



# Yarra Yarra News



Newsletter Edition: Autumn 2017

Hello Everyone! My name is Jude Sutherland, I have just started in a new position as Local Landcare Coordinator with the Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group. I am delighted to be a part of the YYCMG team working alongside Lizzie King. Please feel free to contact me on: [landcarecoordinator@yarrayarracatchment.org.au](mailto:landcarecoordinator@yarrayarracatchment.org.au) or Mobile 0429 647 506



Thanks to Lizzie King, Yarra Yarra Project Officer for successfully acquiring funds through the Community Capability Grants via the State Natural Resource

Management Program WA and the support from the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC), we will be very busy conducting a number of workshops (see below) over the next 18 months, if you have ideas on what information/speakers, would benefit your area please contact me.



### Workshops/Events Coming Up:

#### **Community Consultation Workshops** – Dates to be advised.

We will hold some post seeding get-togethers to revitalise Yarra Yarra CMG. Community workshops which will guide YYCMG into the future, we're not necessarily looking for people to join the committee but we would like to hear your ideas/thoughts on the direction that YYCMG could take to be a benefit to the region, I would like to encourage all community members, landholders (Men & Women) and Farmer Groups/community groups to work with us to achieve great things together for our region. Please feel free to give me a call and share your ideas.



**National Tree Day** – 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A workshop will be organised with a neighbouring school or Shire. If you have any contacts or ideas, please contact me ASAP.

**Feral Management Workshop** – Increase sharing of and access to information and knowledge. If you want to be involved, please contact me. This could include weed &/or pest management e.g. Calthrop, Pattersons Curse, Star Thistle or 1080 Assessments etc.

**Surface Water Management Workshop** – Any ideas welcome. Would encourage working with other organisations and community groups. Do you want this workshop in your town, call me and let me know.

**Yarra Yarra Poster for local Flora and Fauna** – Long term project. Is there a gap in the information tourists need/want in your area. Can we provide that information, let me know.

*More details on all of these events coming soon – please like and follow our Facebook page and/or join our mailing list to stay informed.*

### Past Events for 2017

This took place over 2 weekends at the end of February and March. Thank you to

## Red Card for Rabbits & Foxes



all those people that took part to make it a successful event. An approach of working together and collecting data over a weekend is a good way to find out how feral animals are affecting the area, it was interesting to note the large reduction in rabbit numbers on last year, but a steady increase in feral cat numbers. Creates a great competition throughout the region with the introduction of the Feral Pest Champion Trophy.

**Winners:** 24-26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were Team, East Perenjori with a total of 155 pts.

Wayne Brooks, Glenn Solomon, Kirk Pohl and Kian Hardingham

**Winners:** 24-26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were Team, Mallee Hills with a total of 320pts.

Steve Tompkins, Mike Angi, Scott Charnley, Reece & Clare Boddiner and Alex.

(all spelling & name queries direct to Steve, Alex's last name is too long apparently)

The event was supported by the State Natural Resource Management Program WA, made possible by the State Governments Royalties for Regions program.

In support of this event the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme as part of the Regional Landcare Facilitator, have provided funding to cover the costs of baits for landholders in the Yarra Yarra Catchment Region, if you have bought baits this year or are planning to do so, and would like to be reimbursed please contact me on 0429 647 506 or [landcarecoordinator@yarrayarracatchment.org.au](mailto:landcarecoordinator@yarrayarracatchment.org.au), this is a first in best dressed basis, please use this service, be quick and don't miss out.

### **Clean Up Australia Day** – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017

It started with kits supplied by **Clean Up Australia** being sent home through **Perenjori Primary School** to entice the children to become involved in



collecting rubbish, many stories came through of the children heading out straight away to clean up their back yard and around the farms. A delightful comment from Leila Bradford (age 5) to set the scene "I am going to clean up the world".

Our future is in good hands!!

A crowd gathered in the Perenjori townsite on Saturday and immediately went to work in different areas. Thanks to the **Shire of Perenjori**, particularly Christina who helped organise the event and Rick and Ali for providing the BBQ for the well-earned breakfast and the **Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC)** for supporting the day, we filled over 20 large sacks of rubbish mainly consisting of drink containers. Thank you to everyone who turned up for the morning, many hands make light work.