



NEWSLETTER



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2021 Events Calendar

June: Saturday 19: Planting day, Kym Plant.
Saturday 26: Planting day, Tracey and Darren Jeffery.

July: Friday 2: Bunny Boiler Dinner.
Sunday 11: Planting day, Saltwater Creek Coastal Group.
Friday 16: Planting day, Ventnor Coastal Group.
Sunday 18: Rabbit education, Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Coastal Group.
Saturday 24: Planting day, Silverleaves Coastal Group.
Saturday 31: Planting day, Cape Woolamai Coastal Group.

August: Saturday 14: Planting day, Heather Davidson.

September: Friday 10: Site visits of 5 Phillip Island Coastal Groups.

2021 Activities

Our group has a full calendar of activities for 2021 that we hope you will participate in. There are opportunities to get involved with by planting trees, learning about rabbits via our famous Bunny Boiler dinner and a rabbit field day, and a better understanding of our Coastal areas by visiting coastal sites and meeting the relevant coastal group. Further details on each day will be forthcoming, however for now we hope you add these dates to your calendar. All day events start from 9.30am.

Welcome Visits

We are starting a new program called 'Welcome Visits' in partnership with Westernport

Water. It is available to all Landcare members and potential members. Two volunteers will visit your home for up to an hour and answer any questions you may have on topics such as plant and weed identification, rabbit control and sustainable water use etc. In return you may offer a cuppa. Homes visited will also receive 5 free plants from the Barb Martin Bush Bank. To participate please contact Leela Maki on 0413 991 911 or Bev Watson 0409 188 306 to arrange a suitable time. We hope you take up this great offer.



Membership plants

Membership plants are now available. They can be picked up from the Rooks farm, 457 Ventnor Rd, Ventnor on Thursday, Friday or Saturdays. It's the orange driveway located on the crest of the hill. We recently changed our membership plant allocation so both new and existing members receive 20 plants. Please contact David Rooks on 0418 115 935 or david@eventsupport.com.au to arrange a suitable time for pick-up.

Membership renewal

Confirming that membership renewal will be July 1. We will ask for membership renewals in early June.

Weed of the month Bridal Creeper

Asparagus asparagoides, an environmental weed from South Africa is a climbing herb or vine to three metres, arising from a short rhizome. It has creamy white flowers in Spring followed by bright red berries. Highly aggressive and highly invasive, it smothers ground flora, smaller shrubs and trees. Manually remove in Mar–Aug, Spray in Jun – Aug up until flowering.



Biolinks program.

Your Council has a Biolinks program which are wildlife corridors that connect pockets of native vegetation, allowing animals to move between areas and increase their genetic diversity. Only 14 per cent of Bass Coast's native vegetation remains. Community members and landholders have identified 200 Biolinks across Bass Coast. Should your rural land be adjacent or part of a biolink there may be opportunities for funding support to help revegetate. Please contact Geoff Trease on 0437 011 638 for further enquiries. You can learn more about the plan, including relevant maps, at <https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/environment/biolinks>