th Holbrook - Rutherglen	Integrating trees into rural landscapes - 2-day tour to two outstanding farms (sheep, cows, fish, crops and trees)
DAY 7 – tba	Integrating trees into rural landscapes – NE Vic Trees for reasons that matter to course participants
DAY 8 - tba	Final Day Economics, planning and graduation celebration



COURSE FEE: (all funds held by the group for use by participants)

- FFORNE AFG Members - \$55
- Others \$110

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW:

Landholders are invited to attend the first day for free before making a commitment to the course but we do ask that you register your interest and reserve your place as numbers are limited.



Simply contact: Rowan Reid Mob: 0409609939; rowan.reid@agroforestry.net.au

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The Australian Master TreeGrower has been supported by the Australian Government through the Joint Venture Agroforestry Program and Land and Water Australia. Rowan Reid recently left his academic position but remains a Senior Fellow (Honorary) of the Department of Forest and Ecosystem Science at The University of Melbourne.

Soil Carbon: Myths and Facts

The North East Catchment Management Authority presented a forum 'Soil Carbon: Myths and Facts' in Wangaratta in May.

You can find the transcripts of presentations at this site:

<http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/OurPrograms/LandStewardship/TheSoilCarbonForum.asp>

Revegetation Resources Directory 2010

The Revegetation Resources Directory 2010 has been updated and will be released in November. It will eventually be on the DSE and / or the DPI website.

It contains information about:

- Revegetation contacts in NE
- Local Government contacts in NE
- Landcare contacts
- Nurseries that supply indigenous plants
- Where to get tree planting materials
- Where to get propagation equipment
- General revegetation planting contractors
- Farm Forestry Section:
- Farm Forestry contacts
- Weed control contractors
- Ground preparation & roading contractors
- Soil testing & foliar analysis: pest & disease identification
- Consultants & management
- Planting contractors
- Pruning & thinning contractors
- Pruning equipment
- Portable sawmilling contractors

Hope to see you at a Beechworth Landcare event soon. And don't forget the AGM on 29 October.

Cheers

Joy Phillips

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BEECHWORTH LANDCARE
Membership Application/Renewal
September 2010 – September 2011

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Are you happy to receive the *Cypress Express* via e-mail? Yes ⇐ No ⇐

Full year's membership fees: \$20 per individual/family / \$15 concession

Please forward this application/renewal, with your membership fee to

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