Event Calendar

**Monday 28th March 2016**, Wooragee Easter Market, Wooragee Centenary Hall, 10am - 2.00pm.

**Tuesday 12th April 2016**, Wooragee Landcare Meeting, Wooragee Centenary Hall, Wooragee, 7.30pm

**Friday 29th April 2016**, Wooragee Community Family BBQ, Wooragee Centenary Hall, Wooragee, 6.00pm.

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**Wooragee Easter Market**

**Monday 28th March 2016**

10am - 2pm

Once again, the Wooragee Community Centre Committee will be organising Devonshire Teas at the hall during the market hours on Monday, March 28th, 2016

Also, once again, we would appreciate donations of scones, jam and cream etc on that day.

We would also appreciate any assistance in the preparation and serving of Devonshire Teas.

Please contact Pam Nankervis, 0428287258 or Pauline Carson, 57287264 if you require any further information.

Thank you, Pam Nankervis

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**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 native wildlife. Australian fauna did not co-evolve with the fox and thus our wildlife are susceptible prey. Victorian studies on fox diet indicate that substantial predation on indigenous fauna occurs in all environments, including areas of heavy forest.
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.

To arrange collection of the Phostoxin 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.

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.

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Wooragee Tennis Club News

On Saturday 27 February 2016 the Wooragee Tennis Club Juniors competed in the grand final of the North East Regional Tennis Association (NERTA). The junior grand final matches were played at Corowa.

The Wooragee under 12 team was crowned premiers after defeating Corowa Red; 3 sets 31 games to 3 sets 20 games.

Our under 15 team was narrowly defeated by Rutherglen, despite winning on sets: 4 sets 30 games to 3 sets 33 games.

Both junior teams have been competitive all year. All members of the junior teams have been coached consistently by Garth Quast at Wooragee.


Pictured left: Bec Davis (team manager), Keely Maher, Mark Knoth, Lia Ladbrook & William Flahive.

Whilst our section 3 team, mainly comprising juniors, did not make the finals of the NERTA senior competition, they had a great year and their tennis improved remarkably.

Seniors
The Monday night competition also concluded on 29 February 2016 with team Sharp defeating Hisense in another close match. Well done to Craig Beverly, Sharon Newbold, Andy Croome and Bob Garvey.
Thank you also to the Night Tennis committee and particularly Gail Smith for your excellent co-ordination.

Pictured right: Bob Garvey, Andy Croome, Sharon Newbold & Craig Beverly.
Clean Up Australia Day
Wooragee Landcare Warriors

A great day with plenty of rubbish removed from the Reid’s Way Reserve, Wooragee

FRIDAY, 29TH APRIL
6PM START

WOORAGEE COMMUNITY FAMILY BBQ

Come & enjoy an evening with fellow members of the local community for a family friendly social BBQ & entertainment

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

RSVP by April 22nd
WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL
JUNIOR LANDCARE KITCHEN REPORT March 2016

What’s Cooking?
Cauliflower Soup
Spinach & Cheese Damper
Hot Sensational
Vegetable Platter
Carrot Cake

We have been making lots of preserves and relishes for the Easter Market.
We hope to sell lots of jars of:

Zucchini Chutney
Tomato Relish
Basil Pesto

Wooragee Easter Market is Monday March 28th
We look forward to seeing you there!

Basil Pesto

Ingredients:
1 cup well-packed basil leaves (no stems)
60g parmesan cheese 1/4 cup pine nuts
2 cloves of garlic 1/4 cup olive oil (extra oil for preserving)

Method:
1. Wash basil leaves and place in salad spinner to remove excess water. Dry well and place in food processor.
2. Place pine nuts in small fry pan and stir until just starting to colour. Add to food processor.
3. Grate parmesan and crush garlic and place in food processor.
4. With lid on and food processor running on low add olive oil in steady stream.
5. Pesto should be same consistency as mayonnaise.
6. Scrape into clean jar and leave 1cm gap from top. Add a topping of olive oil and seal. Pesto will keep for 1 month in fridge. WARNING: This pesto is very addictive!
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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Melbourne International Garden Show

We are thrilled our school will be featured in the 2016 Melbourne International Flower Show on March 16-20. Our school photos as well as video clips we submitted for the School Garden Awards will be on display during the show. ...We feel very famous!

We Want Some Rain Please!

After a very cold and wet start to the school year February has been very dry with virtually NO rain falling. We have been watering our pot plants we have propagated for the Easter Market everyday. Lucky for us Jo and Owen have been watering on the weekends!

Produce

We have been harvesting; carrots, lettuce, zucchinis, basil, Silverbeet, cabbage, tomatoes, egg plants, mint, chives, spring onions, apples, nectarines, peaches and grapes!

Yum!
Thank you Jim for teaching us about the bush growth. My favourite bit was when we went to look for bugs. The cubby was awesome as well. The hard bit was looking for the nesting boxes. They are awesome because they are green and blend in with the trees.

I thought it was a fabulous day at Chris’s farm. I saw Tom, Rum and Rosie (Chris’s dogs). They are soooooo cute. Resilience means when you fall down we get up. By James Year 6

Today I went to Chris’s Farm. I learnt how the fire tail finches sit on a spider plant and eat it like a corn cob. The trees are resilient because they grow back. By Sacha Year 2

Today I went to Chris’s bush reserve to see re-growth and collect charcoal but we did not get much. I learnt that some plants have pods that can only be opened after a fire. So fires can be bad and good. We are resilient because even though a bush fire goes through we work around it. By Mark Year 6

Today I went on a fire excursion at Chris’s house. We learnt stuff. It was a great day and then we had lunch. We picked fruit and we found a sheep dog called Tom. We got in the car and went back to school and had a talk. By Ned Year 2

Today we went to Chris’s house. We learned which plants can survive in a bush fire and how. At the end we went to a tank that had been flipped and made into a cubby house. Then we went into Chris’s garden and played tag. It was fun. I can bounce back and avoid problems by being flexible. By Louis Year 3

I loved going to Chris’s home. It was fun. I am resilient because I bounce back up. I had a great time. By Matilda Year 4

I went to Chris’s house to see the bush that was burnt down. All the trees have been burnt but it has grown back. I had fun having lunch because we got a break and Rosie the dog came to the picnic by herself. I put a stake in the ground with my name on it so when we go back I can see if the bush is still the same. I think it will grow more. I got stung by a wasp and then we put ice on it. I bounced back ok.

By Belle Year 4

I was dirty when I was playing with the charcoal in the bush. By Henry Prep

We went to Chris’s house today. We went to see Chris’s burnt paddock. We explored in there and then we saw lots of little bugs. We had a picnic. We had lots of fun.

I learnt about nature and fire. They are very resilient to the fire. By Charli Year 1

I saw nesting boxes in the trees.

I saw a GIANT water tank acting as a cubby. I saw a lot of ants. By Macca Year 4

I saw new green leaves on the trees that have been burnt. We saw the burnt shed that had fallen down. New fences were put up. I came back to school with ash on my face from the burnt trees. After going through the bush we packed up the tables and fruit and ran down the field to the gate. We opened the gate and all four cars went through. Then we hid in the bushes. Then we had icy poles and came back to school.

By Cooper Julian Williams

I learnt today at Chris’s if a tree fell down after a fire it can come back to life.

If a fire went through native trees might come back to life.

By Belle Year 4

I learnt about the bush and how the little leaves come out after a fire. I bounce back like the trees when I am sad or cross. I go to my room for quiet time.

By Anton Year Prep

When we went to Chris’s farm today, I liked looking at different kinds of grasses and trees. I found some shiny metal from the cubby house. I liked having a picnic lunch on the grass. I found ants, a cricket, heaps of termites and a caterpillar. I learnt that if a fire comes through, a tree can produce shoots from its bark. If it is completely dead, it roots can grow back because the roots don’t get hot and die. We are resilient like these trees because we bounce back after hard times. By Hugo Year 4

I was dirty when I was playing with the charcoal in the bush. By Henry Prep

*Bush Fire Recovery*
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.