



Newsletter

April 2015

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 19th April – Bike ride along the Yarrowee Creek

Saturday 9th May – Our AGM

Yarrowee River Bike Ride

Pump up the tyres and join us on a 3 hour ride along the Yarrowee River Trail on Sunday 19th April.

Meet at the Gong Gong car park at 10.00am with your bike and a packed lunch ready to ride the trail to Magpie and back. Take in the changing scenery and various revegetation works that have occurred over the past 20 years.

Landcare & Waterwatch Event @ Anderson's Mill

Landcare and Waterwatch play an important role in bringing people together to protect our natural environment and improve our farming systems.

The North Central Catchment Management Authority, in partnership with the Blampied Kooroocheang Landcare Consortium, is celebrating the achievements of our natural resource management community groups and volunteers at Smeaton, a beautiful location 31 km north of Ballarat.

This FREE event offers a range of activities, including:

- Guided tour of local Landcare and Waterwatch projects
- Discover north central Victoria's rare Snow Gums and Yarra Gums
- Learn about Birch's Creek and its resident platypus
- Twilight picnic against the backdrop of Anderson's Mill at Smeaton
- Moonlight cinema showcasing environmental short films.

When: **Friday 1 May 2015**

Time: **4.00 pm – Guided tour**

5.30 pm – Twilight picnic and moonlight cinema

9.00 pm – Event close

Where: **Anderson's Mill, Creswick-Newstead Road, Smeaton VIC 3364**

BYO warm clothing, picnic and drinks. BBQ dinner and cheese platters available for purchase.

RSVP is essential to the North Central CMA by Wednesday 29 April 2015 via email

info@nccma.vic.gov.au or phone 03 5448 7124. Please advise if you are buying dinner and/or cheese platters on the night.

The event is a great opportunity to relax and network with other volunteers passionate about their local environment, waterway or agriculture industry. We hope members can participate in this event.

Clean Up Day at Russells Dam Well Attended

What a difference a few hours can make.

12 members participated in this year's Clean-up activity collecting three ute loads of litter and dumped rubbish. Compared to previous years, there was significantly less dumped rubbish around Russells Dam.

Thank you to everyone involved for putting in such a great effort.

Small Project Grants Available

Planning for a planting? Need to fence off some remnant vegetation? Tackling weeds? There are always opportunities to apply for small project grants for local activities. You need to be a financial member and the group is able to fund up to 50% of total project costs. Contact Anthony Murphy on 5334 5408 to discuss your ideas, obtain an application pack and get your application started.

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