



## Yarra Yarra Out and About

### Summer Greening and Feeding Field Day

On Wednesday 16th February, Kirsty attended the Summer Greening and Feeding field day which was held at the Gutha Community Hall (30kms North of Morawa). The field day began at 7am with a BBQ breakfast, cooked very well by Sarah Jeffery from NACC with the help of Kirsty from YYCMG and Kate Najar from NEFF (North East Farming Futures). There were approximately 30 farmers who came along to the field day and were treated to some great information from Dr Hayley Norman (CSIRO), Dr Helen Blake (DAFWA), Sarah Jeffery (NACC), Euan Beamont (Carbon diversity) and Mike Clarke (DAFWA). Dr Norman spoke with the group about the nutritional benefits of Saltbush for livestock, followed on by Dr Blake who spoke about the feeding of livestock during the summer months when normally there is not much feed growing. The main emphasis on the day was that between growing Fodder Shrubs (saltbush) and perennial pastures (panic grasses etc) that you would be able to feed your livestock very well throughout the drier months by rotating them on and off green feed and introducing hay and some forms of grain. Keep in mind however that too much green feed can sometimes do more damage than good.

After the guest speakers had discussed their information with the group we were taken to the property of Garry and Deb Collins who have planted perennial pastures, where we looked at their progress and were informed by Sarah (NACC) about the different types of perennials that can be grown, she also informed the farmers of the incentives available through NACC.

For more information about the day please contact [kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au](mailto:kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au) or you can email Dr Hayley Norman from CSIRO [Hayley.norman@csiro.au](mailto:Hayley.norman@csiro.au) or Dr Helen Blake (DAFWA) [helen.blake@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:helen.blake@agric.wa.gov.au)



Would you like someone else to plant your trees for the 2011 season?

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## NACC INCENTIVES

This year to date, Dene and Kirsty have been very busy signing up as many farmers for our incentives as possible. Each year the Yarra Yarra NRMO's get set a target by NACC which has to be filled, this year we have done the following:

| Incentive              | Target (set by NACC)                               | Achieved (Dene & Kirsty)   |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Strategic Revegetation | 3 landholders signed up                            | 4  |
| Tree Cropping          | 17 landholders signed up                           | 14   |
| Fodder Shrub           | 13 landholders signed up                           | 14   |
| <b>Total</b>           | 33 landholders with Management Agreements for 2011 | 32 landholders have been offered agreements, some have committed others we are waiting for |

Due to perennial pastures not being a popular incentive in the Yarra Yarra region we swapped our PP incentives with the Moore Catchment and received more of their Fodder Shrub incentives which was a great bonus for us as we had a lot of farmers who wanted to do the fodder shrub incentive.

If you are interested in signing up for an incentive in 2012, please phone either Dene on 0427 731 425 or Kirsty on 0428663015 to register your interest (alternatively you can email [dene.solomon@iipb.net.au](mailto:dene.solomon@iipb.net.au) or [kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au](mailto:kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au))

## Yarra Yarra CMG to apply for funding to purchase Tree Planter for Region

The Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group is Currently in the process of applying for a grant from the Department of Environment and Conservation through their **Environmental Community Grants 2011** program. The group has been investigating the different types of tree planters that are available and so far the best one looks like the Chatfield's Ezyplanter. We have acquired a quote from



Chatfield's Ezyplanter

Chatfield's in Tammin for one of their tree planters and the application process has been started. The closing date for the application is Thursday 7th April 2011, we will know the outcome by the end of April.

If you are interested in using a tree planter that has been looked after and is properly maintained, please show your interest and email Kirsty at [kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au](mailto:kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au) to show your support for the idea. The more responses we have to send with the application the more likely it is that we will be successful in getting the funding.

### Community Action Grant - Bush Corridors Project

This project is located in the Merkanooka catchment, just west of the Morawa town site. It will involve planting 40,000 trees on various properties alongside the existing deep drainage project. The valley floor has been fenced off and plantings will occur alongside the deep drain to enhance the area and provide revegetation in these previously saline areas.

Plantings will be undertaken with the Morawa High school and the Morawa Agricultural school students and also include local volunteer farmers.

By explaining the different species planted and the reasons why we have chosen them it is hoped to broaden the students awareness of plants and the biodiversity of the region. These young minds are agricultures future and we have a great opportunity to focus them on a greener outlook, perhaps !

### Sandalwood Trial Site

The sandalwood project is coming along very well. Host species seedlings have been ordered from Kalannie Tree Nursery for planting at the trial site in June/July 2011. We hope to hold a trial site visit and workshop in September/October to see the success rate of the seedlings and to have someone from the Australian Sandalwood Network explain the benefits of Sandalwood plantations and what use the host species are to getting the plantation started.

The trial site is on the property 'Arro Downs', owned by Dale Goodwin and is located in Xantippe on Goatcher Road. Please contact Kirsty at Yarra Yarra for more information on 0428663015 or email [kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au](mailto:kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au)

There will be more information regarding the workshop and trial site visit closer to the date, watch this space in the next newsletter for more details.



### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

1. **Next YYCMG meeting** - 10am 28th April 2011
3. **Rabbit Control workshop in Carnamah** - Wednesday 23rd March 10am
2. **Whole of Farm NRM training** - 6th & 7th April 2011



If you have any dates that you would like to submit for this section, please email them to [kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au](mailto:kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au)

### STAFF NEWS

Dene will be taking some time off over the next few weeks, if you need to speak to someone regarding Yarra Yarra works or NACC incentives, please contact Kirsty on 0428663015 or email [kirst.carter@iipb.net.au](mailto:kirst.carter@iipb.net.au)

