

Welcome to 3 Creeks Landcare 2022



Welcome to our New Members!

The word 'Welcome' written in a colorful, 3D-style font with each letter in a different color (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple).

Paula S
Nick, Lauren, Alfie, Coco & Remy R
Sonia G & Paul J
Matthew M
Ronnie A
Jodi B
Quinn & Keegan B
Leanne & John H
Kris R
Scott A
Kelcie, Lee, Gracie, & Claudia J
John D, Elspeth H & Peter D



We are delighted to have you join our enthusiastic team of nature nurturers and look forward to having many plantings and events together. Welcome aboard!

2022 Membership fees are now due.

Please see the attached Membership Application/Renewal form.

Note: if you are a current member and renewing your membership, there is no need to complete the form unless there are changes to your membership details (address, phone, email, nominated associates etc).

However – please include your membership name in the reference field when paying by EFT.

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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 2022. 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:

Anna Spiden 0400 941 940 annaspiden@buncorp.com.au

Ray Kirk 0491 136 487 raykirk355@gmail.com

2022 promises to be a busy year for 3Creeks, with funding received for revegetation and bio links work within our catchment and specifically along Bridge and Woolshed Creeks.

We are still hopeful in our endeavours to get approval to carry out revegetation of the old Turnbull Woolamai Road quarry. BCSC have requested costings for the proposed work.

Woolshed Creek , a recognised bio link, flows past the quarry.

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3 Creeks Landcare President's Report 2021 – Ray Kirk

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 and assisting landowners to adopt sound land management practices.

What a year! Trying to plan and accomplish anything in 2020/21 was a real challenge and as predictable as Russian roulette. Meetings and plantings were planned, moved and cancelled. We only achieved group involvement in one planting, which was at the Sibly property on Hawkins Road. A few 3 Creeks members, the BCLN works crew and Sibly family members planted along the Bridge Creek biolinks, which we have a vision of extending all the way to the Powlett River. The rest of our planned plantings were cancelled and had to be carried out by the great BCLN Works Crew and our joint efforts saw over 20,000 plants in the ground for the year.

With our 3 Creeks plantings restricted by Covid, it was encouraging that members were keen to plant on their own properties. Up to 500 free plants were provided for smaller plantings which would not usually attract other grant funding. 3 Creeks obtained 2,000 plants from the BCLN "BLING" nursery and BCLN generously provided a further 2,000 plants for this enterprise. This is a great initiative and we look forward to continuing it in future years, subject to funding.

At present the 3 Creeks balance sheet is in good health. The committee will endeavour to maintain this favourable position by a combination of grant applications, fund-raising and prudent management. We continue to encourage members and friends to support our efforts by purchasing our excellent 3 Creeks wine, provided by the Gippsland Wine Company at a very advantageous price for a wine of this quality. We also have gate and letterbox signs for sale.

At around 50, membership for the year has seen a good level of growth, with both new and the return of lapsed members. We had hoped to engage with all 3-Creekers through the programme of plantings and social events and although thwarted this year, hopefully this will happen in the coming months as restrictions ease.

We have added to our loan equipment with 2 Hico planters which are available for members to borrow. It was decided to put our spray unit up for sale as it was under-utilised.

Efforts continue in trying to secure the future of the old quarry on Turnbull-Woolamai Road which we hope to revegetate with representations made to politicians and State and local government agencies. Interest in our proposal was tempered by a knock back from DELWP but we remain hopeful of a workaround. However, a big thank you to Bass Coast Shire Council for spraying the blackberries in the quarry.

Our 3 Creeks members actively participate in other areas of the BCLN network including the BCLN board, BLING nursery, Public Fund and the Powlett Project. 2021 saw changes in the 3 Creeks committee with Peter Nuttman ably taking over the role of secretary from Anna Gloria, who fulfilled that role superbly over many years. Nick Sibly and I swapped hats - or perhaps it should have been shoes as his were a big pair to fill. Even after a year, I feel that there is still wiggle room for my toes. Nick, like so many of our members has a vast amount of knowledge and love for the

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local area. Finally I would like to say thank you to our committee members for their hard work, commitment and good humour and to our members for their continuing support.
Ray Kirk

Total sites	Metres of stockproof fencing	Number of Indigenous plants	Total hectares revegetated
6	2,460m	20,000	10ha



Planting day at the Sibly property.



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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 will 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 BCLN web site at: www.basscoastlandcare.org.au

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

3 Creeks AGM

The 3Creeks AGM was held in conjunction with the Bass Coast Landcare AGM at The Gurdies Winery on 20th November 2021. It was well attended by 13 members and everyone immensely enjoyed the freedom to catch up in person and meet new members in such a great setting. The meeting took just under 1 hour to complete, with all 14 office bearer positions filled and 2 ordinary committee members elected to help plan, shape and implement activities to ensure 2022 is a very successful and active year.

The main change to committee roles were John Cumming taking on the Secretary role. A social committee was formed instead of all responsibilities being left to one person. The committee members are Ann, Anna and Libby. Plans for social activities were already well underway by the end of the meeting!

Finally, Roger confirmed that 3Creeks is in a sound financial position, mostly thanks to the ongoing successful wine fundraising effort that has proven to be a winner, especially with the WSC staff. Thanks Nick!



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3Creeks Office Bearers for 2022

President	Ray Kirk	0491 136 487
Vice-President	Nick Sibly	0402 785 206
Treasurer	Roger Lee	0419 119 606
Secretary	John Cumming	0438 225 562
Social Secretary/Fund Raising	Libby Cumming	0438 225 562
Membership	Anna Spiden	0400 941 940
Communications / Social Media	Kylie Ingram	0419 179 551
Planting Officer	Libby Cumming	0438 225 562
BCLN Facilitator	Jye Andersen	0407 529 706

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BLING Update - Bass Landcare Indigenous Nursery Group.

BLING began its life as Bass Coast Landcare Volunteers Nursery based at the BCLN Works Depot Bass and was officially formed on the 26th August 2016. The Volunteers decided to meet on Friday mornings (9:30 – 12:30) which seemed to fit well with the group.

Our members make up over half of the volunteers at the BCLN Indigenous Nursery Group (BLING). The friendly and industrious nursery group, have a target of growing 80,000 indigenous plants this year and have a new shade house to help them achieve this.

As our Volunteer group has grown, we have been fortunate to now have our own Tea Room (Portable) to store seed, books and very importantly our morning tea provisions.

Anyone is most welcome to join BLING and Robbie Gray can be contacted at BCLN.

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



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

We do not currently have any wine for sale as our members have done a great job of selling/buying what we had. But in the future, keep your eye out for an email with an order form when we get more stock and we will be happy to take orders for some very nice local wine from the Gippsland Wine Co to raise funds for the 3 Creeks Group.

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

Please email your order form to Peter Nuttman 3creekslandcare@gmail.com to order your "3 Creeks" branded wine: Shiraz, Cabernet, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.



Free loan equipment

To enquire about loan equipment please email us – 3creekslandcare@gmail.com



Wildlife Monitoring Camera

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



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

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Nesting Boxes



Location, location, location. We all know that prime real estate is in high demand. No more so than in the animal kingdom and with hollows in trees taking up to one hundred years to form, our furry and feathered friends need a little help in finding their 'des res'

Whether it be in rural or urban area, on a tree or building a nest box can provide shelter and protection for birds, bats possums etc. and a good place to raise their next brood.

Providing nest sites would seem the next logical step in our revegetation projects and BCLN are interested in pursuing funding for a nest box project. This may involve volunteers of the BCLN Indigenous Nursery Group (BLING), assembling the boxes during their quieter winter sessions.

For those of you who want to crack on with your own project, Maffra and East Gippsland Landcare Networks have produced an excellent

booklet on nest box construction: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/263s1rsbnsr5v8e/AAA-p2SJVp-HffcdlDoqaLF6a?dl=0&preview=Nest-box-booklet.pdf>

When reading the booklet or constructing nest boxes you may wish to consider the following:

Hinges are a point of weakness and will eventually rust or fail. They also allow rain to leak into the box. The front of the lid also needs securing to deter predators.

The solution is to make a through lid, front to back attached to a close fitting inner lid. The lid is removable by withdrawing loose pins, drilled through the rear of the side. See photo of side of box:



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The inner lid provides extra insulation and could incorporate an impermeable layer, sandwiched between both lids, to give a waterproof barrier.

Charring the bottom of the inner lid may deter bees taking up residence in the box.

Timber is the usual material for making nest boxes, as it is readily available and eventually biodegrades, although any suitable material that provides protection and insulation, could be utilised.

Treated timber is generally avoided but if timber is suspect, painting in an acrylic paint is generally recommended.

Smaller dimension timber could be laminated to provide wider or thicker boards.

Exterior ply is a good choice, it is stable and can be cut into wide boards.

Screws and nails should be suitable for exterior use, alternatively use hardwood dowels.

For fixing to trees, angled hardwood or fibreglass dowelling could be used instead of metal screws.

Have fun making these boxes but take note of the recommended safety precautions when working with machinery, at heights, with hazardous materials etc

If you make a nesting box please feel free to send a picture to our Facebook page. We would love to see it.