



# Network News



Newsletter of the Wedderburn Conservation Management Network – August 2013

Conserving Biodiversity

## Cactus Stabbing Working Bee

In cooperation with the Loddon Shire, the WCMN held a cactus stabbing working bee on the last Tuesday of June. The team of WCMN members concentrated on a stretch of the Wedderburn-Borong road near Mt Egbert, where a new infestation of Wheel cactus (*Opuntia robusta*) has taken hold. A large section of the roadside plants was injected with herbicide making a real impact on the overall stand of this "Weed of National Significance" (WONS). It is thought that these individuals have all spread to this area from an adult population at Mt Egbert that managed to flower and seed some years ago before being tackled by Parks Victoria and volunteer workers.



Many of the cactus along this road are growing on adjacent private blocks. These blocks are recently subdivided and occupied by new landholders and the WCMN hopes this working bee will inspire these landholders to also now clean up the cactus on their own land. Wheel cactus is a highly invasive weed whose seeds get dispersed by Ravens and Galahs that eat the fruit. Many man-hours, chemicals and other resources have been spent throughout the district by many different parties in a coordinated attempt to get on top of this weed and all this effort would be wasted if a new infestation would be allowed to produce seed and spread freely.

The WCMN plans to run another follow up working bee later in the year to clean up the remaining plants along this road. For more information on this work or on other cactus related issues, please contact the WCMN on the number provided at the back of this newsletter.

Article and photograph - Jeroen van Veen

## Weird and Wonderful Wildlife of Wedderburn

The Weird and Wonderful Wildlife of Wedderburn photographic exhibition which ran in the Coach House Gallery during July was a great success with over three hundred people, including many school children, viewing the fantastic photographs. Consequently, it was decided to expand the exhibition to include a children's photographic competition and celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wedderburn CMN. The expanded exhibition will be on show on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September as the Wedderburn CMN's contribution to the Naturally Loddon Festival.

The Wedderburn CMN's partner organisations, Loddon Plains Landcare Network and Friends of Kooyoora will also run great events as part of the festival – see the posters and information below in this newsletter.



Ever wondered what lurks in the dark, hiding in the bush around us?

Here is your chance to see and learn about the many weird & wonderful plants and animals found around Wedderburn.



Wedderburn's Conservation Management Network is proud to present an exhibition of the

**Weird & Wonderful Wildlife of Wedderburn.**

Visit the Coach House Gallery (Calder Hwy) during July and see photographs, live video footage, actual specimens and have fun with the interactive displays. You may even meet the infamous Mavis the Malley kid!

Exhibition Opening: 2pm Sunday 7th July.

Gallery Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am–3pm  
Sunday 14th & 21st. midday–3pm



**Wedderburn Conservation Management Network  
10th Anniversary Photographic Exhibition  
Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th September**

**10.00 am to 4.00 pm**

**At the Wedderburn Community Centre  
Wilson Street Wedderburn**

The exhibition which is part of the **Naturally Loddon Festival** includes the work of the Wedderburn CMN, exhibits from Parks Victoria, students' photographs, fantastic wildlife photographs and nibbles.

**All students' photographs will be exhibited at the  
Students' Wedderburn Wildlife  
Photography Competition.**



For further information contact Michael Moore Ph:(03) 5494 3542 or email: [emandem@inet.net.au](mailto:emandem@inet.net.au)



7<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Kooyoora Wildflower Show

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013



**Rheola Hall**

**Full Weekend Program**

Commencing 10am Saturday through to 4pm Sunday

**Day Activities including Displays and Tours plus Saturday Evening Program**

Overnight on site camping available.

**View website**

**for full program details plus directional details and map.**

**[www.kooyoorafriends.org.au](http://www.kooyoorafriends.org.au)**

**This is a "Friends of Kooyoora" Event**

**Saturday Day Tickets (10am - 9:30pm): Single \$10 Family \$20**

**Sunday Day Tickets (10am - 4pm): Single \$5 Family \$10**

**Weekend Tickets: Single \$15 Family \$30**

Featuring the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kooyoora Wildflower Show

**Photographic Competition, Display and Sale**

Open and Junior (u12 & u18) Sections

In 3 Categories

\* Landscape \* Native Flora \* Native Fauna



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FRIENDS OF KOYOORA

Entry prices are Saturday, (10am – 9.30pm): \$10 single or \$20 family. Sunday, (10am – 4pm): \$5 single or \$10 family or for a weekend ticket (camping overnight): \$15 single or \$30 family.

For further information including programs, location maps and photographic competition conditions contact Robert on (03) 5437 3255 or [cvosrr@iinet.net.au](mailto:cvosrr@iinet.net.au) Wendy on 0417 338 578 or [ropergully@activ8.net.au](mailto:ropergully@activ8.net.au) or visit the friends of Kooyoora website at [www.kooyoorafriends.org.au](http://www.kooyoorafriends.org.au)

# Loddon Plains Landcare Network Bus Trip



Explore the efforts of Landcare within the Loddon Plains Landcare Network visiting Bridgewater, Inglewood, Salisbury West and surrounds.

Free event. Lunch provided. Bookings essential.  
Wear sturdy footwear, bring hat, sunscreen and waterproof jacket.

**Saturday 21 September**  
**10am-4.30pm**  
**Departs from the Comfort Station,**  
**Main St, Bridgewater on Loddon**

RSVP by 17 September to Anthony Gallacher, Ph: 0447 095 501  
E: anthony.gallacher@gmail.com | W: www.lpln.org

*This event is part of the Naturally Loddon: A Wonderland in Spring Festival. This project is supported by the Loddon Plains Landcare Network, through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.*



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FOR  
OUR  
COUNTRY

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.

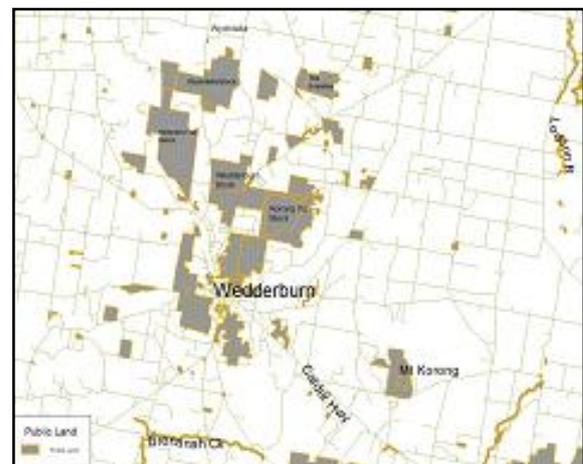
For further information concerning any items in this newsletter or other aspects of the WCMN contact  
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**WCMN President, Michael Moore – 54943542**  
**Website addresses**

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

<http://wedderburncmnnews.blogspot.com/>

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

LPLN- Loddon Plains Landcare Network



The WCMN Area of Interest

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