

Rowsley Landcare News From the Valley

APRIL 2015

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- RABBIT FORUM
- AERIAL SPRAYING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
- 2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY

REGIONAL FORUM on RABBIT CONTROL 8th May at Rowsley Public Hall, Glenmore Rd, Rowsley

- 9.00am Registration and morning tea**
- 9.20 am Welcome (MC) Jacob Pearce, President, Rowsley Landcare Group**
- 9.30am "Lessons from major rabbit projects at Ingliston and the Maribyrnong" Tim Bloomfield , Grow West**
- 10.00am "Government Initiatives in Rabbit Control" Caleb Hurrell, Biosecurity Leader,**
- 10.30 noon "Rabbit Action Group – what's been done & is planned" Helena Lindorff. Session will include an introduction to free GPS/GIS recording of rabbit warrens using a mobile phone and assessment of demand for further training.**
- 11.00am Demonstrations**
- ripping with dozer and excavator
 - smoking warrens before fumigating
 - setting a baiting line
 - warren implosion
- 12.30pm Free BBQ lunch**

RSVP: To assist with catering and transport to the demonstration site please advise who will be attending **by 5th May**, by contacting Max Coster at: facilitator@mln.org.au or 0409 177 461(text/voice)

Expressions of Interest Sought for Serrated Tussock Aerial Spraying 2015

The Rowsley Landcare Group will be organising a helicopter again this year so if you're interested in aerial spraying send your expression of interest to: The Secretary, 1343 Glenmore Rd, Rowsley, 3340 or email birredool1343@gmail.com

Or

The Treasurer, 562 Reids Rd, Rowsley, 3340 or email rowsleylandcare-treasurer@gmail.com



The Rowsley Landcare Group would like to extend their thanks to

Max Coster

for his invaluable support over the past 3+ years. We wish him well in his retirement.

Rowsley Landcare Christmas Party

The Rowsley Landcare Christmas Party was held on December 12th at the CFA shed.

It was a great night, kicking off at 6pm with a presentation by Adam from Minibeast Wildlife.



Adam was very informative and knowledgeable about the weird and wonderful creepy-crawlies that live beneath our feet, in our gardens, and sometimes, disturbingly, in our houses.

He brought along lots of insects, molluscs and spiders in glass jars and clear tubs for us to view safely.

Most of the animals were too delicate to be held, but we were allowed to touch and stroke some of the more benign critters.

After Adam's presentation, there was a controlled rush to the food table where a marvelous array of salads and meat awaited.

The fire truck parked outside the CFA shed provided entertainment for the youngsters, while catching up with neighbours was the focus for the adults.

The Rowsley Landcare Group would like to extend their thanks to the Rowsley CFA members who assisted with catering, cooking the barbeque and providing the venue.

