Wooragee Easter Market - The Wooragee Community Centre Committee of Management would like to thank all those who helped out with the Devonshire Teas effort in the Hall on Easter Monday. We raised over $1300 which represents the sale of over 260 Devonshire Teas (a lot of scones and sandwiches)!!! Whether it was baking scones, preparing sandwiches, setting up tables, washing up cups and plates, or cleaning up at the end of it all it was a great community effort. We were lucky with the weather and a bumper crowd enjoyed the market stalls, CFA BBQ, and our Devonshire teas in the Hall. It has now become a regular event on the Golden Horseshoes Festival calendar.
**GORSE CONTROL REBATE AVAILABLE**

The Wooragee Landcare Group was successful in securing funding to support the control and management of the noxious weed Gorse. This grant enables the group to offer rebates to Landcare Group members for expenses incurred in the management of Gorse. Wooragee Landcare is able to offer support, information, education and facilitation of a control program designed for your property where they can fund up to 50% of necessary control methods. Wooragee Landcare is asking for any Landholders who would like assistance with Gorse control to contact Cathryn Mahon.

If you require any further information or wish to be a part of this program please contact Cathryn Mahon on 0499 004 924 or email cathryn@southerncrossvermin.com

*All fumigants are Schedule 7 poisons therefore an Agricultural Chemical Users Permit (ACUP) is required to purchase them. Schedule 7 poisons can only be used by holder of an ACUP or under the direct supervision of an ACUP holder.*

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**RABBIT CONTROL - PHOSTOXIN AVAILABLE**

The group has some canisters of Phostoxin available to group members FREE for the control of rabbits and fox dens. Now is the ideal time to fumigate rabbit warrens with numbers starting to increase again. I have been seeing many young rabbits around lately and it will not be long before these are producing litters as well.

To arrange collection of the Phostoxin contact Cathryn Mahon on 0499 004 924 or email cathryn@southerncrossvermin.com

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Innovation in Landscape Conservation: Environment Forum

EVENT: Innovation in Landscape Conservation: Environment Forum, North East Victoria
WHEN: Tuesday 17 May, 2016
10am - 4pm
WHERE: CSU/GOTAFE, 218 Tone Road, Wangaratta
COST: Free (lunch and refreshments provided)
RSVP: By Monday 9 May to Sophie Richards 02 6043 7633
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SHOWCASING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION AND CELEBRATING CURRENT SUCCESS STORIES, THIS FORUM WILL APPEAL TO ALL WITH A PASSION FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.

North East Catchment Management Authority, Trust for Nature, Charles Sturt University's Institute for Land, Water and Society and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning are proud to present the inaugural North East Victorian environment forum 'Innovation in Landscape Conservation'.

The forum includes:

John Paul Memorial Lecture

'John' Ross Paul was an inspirational landholder who strived to find ways to strike the balance of sustainability and farming. He was committed to managing a sensitive environment while running a grazing operation.

Under John's guidance and in collaboration with Trust for Nature, one of the first properties established under white settlement in North East Victoria, became Victoria's largest conservation site.

The covenant ensures that endangered wetlands on the property 'Dockers Plains' are preserved and enhanced and other areas scientifically monitored to strike a balance between the environment and farming.

John's passion for conservation will be honoured with a keynote address from Dr Dale Nimmo.

Dr Nimmo is a biologist and ecology researcher with the Institute for Land, Water and Society at Charles Sturt University. His research focuses on how to manage landscapes to minimise effects on biodiversity and large-scale disturbances, such as fire, climatic extremes and habitat fragmentation.

North East Conservation Fund Launch

More details regarding the launch of an exciting new conservation fund for North East Victoria will be made available on the day.

Innovation in Landscape Conservation panel

Following presentations, a panel of researchers and agency professionals leading an open discussion around Carp biocontrol virus and deer management.
FOX CONTROL PROGRAM 2016 - The Wooragee Landcare group will be conducting a community wide fox control program for 2016. This program is currently getting under way and now is the time to get involved. This program will support further work on threatened species the group is undertaking later in 2016. If you would like to become involved with the program please contact Alandi Durling alandi.durling@landcarevic.net.au or 0428 211 008

The European red fox is Australia’s number one predator threatening the long-term survival of a range of...
GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION
and Harvest Festival

10am to 3pm
SAT 16th APRIL 2016
Bowmans-Murramungee Hall, Murramungee

Grow it, Bake it & Make it...
Celebrating its fourth year with a jammed full program...
Bustling rows of stalls selling all things baked, made or grown locally!

This year’s local art exhibition opens Sunday 10th April 12pm to 5pm with the official opening at 3.30pm by Honorable Tim Fischer, followed by drinks & nibbles. The exhibition will be open again on Sunday 17th April from 10am to 4pm before reopening on the day of the festival.

Artists from a 25 km radius around Murramungee are invited to submit their expressions of interest to show their works.

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PRIZE MONEY FOR ALL SECTIONS -
LARGEST & HEAVIEST PUMPKIN
BEST DRESSED PUMPKIN
ORNAMENTAL PUMPKIN
PUMPKIN PIE COMPETITION
CHILDREN UNDER 13 SECTION FOR LARGEST & HEAVIEST PUMPKIN

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SHEARING, GRAFTING AND PLANT PROPAGATION
LIVE MUSIC & STALLS
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KIDS ACTIVITY TENT FULL OF FUN

GENERAL ENQUIRIES
LYN BROWN | 0417 428 487 OR MAUREEN RAE | 0429 967 620
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Wooragee NHW next meeting notice - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th April at the Wooragee Hall for our annual “Casserole Meal” evening. Commencing at 6.30 pm please bring along a casserole and/or dessert to share and whatever you wish to drink. NOTE please bring your casserole hot ready to start eating. The meal will be followed by a brief meeting.

Be part of a “big picture”

Kylie Durant

Holbrook Landcare Network and Slopes to Summit

Today I got a dose of the “big picture” watching a webinar presented by Dr Graeme Worboys – a researcher from Australian National University who works with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in landscape conservation. Across the world there are communities and governments working towards making sure that we maintain connectivity between our wilderness areas to allow the wildlife to move between them – from tigers in Nepal, bison and grizzly bears in North America and Monarch butterflies in Mexico – there are farmers and community working with reserve managers to help animals and plants adapt to our changing landscape and climate on earth.

For the past 16 years I have been working with farmers and other landholders in this region to do exactly that in our landscape – helping farmers manage their existing vegetation, and planting more. I worked out that I’ve been involved in 2000ha of these activities over my time, and where I work in Holbrook Landcare Network now, some subcatchments are looking at up to 5% change in the tree cover in 20 years.

Here in eastern Australia, we have the Great Eastern Ranges (GER) Initiative that is applying the big picture on the east coast of Australia – working to maintain the connectivity for biodiversity in this important climate refuge area. In our part of the GER, we have the Slopes to Summit partnership – local on-ground people and researchers in the Upper Murray and southwest slopes of NSW working together to make sure the plants and animals in the region have enough connections in the landscape.

Our big reserves like Tabletop Mt, Nail Can Hill and Woomargama National Park are important areas for the conservation of our wildlife. However, in the long term, to stop populations of these animals and plants getting isolated and vulnerable, we need them to be able to move around between them. This is where groups like Landcare, community groups and individual landholders can make a difference.

Find out what lives around you - go to the Atlas of Living Australia (www.ala.org.au) and plug in where you live. There are ways to make our urban and agricultural landscapes more friendly for wildlife – plant a native garden, put up a nestbox, keep your cat in, keep those paddock trees and think about striking a balance between farm production and wildlife. Be a part of “big picture” conservation!
Wooragee Easter Market

We are so proud that the Wooragee Easter Monday Market was a very successful day for all the Wooragee community. Lots of people worked very hard before the event and on the day.

The weather was perfect for a country market and we believe we have broken all records:
- most number of stalls
- biggest crowd
- most funds raised
- happiest market day

Congratulations to Kim from Osbornes Flat for correctly guessing Maisy would drop her first cow pat on number 87. Kim has won a night in Australia’s top B&B - 5 Star Rating Finches of Beechworth.
WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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52 Storey Treehouse
We loved seeing the performance of ‘The 52 Storey Treehouse’ at The Cube in Wodonga on March 22nd. We also enjoyed a lovely picnic at Sumpson Gardens. We think we might start building our own treehouse - after all we do have some lovely high trees!

Produce
We have been busy harvesting heaps of new potatoes, butternut pumpkins, carrots, lettuce, basil, zucchinis, parsnips, silverbeet, cabbage, cherry tomatoes, egg plants, mint, chives, spring onions rhubarb and apples. We have planted out broad beans from the seeds we collected last year. Yum!

Scarecrow Time
We have enjoyed creating new scarecrows around the school. They are fun to make and give us a scare when we walk around the corner and think someone is there!

Melbourne International Garden & Flower Show
We are very proud our little school was ‘showcased’ at the Melbourne International Garden and Flower Show.

Chris and her mum attended the show and just loved watching people look at the plants in our display and talk about Wooragee...even if most had trouble pronouncing Wooragee correctly! (Warrrageee Warryagee Warajee)
To celebrate the beauty of North East Victoria and Wooragee in particular Wooragee Landcare would like to invite adults, primary and secondary students to participate in a photographic competition

Separate sections for primary school, secondary school and adult competitors

- Landscape • Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna) • Human Interest

*Human Interest: Photos of farming, people enjoying the outdoors etc*

**A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR PHOTOS TAKEN IN THE WOORAGEE VALLEY**

**PRIZE MONEY EACH SECTION**
First $100.00  Second $75.00  Third $50.00

*Entries close 15th August 2016 - Entry Fee $2.00 per photo  Winners announced September 2016*

For further information contact Maureen Cooper
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Do you have an interesting story, web site or advertisement you would like to place in the Wooragee Landcare Newsletter?

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Due to the rising costs of printing and postage the Wooragee Landcare Community Newsletter will be sent 4 times a year to all Non-Landcare members in Wooragee and Woolshed that currently receive the newsletter via the post.