



Welcome to 3 Creeks Landcare 2020

Become a member or renew now



Who are we?

We are a diverse bunch of volunteers from all walks of life who come together to shape a better future for the land around us.

The Three Creeks Landcare precinct takes in public and private land on the west side of the Powlett River catchment that includes Bridge Creek, Woolshed Creek and Bourne Creek which run into the Powlett River and then out into Bass Strait. The Group has a diverse volunteer membership including original settler families, sea/tree changers, weekenders and established farmers. It is an active group who enjoy the social interaction that goes with working together to shape the future of our environment.



What do we do?

We plant to revegetate; help protect and enhance remnant vegetation, ecosystems and endangered species; are involved in riparian management and water quality; soil management and soil carbon; control weeds and pests. We also run educational and social events.

We turn this...



into this...



Come and join us!

We encourage everyone from the wider community to get involved. Join up and bring your family and friends along to have some healthy fun. You'll get a warm welcome from all of us. You don't have to be a land holder; age is no restriction and we are family friendly. We encourage you to get involved and actively promote the group activities and events among your family and friends.

Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages

On Facebook search for "Three Creeks Landcare"

On Instagram search for "3creekslandcare"



There is also a wealth of information available on the Bass Coast Landcare Network web site at:
www.basscoastlandcare.org.au

Get the kids involved! Check out <https://juniorlandcare.org.au>



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Your committee for 2020

President	Nick Sibly	0402 785 206
Vice-President	Ray Kirk	0491 136 487
Treasurer	Roger Lee	0419 119 606
Secretary	Peter Nuttman	0421 253 905
Social Secretary	Bret Dodd	0408 151 308
Membership	Anna Spiden	0400 941 940
Communications / Social Media	Diane Nuttman	0421 248 449
BCLN Facilitator	Joel Geoghegan	0409 705 652

Help us raise funds. Get your 3 Creeks wine now!

We are taking orders for some very nice local wine from the Gippsland Wine Co to raise funds for the Group.

\$15 per bottle or \$85 for 6.

Stocks are limited so please call Bret Dodd 0408 151 308 to order your "3 Creeks" branded wine: Shiraz, Cabernet, and Chardonnay.



Free loan equipment

To book loan equipment please phone Ben Maghanoy on 0417 359 050 or email kabukiran@bigpond.com



Weed Spray Unit

Control your weeds with this 400 litre spray unit. It has a 4 stroke engine and is mounted on a trailer. Herbicide not included.



Myna Bird Trap

Help reduce the impact of Myna birds in your area. Myna birds are one of the most invasive pest species in the world. Instructions for use will be provided

Wildlife Monitoring Camera

Find out what creatures are lurking in your backyard or paddocks with this wildlife monitoring camera





Complete your membership application/renewal form today!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

When you renew your membership or become a new member you are entitled to 10 free tube plants!

These are grown by BLING and will be available the end of April 2020.
BLING is located at the northern end of the Bass Recreation Reserve,
100 Hade Ave, Bass

They can be collected on Fridays between 9:30 – 12:30, or by appointment.

Please contact:

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BLING

Bass Landcare Indigenous Nursery Group (BLING) has seen many changes in their first years of operations after forming on 26th August 2016. Volunteers all cited different reasons for joining with “the love of growing and nurturing plants” being their main goal. Robbie Gray from BCLN has overseen our projects and we have been fortunate to have Bronwyn Teesdale and Stevie Wynen guiding us and sharing their wealth of experience and knowledge.

A morning often begins with members filling HICO trays with specially formulated potting mix, adding fertiliser, while others hand seed into soil filled trays with various native plant species. We then water them in and place into our growing hothouses where they will be watered automatically and await new growth. When the seedlings have emerged and are strong enough, we transfer them to outside tables to harden off. In Autumn our plants are selected and added to orders where they will find homes in nearby properties, hills and plantations.

The hills around Bass and district have certainly changed in the last few years as many landowners have acknowledged the benefits from tree plantings and we are very proud to think that our plants are part of this reforestation.

If anyone is interested in joining or visiting our Volunteer Group, feel free to come and meet us. We are situated at the North end of the Bass Recreation Reserve. We meet on Fridays between 9:30 – 12:30.

You will be made very welcome!

<https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/nursery-group>





3 Creeks President's Report for 2019

By Nick Sibly

The 3 Creeks Landcare Group seeks to restore and protect the integrity and sustainability of the land, biodiversity and waterways in our precinct by encouraging assisting landowners to adopt sound land management practices.

As in past years, a core group of dedicated members have regularly attended tree planting days come rain, hail, wind or shine. In total there were six official 3 Creeks plantings where a total of 32,000 trees were put in the ground. This did not include separate plantings within the Bass Coast area that many of our members participated in including the 20,000 trees planted at Brad and Dani Carr's property in West Creek. One of the big highlights of the year was when our group worked with over 120 Year 9 students from Wonthaggi Secondary College to plant 15,000 plants at Anna and Bruce Spiden's farm. Anna and Bruce enlisted the help of a great group of locals to help with the food and it was such a pleasure to sit on their deck and enjoy a beautiful view with some lovely young people.



What has made my presidency so enjoyable at 3 Creeks is the enthusiasm, positivity and good humour of the committee members. In a time of much doom and gloom regarding the climate of the planet it is great to be surrounded by people who want to make a positive difference in our community and its natural environment. Our members embrace the idea of community wholeheartedly. Whether it is volunteering at the Landcare nursery or cooking sausages for hungry Year 9 students, our members were keen to help out. It is no surprise that with such generosity we have increased our overall membership this year. To date we have received six new memberships this year. To sweeten the deal, the Landcare Nursery in Bass will offer each new 3 Creeks Landcare member ten free trees of their choice.

The equipment loan program has continued this year. Ben Maghanoy has kindly continued to coordinate this from his home on McDowell Road. This has allowed members to access equipment such as Indian Mynah bird traps and the 400L spray unit.

Our group has once again delved into the world of wine this year as our main fund-raising activity. The wine was purchased from Gippsland Winery in Loch. It is hoped that this will be an ongoing fundraiser for 3 Creeks. A Christmas order has been organised for the end of this year.



The plantings along the Bridge Creek Biolink have continued in 2019 with a planting at the Sibly farm. This is the first of three plantings that will include the entire creek in this property. This will hopefully be completed by 2021. The 5km Biolink follows Bridge Creek reserve between Hawkins Road in Woolamai and the Powlett River. It is hoped that more farmers along the 3 Creeks Planting at Alan and Diana Holberg's Property Biolink will get on board in the next few years. It will provide a valuable link for wildlife and provide opportunities for people to explore the various habitats that link the Powlett River estuary with the damp forests of the Strzeleckis. Funding for this project is a combination between West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) and the Bass Coast Shire. Once again, our volunteers will be called upon to help get the work done.

In 2019, members of 3 Creeks continued to take part in regular bird watching sessions run by Dallas Wyatt. Various sites around the 3 Creeks regions were monitored to help build a data base of local indigenous and introduced birds in significant sites. To date there are 7 properties that are regularly monitored. Members of the 3 Creeks Landcare group have been involved in the monitoring and are slowly learning the distinctive calls of some unusual birds which will hopefully become more widespread in the years to come. We hope to continue to deepen our connection with the local community in 2019 and will hopefully attract more new memberships as local landowners discover the benefits of considering native flora and fauna in their whole farm plans.



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3 Creeks Plantings



3 Creeks are a committed group within the Bass Coast Landcare Network and each year are replanting large areas of the local region.
In 2018 30,500 plants and in 2019 32,000 plants were put in the ground.

Victorian Landcare Awards

(with excerpt from Victorian Landcare Magazine, Spring 2019 Issue 76)

The 2019 Victorian Landcare Awards ceremony was held on August 30 2019 at Government House. The ceremony was hosted by Her Excellency The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, the Governor of Victoria.

'More than 350 people travelled from all parts of the state to attend the awards. There were 15 awards categories which recognize the groups, networks and individuals in the Landcare community who make significant contributions to caring for the environment, sustainable farming practices and natural resource management.'

The winner of the *Landcare Network Award* went to our very own Bass Coast Landcare Network!!!

The winner of the *Austcover Young Landcare Leadership Award* went to Gippsland Intrepid Landcare!

A wonderful recognition for the work being done by these 2 amazing groups.





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Food for Wildlife - You can Help Bushfire Affected Koalas

Would you like to do something special for one of our most iconic Aussie animals?

Bass Coast Landcare Network in partnership with Phillip Island Nature Parks are looking for generous landholders who might be interested in growing a stand of appropriate eucalyptus trees, which will have branches harvested for koala food. These branches would be distributed to wildlife carers, who are desperate for fresh leaves for their patients. If you already have established trees on your land (Manna Gum, Gippsland Manna Gum, Victorian Blue Gum, Tasmanian Blue Gum or Snow Gum) and can spare some leaves, we would also love to hear from you. The branches/leaves will be harvested carefully, causing minimal impact to the trees.



If you would like more information, contact anna.brayley@basscoastlandcare.org.au

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Date

Saturday

Combined 3 Creeks, Bass Valley & Archies Creek

Social Function

Details to follow

