



# Network News



Newsletter of the Wedderburn Conservation Management Network – August 2016

Conserving Biodiversity

## Malleefowl Threatened species Project

The Wedderburn CMN is currently sponsoring two threatened species projects being carried out by the Mount Korong Eco-watch group and running another involving conservation of malleefowl. The current malleefowl project involves two public information sessions to be held at the Wedderburn Community Centre, one was held before on-ground work began and one will be held when the project is completed. A Green Army team of young people, including four young people recruited from the local area, are involved in systematic line searching of selected areas in the Wychitella Nature Conservation Reserve for malleefowl mounds. The team has undergone two days of line search training led by members of the Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group. Another aspect of the project involves the revegetation, direct seeding by hand, around ten selected malleefowl mounds. Seeds for this process have been obtained from a local seed supplier. The team have also been involved in the identification of appropriate species for such revegetation. The training will involve techniques for collection of seed and the final cleaning and preparation of the seed which will then be used for further revegetation in 2017.

Article – Michael Moore, photographs above – line searching for malleefowl mounds, below – plant identification for seed collecting





## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

including:

- o Static Displays
- o Twice Daily Bus Tours
- o Photographic Competition, Display & Sales
- o Indigenous Plant & Local Guide Book Sales
- o Onsite catering
- o Digital Presentations, Information, & Activities

## Inglewood Eucy Museum

20 Grant Street North, Inglewood

**All for one daily entry of: \$5/adult or \$10/family**

For Full Program Details  
and Photographic Competition Entry Forms

[www.kooyorafriends.org.au](http://www.kooyorafriends.org.au)



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## 2016 Photographic Competition Entry Form

### 3 SUBJECT CATEGORIES

1. Local Landscape. 2. Local Native Flora. 3. Local Native Fauna

in 3 Age groups

Open, Under 18 and Under 12

24 prizes winners to be awarded over the 9 sections to share in a

**Total Prize Pool of over \$ 1000**

**Entries Close Monday 12 Sept**

## Mt Korong Eco – Watch group’s propagation workshop day

"On Sunday 7th August, as part of our 'Short-Storey Nursery Project' funded by the Victorian Government, Mt Korong Eco-Watch spent the afternoon with Frances Cincotta at Newstead Natives learning the basics about propagating our local native plants.

Frances was both engaging and informative and gave participants hands-on practise of each new skill learnt, from preparing cuttings to processing and sowing seed.

Now the Eco-Watch group is all set to fill its hot house with plants that will increase biodiversity around Mt Korong."



Article and photographs – Kate Lee

Photographs – top left (Frances talks about separating seedlings), top right - (hands on practise at separating seedlings), bottom left - (practicing taking cuttings of Rock Correa ) bottom right - (dipping cuttings in rooting hormone)

## Green Army does battle at Mt Buckrabanyule

It was a cold, blowy, wet day in late July, when six Green Army recruits, working under the watchful eye of their supervisor Tony Day, started stem injection of Wheel Cactus at Mt Buckrabanyule. The Green Army team worked through blustery, cold windy conditions with intermittent rain squalls, interspersed with clear skies and the occasional rainbow. The team worked on the steep terrain of the mountain behind Janet Richardson's property, a long-time member of the Wychitella District Landcare group, where they learned the finer points of cactus stem injection. The young crew were instructed by James Nelson (LPLN Facilitator) on OH&S, including the safe use of stem injectors, working in difficult terrain and the risks of being stuck back by the wheel cactus. The crew will continue to work on cactus at Mt Buckrabanyule, between other important conservation work for the WCMN, Bush Heritage and the Loddon Plains Landcare Network.

Article and photographs (see below) – James nelson



Green Army participants identifying plant species

## Notices

Please note that you can receive this newsletter by email, contact Michael Moore as below. All newsletters are available for reading on the WCMN website.

Please note that 2016-17 membership fees are now due and can be paid via the WCMN website.

Individual membership \$5      Family membership \$10.

Payment may be sent to:

WCMN Treasurer  
PO Box 65  
Wedderburn 3518  
Victoria

The WCMN is a network including interested individuals and both public and private land managers who come together to promote a shared aim. That shared aim is to work with the community in general to promote profitable, productive and sustainable human enterprises while conserving and enhancing the biodiversity of their area of interest.

For further information concerning any items in this newsletter or other aspects of the WCMN contact WCMN President, Michael Moore – 54943542

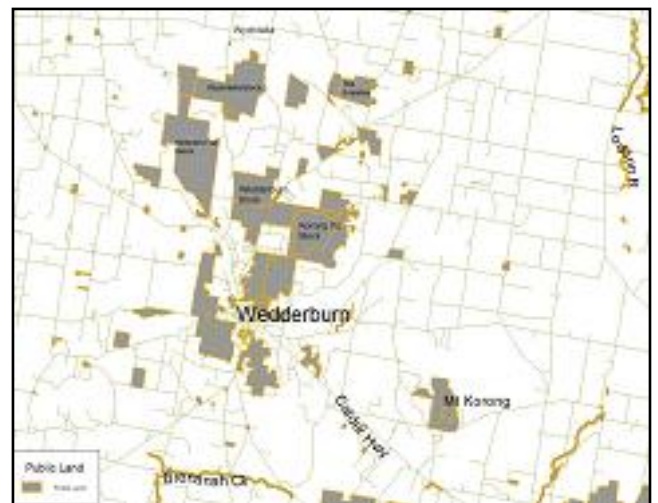
Website addresses

[www.wedderburncmn.org](http://www.wedderburncmn.org)

[www.lpln.org](http://www.lpln.org).

LPLN- Loddon Plains Landcare Network

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The WCMN Area of Interest