Event Calendar

**Wednesday 24th August 2016**, Neighbourhood Meeting, Wooragee Centenary Hall, Wooragee, 7.30pm

**Sunday 4th September 2016**, Orchid & Wildflowers, 311 Edmondson Lane, Wooragee, 1.30pm sharp

**Sunday 25th September 2016**, Orchid & Wildflowers, 311 Edmondson Lane, Wooragee, 1.30pm sharp

**Tuesday 11th October 2016**, Wooragee Landcare AGM, Wooragee Centenary Hall, Wooragee, Bring casserole to share. Starting 7.00pm with meeting to follow

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**Sunday 4th September 2016**

**Walk in bushy steep terrain**

**Starting 1.30pm sharp**

**ORCHIDS & WILDFLOWERS**

311 EDMONDSON LANE WOORAGEE

RSVP 31st August 2016

Register online at http://tinyurl.com/WoorageeOrchids2016

Karen Bowley wlc.secretary@landcarevic.net.au Ph 03 5728 7397

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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. Now is the ideal time to fumigate rabbit warrens with numbers starting to increase again.

To arrange collection of the Phostoxin contact Cathryn Mahon on 0499 004 924 or email cathryn@southerncrossvermin.com
**Rhubarb Cake**  
Serves 12 can be used as a desert or cake

280grams white sugar  
1 tea spoon bicarb  
½ tea spoon salt  
250grams plain flour  
2 beaten eggs  
1 cup sour cream  
3 cups rhubarb

In a bowl stir together sugar bicarb salt flour stir in eggs & sour cream until smooth then fold in rhubarb.

In another bowl 220 grams sugar, 65 grams softened butter, 30 grams plain flour, 1 pinch cinnamon for dusting

Mix until crumbly

Pre heat oven 180c  cook for 45mins in a baking dish 20x30cm  I do find it takes about 5 or 10 mins longer to cook check with a toothpick after 45mins  
Pour the mixture into the baking dish smooth out then sprinkle the crumble on top dust with cinnamon.

Hope you enjoy - Terry Hayes
The North East is home to a wonderful array of native orchids, ferns, grasses and herbs. Soon we will see a beautiful display of small and delicate flowers in our bushland. I can already see the startling purple of the hardenbergia violacea, or purple coral-pea, on the sides of the Beechworth Wodonga Road.

On our 170 acres on Magpie Lane, we will soon see Milkmaids and the common Early Nancy in patches of white. And I look forward to seeing the chocolate lilies in flower on our property and also along the roadside of Magpie Lane. And I have found 2 locations of the delicate blanket fern, hiding under the overhang of huge granite rocks covered in lichen and moss. We become excited when we find a twining glycine in flower and the common hovea. At present, these natives are rare here but with our regeneration work, we are hoping they will become more common.

The tall Sundew flowers in large swathes in boggy patches and looks spectacular but to really appreciate its delicate structure, it is good to get down on your knees to have a close look.

We only have a couple of bushes of the nodding blue-lily, but in the Beechworth Gorge bushland, there are a lot more. We have lots of grasses and sedges in large patches, but I have yet to identify them all. We use the pamphlet "Wildflowers of the Foothills and Mountains of Northeastern Victoria" produced by our government environment departments and the North East Catchment Management Authority to identify anything we see on our property. This publication is a good starting point but gives the reader further references for detailed information. So far I have identified red leg grass, weeping grass, wallaby grass, tussock grass and kangaroo grass. As we rid our property of the noxious weeds such as Paterson's Curse and St John's Wort, these native grasses are multiplying.

I would love to see more lilies on our property and some of the native flowers such as creamy candles, billy buttons, button everlasting, bluebells, and violets. Each year I find something new which is exciting.

And we have yet to see any orchids on our property, unlike other properties in Wooragee. To see some wonderful native orchids, visit Terry Shipway's property on 4 or 25 September. Terry can tell you all about native orchids and show them to you growing in their natural habitat.

Karen Bowley
Hydroponics & Aquaponics

We have been making hydroponic and aquaponic systems to grow lettuces and Vietnamese mint as our science experiment this week with Grace. Hydroponics is the science of growing plants without soil. Aquaponics is having fish in the system to help fertilise the plants. We have used natural and recycled materials to build our systems including, stones, gravel, sand, plastic bottles and an old aquarium pump. We have new gold fish for the aquaponic system. It is fun to have plants growing on your desk!  

By James & Kalum

Neighbourly Love

We were really happy to use up all the mulch in our orchard but then we received another load which was left outside the school! “Oh no!” we groaned!. Chris rang Warren Lucas and he sent a tractor around to move the mulch into the school for us. What a great neighbour.

We are raising three orphan lambs for Warren Lucas. Their names are Jack, (15kg) Jill (35kg) and Bill (33kg). We take them for walks at lunch time. We are great neighbours too!!

By Matilda, and Cooper
Wooragee Olympics

We have been living & learning about the Olympics in Rio. 2016. The Wooragee Olympic events were; javelin throw using thongs, cycling using toddlers trikes, emu relay with a bowls under our arms and between our legs, potato sack racing, swimming wearing flippers and swimming caps and badminton with fly swats. By Macca, Mark, Sacha, Matilda, James and Will

Fresh is Best

We love making the fruit platters at school. We use banana, apple and oranges (from Chris’s trees). We need to be careful with the sharp knives. When we finish eating the fruit platter is always empty and we are just left with compost!

By Hugo and Aston

Yack Lions Club Speech Night

The Lions Club speech night was fun but scary!. We had to speak for 3 minutes on “My Secret Life as a Super Hero”. It was held at the Yackandandah Lions Club. Grace and Chris took us for dinner first. Learning to speak in public helps to improve our confidence.

By Sacha, Matilda, Kalum and James

Tidy Towns Finalists

We are in the finals for the Tidy Towns Awards. We are proud and excited. It was fun when the judge came and we took her to our secret hideout. Four kids are going to Horsham with Chris & Grace for the finals.

By Daisy, Charli, Anton, & Henry
Sense Of Place

When I was younger, I would lay on a rock by the creek at my house and gaze into the depths of the water. I would peer into the murky brown pool and see dozens of tiny fish just below the surface zooming around in their own little world.

In the reflection of the water I could see fragments of the pale blue sky, fading as the light slowly crept behind the mountains. The air, growing colder as I sat there, would create a gentle hazy fog that would hang just above the surface of the water like a curtain. Birds would fly over my head, soaring through the clear afternoon sky and singing to each other of their joy. Around me, trees held thousands of insects hiding in hollows, waiting for me to leave so they could come out and investigate the area and fly over the cool water. The trees swayed restlessly in the gentle wind, as if they wanted to rise up and join the other creatures in their adventures.

The noise of the leaves rustling had a meditative effect, relaxing me. The subdued shades of the tree, the subtle browns and greens, the occasional bright red or yellow, emphasise this tranquillity and the serenity of the bush would detach me from any of life’s seemingly meaningless problems.

Occasionally I would hear a truck fly past on the road, the only reminder of other human life and a reminder that my small rock on the edge of the water was truly my own slice of heaven, as so many people lived in cities and towns, enclosed in a blur of smoke and pollution and the constant noise of other people; here I could truly feel alone, unlike so many city-dwellers. This reminder makes me appreciate the solitude I have here on my little rock. I feel separated from the world here and I do not need to worry about all my troubles.

By Bonnie Payne
**Next Gathering**:
- Wednesday 24th August 2016

**Venue**:
- Wooragee Centenary Hall

**Time**:
- 7.30pm

**Contacts**:
- Tess Lucas (03)5728-7257 or Pauline Carson (03)5728-7264

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**Next Gathering**
This is our AGM Meeting. “Ladies please bring a plate to share for supper”.

**Police Report**
Beechworth Police report that there has been the theft of some farm equipment/tools from a shed along Reids Way between 10.00 a.m. on Friday 24th June & 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 25th June. They have asked if anyone saw any unusual activity around this time in the area of Reids Way to please contact Beechworth Police on 5728 1032 or ring Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Road Safety**
A recent article in the Border Mail named the section of the Beechworth-Wodonga Road between Beechworth and Yackandandah as one of the 20 highest-risk roads in Victoria. Statistics showed 12 crashes in the area between June 2010 & June 2015 resulted in three fatalities, 14 serious injuries & eight other injuries. Vic Roads has asked the community to provide suggestions on how to address this history & improve safety. They say ideas could include reduced speed limits, wide centre-line or flexible roadside barriers. As the people most frequently travelling on this section of road Wooragee residents may have some thoughts on this matter so bring them along to our next meeting for discussion.

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**GORSE CONTROL REBATE AVAILABLE** - The Wooragee Landcare Group was successful in securing funding to support of 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
TETU`S BRIDGE

The fish lie quiet `neath the rocks
At Tetu`S Bridge
While sawn timbers warp and shrink
Transported to the river`S brink
For Tetu`S Bridge

No engineer`S activity Disturbs the
Tranquility
At Tetu`S Bridge
The Council sits in grave debate
On Tetu`S Bridge

Oft times they hear a loud report
On Tetu`S Bridge
This work they say, will now begin!
The fishes shrug a lazy fin
`Neath Tetu`S Bridge

They know its but the engineers,
A noise they`ve heard for years
and years
At Tetu`S Bridge
No work they know will e`er be done
To Tetu`S Bridge

The timbers rot and planks
give way
On Tetu`S Bridge
Until with an almighty splash
The pick up baler`S heard to crash
Thro`Tetu`S Bridge

The Trout, the rainbow and
the brown
Snap at the white ants falling down
From Tetu`S Bridge
We may get some priority
For Tetu`S Bridge

They bask at ease in sunlight pools
At Tetu`S Bridge
If some councilors domicile
Be situated about a mile
O`er Tetu`S Bridge.

A Wooragee Ratepayer

This verse was composed most likely by John Rankin in the early 1900`S expressing his concern with the lack of action by the Beechworth Council on the sad state of what is now called Warden`S lane Bridge. Today Rankin`S Lane is named after him where he lived for most of his life, running a mixed sheep and cattle farm in Wooragee. He was an active and most respected member of the Wooragee community.

The last small part of his farm was sold to Graeme Missen in 1970. John and his frail wife moved up to Beechworth where both passed away soon after. Tetus were Title owners of this property before the John-son`S and then the Rankin`S took over.
WOORAGEE LANDCARE GROUP  
ABN 79 607 176 531  
Membership Form  
1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017  

**Annual Membership Fee:**  
$22 (GST inclusive) per Wooragee/Woolshed household per financial year: July 2016 – June 2017.  
All membership fees are due by the 1st July 2016 due to insurance requirements.  
Members must be financial before applying for subsidies or hiring group equipment.  
Membership helps pay for the monthly newsletter and insurance against injury while carrying out Landcare related activities. In 2016/17, financial members will be eligible to participate in the free native tree and shrub giveaway.

*Fill out the details below and post/email to:*

The Treasurer  
Wooragee Landcare Group  
PO Box 368  
Beechworth, 3747  
wlc.secretary@landcarevic.net.au

Payment can be by:
- **Cheque** made out to Wooragee Landcare Group
- Any branch of WAW Credit Union - **Record your name** with the deposit made out to Wooragee Landcare Group
- **Direct Transfer** to:  
  - BSB: 803 070  
  - Account Number: 100037845  
  - Account Name: Wooragee Landcare  
  - Reference: YOUR SURNAME

You can arrange to make this an annual direct transfer so you never have to remember to pay again! Receipts will be sent out shortly to all members who have paid.

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**WOORAGEE LANDCARE GROUP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2016**

Please remember to update your contact details if your email address has changed

**Name:** 
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**Address:** 
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**Phone/s:** 
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**E-mail:** 
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**Property Name** (if applicable): 
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**Property location** (locality/catchment): 
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**Amount Payable:** $ 22.00  
**Donations:** $……………

Donations made to the group over $2 are tax deductible  
Donation can be made to the Wooragee Landcare Fund

**PAYMENT BY:**  
- CHEQUE [ ]  
- WAW CREDIT UNION [ ]  
- DIRECT TRANSFER [ ]
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.