

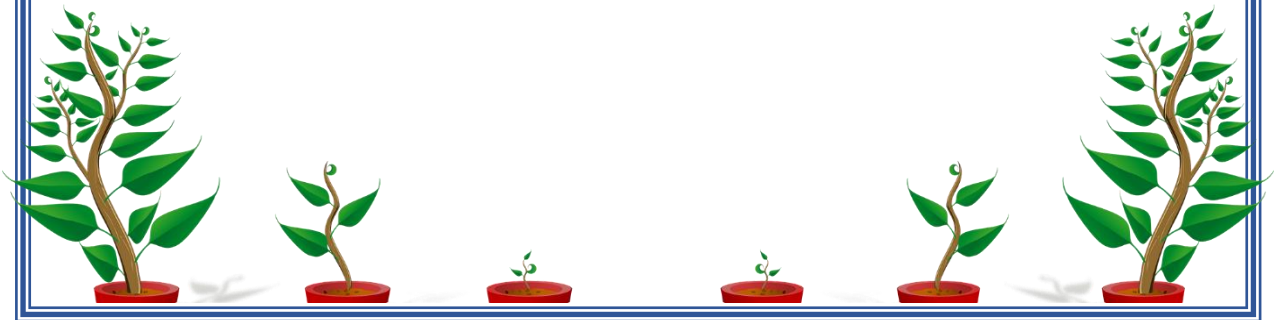


Welcome to 3 Creeks Landcare 2024



Welcome to our New Members!

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!



2024 Membership fees are now due.

You can find the Membership Application/Renewal form on the last page of this newsletter.

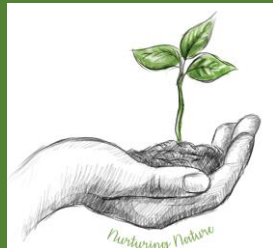
Please note the account number has changed and is now:

BSB: 633000

Account Number: 210843504

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.
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.

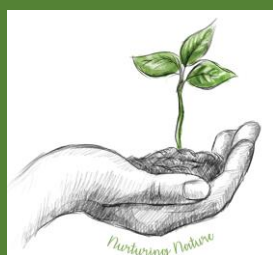
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6,625 metres of stock proof fence was established.**



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PLANTING'S, EVENTS & SOCIAL GATHERINGS

We had some awesome social gatherings, events and plantings in 2023.

On Friday 3rd March, we attended a bush/bird walk, at the property of one of our members on West Creek Road. We walked through some of the remnant bushland, with local expert, Dallas Wyatt identifying resident birdlife along the way. It was a beautiful property. The walk was finished off with a great smorgasbord of finger food prepared by Ann, Libby and Anna.

On June 2nd we had an enjoyable evening at the Old Dalyston Church catching up with new members, members from The Anderson Inlet Group, The Powlett Project and BLING. Thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate the start of the planting season.

17th June we had a planting at Sonia Grover's property in Kilcunda. 30 volunteers got 5,000 plants into the ground as part of 3 Creeks Victorian Landcare grant.

Saturday 24th June we had a planting at Lee & Kelce Johnson's property in Woolami. 2,000 Lowland Forest EVC plants were planted then surrounded with wallaby guards.

Sunday 29th July for National Tree Weekend, we completed a planting at Pat & Megan Clarkes property in Woolami. We planted 4,500 Lowland/Damp Forest EVC plants along a higher up tributary of Bridge Creek. These plants make up a portion of the nearly 50,000 plants to go in along waterways in 2023 as part of the Kugerungmome – Powlett River Partnerships Project, with an aim of fencing off and rehabilitating the Bridge and Woolshed creeks.

Saturday 12th August, we had a planting at Justin Taylor's property in Dalyston. 1,800 swamp scrub EVC plants were put in the ground. Big thanks to all who braved the wet and windy conditions for this one.

October 21st we had a get together at the Kernot Store to celebrate the end of a successful planting season.

Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help and support. We couldn't do this without you, and many hands do make light work.

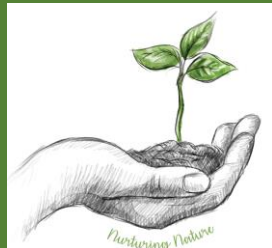
If you are interested in undertaking similar projects on your property, please contact:

Bass Coast Landcare Network
2-4 Bass School Road, Bass 3991
(03) 5678 2335
info@basscoastlandcare.org.au
www.basscoastlandcare.org.au



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3 Creeks Landcare President's Report 2023 – Ray Kirk

Three Creeks – Ray Kirk

Our group had a good year, with membership growth and the involvement of new members, thanks to Anna's encouragement. Anna, Ann and Libby organised three social events; two at the Old Dalyston Church, where we invited members of other groups, were well attended and everyone had a good time. Our third was a bird spotting evening with Dallas at Jarryd's West Creek property. Few birds were spotted but we had a very enjoyable walk and supper.

According to Roger, we finished the year in a sound financial position. Much of our income was due to the fundraising efforts of our board rep, Nick, and we were able to place an order with the BCLN nursery for 3,000 plants for next season.

Kylie's output on our Facebook page was terrific with features on events, weeds and cuddly wombats. She also smartened us up with new caps, beanies, and vests.

On National Tree Day, our group of stalwarts met at Hawkins Road and planted 3,000 plants along 6 kilometers of the Bridge Creek biolink. A tiring but satisfying day.

In total, our group volunteers planted 12,000 plants this season. 400 year 8 and 9 students from Bass Coast College also carried out two major plantings. There were an awful lot of onions, sausages, and burgers to cook, and our volunteers did a great job of catering at the Woolamai Racecourse.

As always, we are indebted to our volunteers, committee members and BCLN staff for their efforts. Thank you all.



Social at Old Dalyston Church.



Happy Landcarers



Last planting of the 2022 season at Woolamai

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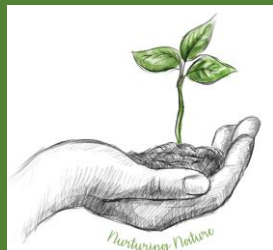
3 Creeks AGM

The 3Creeks AGM was held in conjunction with the Bass Coast Landcare AGM at The Bass Hall on 18th November 2023. The meeting took just under 1 hour to complete, with all 14 office bearer positions filled to help plan, shape and implement activities to ensure 2024 is a very successful and active year.



3Creeks Office Bearers for 2024

President	Ray Kirk	0491 136 487
Vice-President	Nick Sibly	0402 785 206
Treasurer	Roger Lee	0419 119 606
Secretary	Anne Ricardo	
BCLN board rep	Nick Sibly	0402 785 206
BCLN board rep proxy	Pete	
Social Committee	Libby, Anna & Anne	0438 225 562
Membership	Anna Spiden	0400 941 940
Social Media	Kylie Ingram	0419 179 551
Planting Officer	Libby Cumming	0438 225 562
BCLN Facilitator	Joel Kilgour	0456 868 789
Action Plan coordinator	Pete	
Small grants applications	All committee	
Fundraising	Nick Sibly	0402 785 206
Ordinary Committee Members	Nicky, Di & Trevor	



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We have been able to erect 3 of these new weed control signs in the Bass Coast/3 Creeks area to remind people about controlling weeds on their property.

If you would like to have a sign at your place, please let us know. We'll even install it for you.

We also still have our 3 Creeks Landcare gate and letterbox signs available for purchase.





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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.

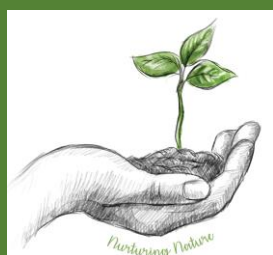
Exterior ply is a good choice, it is stable and can be cut into wide boards.

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.



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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

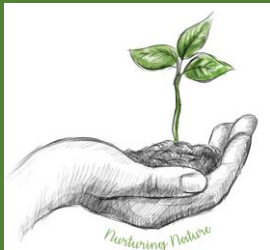
On Facebook search for “**Three Creeks Landcare**”

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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>



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ABN: 12 053 583 517

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

for Full Family Membership to

3 Creeks Landcare Group

"Full Family Membership" has full voting rights and entitles you to nominate your spouse, partner or children as "Associate Members" at no additional cost. Associate members have no voting rights.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The annual Full Family Membership fee is **\$30** including GST and may be paid by EFT (preferred) or cheque. The membership year is from 1 January to 31 December.

FULL FAMILY MEMBER

Name:

Postal Address:

Email:

Phone:

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Name:

Relationship to
Full Member:

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PAYMENT METHOD

BY EFT:

BSB: 633000

Account No: 210843504

Account Name: 3 Creeks Landcare Group

Reference: (Please enter your family name)

If paying by EFT, scan or take a photo of this form and email to: 3creekslandcare@gmail.com

BY CHEQUE:

Payable to: 3 Creeks Landcare Group

If paying by cheque, mail the completed form together with your cheque to:

**3 Creeks Landcare Group,
2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass Vic, 3991**