

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Shed Opening

We are still hoping to hold our AGM and Shed opening on 29th November 2020 at the Koala Conservation Reserve (KCR). It is proposed to have the AGM at 2:00pm, followed by a choice of walks within the KCR from 3:00pm. At 4:00pm will be our Shed opening. We hope COVID restrictions allow us to hold the day as planned. Further details to come soon.

Committee members

At our upcoming AGM on 29 November we will be looking for committee members and other volunteers to help us undertake all our Landcare activities in 2021. If you're interested in becoming part of our group as a committee member or would like a project outside of committee meetings please contact David Rooks on 0418 115 935 or david@eventsupport.com.au

Dieback possum trial Expression of interests

We are about to start a trial to measure how extensively Possums may be contributing to the dieback problem in our mature Eucalyptus trees. We are looking for a range of properties across the Island that can apply plastic exclusion guards for approximately 50 trees in total. If you have mature trees that are suffering and can record data in return for plastic to protect trees, please contact Mike Cleeland-0447 352 619 or mikeosaurus@yahoo.com.au

to express your interest.

Coastal Care Grant – Success!

We have been successful in the 2020/ 21 Coastal Care Grants. Our Grant involves working with all the coastal care groups on our island. During August next year, each group will be supported to manage a tree planting ~ rabbit education workshop ~ weed eradication type day, providing plenty of opportunities for Coastal Groups to catch up and learn from each other's successes or failures. The Bunny Boiler will also return next year as part of this grant.

2021 Climate Change Plant Species Order

This year and likely in future years, the seed bank for our chosen plant species will come from locations other than the Island. This is all part of a trial called 'Climate Plots'. The key message regarding Climate Change Plots for our area are: At the current rate (without major changes to CO2 reduction over the coming decades) our climate is expected to be similar to Lakes Entrance or Traralgon by 2050 and Albury-Wodonga or Benalla by 2100. The guidelines state that we should start introducing 20%–30% of seed from other provenances (ideally 4–5 different provenances), in our plantings to improve genetic diversity and resilience to warmer climatic conditions. This doesn't mean introducing species from warmer climates, but means using seed of the

same common species that is better adapted to warmer conditions than our local provenance seed. Some species examples are :



Eucalyptus obliqua



Bursaria spinosa



Lomandra longifolia

DELWP are expecting this change to be applied to any future projects they fund.

Working bee at Ventnor

Saturday 14th November, 9:30am morning tea – 10:00am start, Meet at carpark western end of The Esplanade Ventnor. (last street on left, end of Grossard Point Rd). Pulling and digging out Sea Spurge. Bring gloves and garden forks large and small. Please contact Leela on 0413991911