

Bellarine Catchment Network 2015/16 Annual Report



1. President's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present this report outlining some of the important activities undertaken by the Network during the past year.

The Network continues to be well supported by environmental groups and develop partnerships with other land managers on the Bellarine. These lead to important programs and initiatives that provide greater environmental education and involvement.

The BCN sponsored the Glass Master Class Threatened Species with DCSCA, Presented to the Corangamite CMA Board, administered the Green Army Program, continued to develop new groups including the Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare Group and Friends of Yellow Gums.

A significant outcome was the launch of the BCN Website and Mapping Portal. A project in partnership with Corangamite CMA and Federation University, this project has been able to capture the history, achievements and current programs of the Network. It also promotes all of the groups and organisations with the BCN and current activities.

Our schools Program continues to grow with 5 Secondary Colleges, 10 Primary Schools and 2 tertiary institutions involved in our programs. Significantly this year saw the 10th consecutive year and anniversary with Bellarine Secondary College Year 8 Environment Day. A total of 2000 students have gone through this program.

Partnerships with local communities, authorities, Coastal Committees of Management, Local and State Government continue to provide important projects and funding for BCN initiatives. Overall this leads to a more engaged local community in environmental values and threats, more on ground works and outcomes.

In conclusion I would like to thank the entire Network, Staff and all delegates for their ongoing contribution and commitment to their particular group, organisations and to the BCN.



St Aloysius Inaugural Environment Day at Swan Bay Queenscliffe

2. Delivered Programs and Activities

The BCN is active in every year achieving numerous outcomes and projects on the Bellarine with various community groups, partners and agencies. This previous year activities have continued and grown. This year the BCN Committee and Staff attended and presented at the; National Botanical Gardens Conference, Corangamite CMA Board Presentation, Master Class, Glass Making Festival (DCSCA), Awards Australia Finalist – Regional Awards Category, Borough of Queenscliffe – Australia Day Awards – Winner Environment Category.

Below is a summary of the projects and partnerships for the year.

Barwon Water - Shell Rd Costal Moonah Woodland Protection and Enhancement

- A 3 year partnership with Barwon Water, and working with local community groups in particular SBEA to restore and revegetate a remnant CMW site that suffered dieback. This program has continued the BCN role in protection and enhancement of CMW sites on the Bellarine. With site visits including local community groups and Barwon Water this has been a great project and new partnership with Barwon Water.

Bellarine Bayside Community Grant Project

- This project has allowed tools and equipment improvements for the Community On Ground Works Trailer and fostering a new partnership for Coastcare activities with St Leonards and Portarlington PS and with Bellarine Bayside COM.

Bellarine Indian Myna Program – BIMP

- The BIMP has once again been reinvigorated. The project has had numerous of meetings and refining of the program and now is being run in the Spring of 2016. This program will see it being run in all towns of the Bellarine, which is a significant increase in the program and resources from the initial pilot. This program continues to receive great support with 5 local people volunteering as town coordinators for the program.

Caring For Our Bays Litter Hotspot Grant

- The Caring For Our Bays Program continues to grow from strength to strength. With all key land managers and community groups involved over 10 Litter Hot Spots have been monitored and engagement and education programs built around these.
- Significantly, this year saw the culmination of 2 years work in developing the 'Be a Local Hero' initiative which utilises local species to tell the story from 'their' perspective.
- We are delighted that this initiative is being used by so many of the BCN Groups and organisation to lift the profile of the Caring For Our Bays program and to protect, beautify and enhance the Bellarine.

- The Final year will see the 'Be a Local Hero' program be rolled out to 20 Primary and Secondary school, bins and Drain Pit lids across the Bellarine and Geelong areas
- This new and exciting initiative has seen more investment for BCN and a new officer appointed. The project has identified litter hotspots on the Bellarine.

Bonnyvale Wetlands and Star of the Sea

- This year saw the 8 year of running this program. A successful day with 60 Grade 4 and 5 students conducting revegetation activity, flora and fauna walk and WaterWatch activities.

Queenscliffe Narrows Project & Coastal Moonah Woodland Restoration

- A partnership with the Borough of Queenscliffe, this program looks to engage the community in the protection and enhancement of CMW. Activities include 4 different schools, 2 tertiary institutions, 2 community days and 100's of volunteers.
- This year has seen an increase in the amount of schools involved and community activities along with erosion monitoring continuing at Dog Beach.

Bellarine Rail Trail Fellows Rd Revegetation Day

- This annual revegetation day is into its 7th year. Working with the SBEA, Queenscliffe PS, BoQ and GJGarner Homes allows this program to continue.
- Approx 300 plants are used in this revegetation day which is always a great result for the local nursery and community and continues to be supported

Bellarine Secondary College Year 8 Environment Day

- In 2016 saw the 11th consecutive year of this partnership and activity. Jointly led by BCN, Barwon Coast COM and Bellarine Secondary College sees 200 students and 10 educators provide various environmental education for the students.
- This day continues to recive wonderful support from other industry groups and organisations

Clifton Springs Coastcare Group and Booklet Development

- Continuing on from previous Environment days with local Primary school Drysdale and Clifton Springs, the Booklet will be released in 2015. A collaboration with DCSCA and CoGG this project has increased awareness and understanding of the area, the values and threats.

Coastcare Grant - Summer by the Sea and Surf Life Saving Club Nippers Program Nippers

- This year saw projects with Bellarine Bayside, Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Clubs. Approximately 80 Nippers kids took part in environmental education and another 100 campers / holiday makers participated in activities in Portarlington, St Leonards and Indented Head.

Landholder Info, BLG Support Role and Staff Supervision

- Support and supervise of 2 BLG Landcare Staff. Attend BLG General and Committee Meetings. Advise landholders on LC matters and facilitate the Bellarine Gorse program with outstanding sites and landholders.

Moolap Saltworks Site and Representation

- Work in collaboration with Birdlife Australia, Geelong Field Naturalists Club and Geelong Environment Council to lobby Government for protection of the site. Attend meeting and joint letter signatories with above groups to relevant authorities.

Ocean Grove Environment Booklet Development

- Develop a draft proposal with OGCC and FOOGNR for protection of Ocean Grove significant trees after recent clearing of old growth trees.
- Further develop this into a whole Environment Booklet for OG. Have secured funding and put together a steering / working group

Ocean Grove PS – Coastcare Environment Day

- Co run and organise with Barwon Coast and Ocean Grove Primary School Grade 4 Coastcare Day. Run 3 activities for 70 stundets including Coastcare Challenge Course, tree planting and fauna interaction
- This activity has been going for 7 years, however this year was cancelled due to weather.

Point Lonsdale PS Caring For Our Bays Environment Day

- Put on hold until first half of 2017 due to planning and logistics with the school.

St Ignatius and the Basin Enviro Day

- Run two field trips in The Basin for Yr 10 Environment Students. Look at biodiversity Values and the impact of Bridal Creeper.
- Release Rust Fungus for the Bridal Creeper in the Basin, appox 60 students engaged.

Clifton Springs PS – Clifton Springs Boat Ramp

- A change of location to the Boat Ramp. Working in collaboration with CoGG and DCSCA to drive this program
- 90 kids in attendance running 3 different activities throughout the day

St Leonards PS Caring For Our Bays Environment Day

- Run in conjunction with Bellarine Bayside. Approx 100 students who participated in the day
- A re-vamp of our previous projects with St Leonards PS and a great partnership with Bellarine Bayside.

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3. Case Studies – Barwon Water Shell Rd Coastal Moonah Woodland Program

Bellarine Catchment Network (BCN) has managed the Coastal Moonah Woodland Restoration Site adjacent to Shell Rd for the previous 3 years. We have undertaken two community site visits and seen the improvement to the site. Initially Moonah mortality saw an increase in grassy and woody weed cover. A program of seasonal weed control has led to a decrease in overall weed percentage cover and increase in recruitment of Moonah and other CMW vegetation

Photopoint monitoring has occurred at different locations inside the site area. This has helped to determine change over time and recruitment of plant species, both introduced and indigenous. The photopoint monitoring sites includes canopy cover, and aspects from the north view on the east, centre and west sides of the site. All photopoints are identified through GPS Coordinates and have been recorded over time with the same photopoints re-taken,

Other management issues have included hard rubbish with the plan to remove through the responsibility of Barwon Water. Critical habitat species including Coastal Saltmarsh plants continue to recruit at this site improving the overall habitat value of the site. Pest Animals control has been conducted with rabbit harbour and baiting.

This project has seen a new successful partnership with BCN and Barwon Water, involving the local community groups in the rehabilitation of this site.



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4. Media Reports and Promotions.



Coastcare Enviro Challenge Course







Info:





Australia Day Awards 2016

Citizen of the Year Joan Kenwood For over 50 years Joan Ken has been a valued citizen of community with a strong cor, ment to community issues, chari concerns, heritage values. oraceras, herritago values, the environment, social justice, humani-turian causes and refuge issues. For the past 18 years Joan has been president of the Queenstiff Comm-unity Association. Young Citizer on of the Year Liam is the Senior Vice President of the Point Lonstake Surf Lifesaring Cole and the Year Club and has been a member starting as a Nipper 15 years 2015, Liam was instrumen e of the Year



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cliffe Historical am Research Groun f education out-ine Peninsula. The onsdale Primary Day on 19 May

Invitation to

Bellarine Indian Myna Control Program

Community Involvement and Control Methods

Details Date: Tuesday 3rd November 2015. 6pm to 7pm. All Welcome. Time:

SpringDale Neighbourhood House, 17-21 High St, Drysdale Location:

Further details to Matt Crawley, Program Manager Contact: matt.bcn@environmentbellarine.org.au No RSVP required

The Bellarine Indian Myna Program (BIMP) started in 2014 to control expanding Indian Myna number on the Bellarine A trial was commenced in Ocean Grove with 30 participants in the initial year. A review of the program and high interest in all Bellarine towns led to the Bellarine Catchment Network supporting roll out across all towns and areas of the Bellarine

Subsequent funding applications has led to only minor support, however community momentum suggests that the community feels passionately about this issue.

This workshop will focus on; Township and Community Indian Myna Control Groups, Approved trapping and euthanizing methods, Procedures for loaning Traps, recording and monitoring populations and distribution and roll out of the Bellarine Indian Myna Control Program in 2016, with an aim for Autumn program in all towns.



5. Financial / Treasurer Report

OHS

Media

Catering Workshop Expenses

MOTOR VEHICLE Fuel

Vehicle Rego

Vehicle Lease Total MOTOR VEHICLE

ON GROUND WORKS Equipment Hire

Seedlings

Tools

Pest, Plant & Animals

Total ON GROUND WORKS

Repairs & Maintenance

Meeting Expenses

Telephone-Mobiles Total ADMINISTRATION

Printing, Signage, Brochure

Vehicle Expenses / Service

Equipment Purchase (Grounds)

Total CAPACITY BUILDING

CAPACITY BUILDING Website Design

Bellarine Catchment Network

Profit & Loss

July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul 15 - Jun 16	PAYROLL	
Ordinary Income/Expense		Salaries - Contract & Ongoing	100,257.37
Income		Staff Training	337.05
Grant Incomes	155,760.69	5	
Interest Income	1,431.41	Super	7,465.90
Total Income	157,192.10	Workcover	-447.95
Expense CFOB		Total PAYROLL	107,612.37
Publications/Res Mat & Tools	376.04	Payroll Expenses	1,880.02
Total CFOB	376.04	• •	
BEC		Total Expense	171,567.74
Cleaning	80.00		
Email Services	172.92	Net Ordinary Income	-14.375.64
Office Insurance	588.89	-	,
Electricity	1,149.05	Other Income/Expense	
Equipment Purchases(Office)	50.45	Other Income	
Postage	12.73		40,400,77
IT Support	2,592.44 1.185.89	Other Income	12,462.77
Office Supplies Internet	1,165.69	Tatal Others in come	40,400,77
IT Software	98.77	Total Other Income	12,462.77
Total BEC	7,418.73	Net Other Income	12.462.77
PLANT, EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY			
Infrastructure/Registrations	123.20		
Total PLANT, EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY	123.20	Net Income	-1,912.87
ADMINISTRATION			
Fee for Service Contribution	15.000.00		
Organisation Insurance	347.73		
Parking	78.75		
Travel Expenses	122.71		
Administation Support/Consultan	4,955.60		
Uniforms PPE	209.09		
Gifts	813.64		
Accounting	975.00		
Bank Fees	280.53		
Bookkeeping	2,728.62		
Committee Members Expenses	897.58		
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1,993.79 6,516.12

92.57

28,759.81

12,665.26

11,623.73

1,108.58

Jul 15 - Jun 16

Bellarine Catchment Network

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2016

	Jun 30, 16
ASSETS Current Assets Chequing/Savings NAB Business Card NAB Cash Manager	9,008.42 114,340.53
Total Chequing/Savings	123,348.95
Accounts Receivable Accounts Receivable	7,887.82
Total Accounts Receivable	7,887.82
Total Current Assets	131,236.77
Fixed Assets Motor Vehicle. At Costs	37,973.26
Total Motor Vehicle.	37,973.26
Plant & Equipment At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation Plant & Equipment - Other	12,936.04 -677.00 4,097.00
Total Plant & Equipment	16,356.04
Total Fixed Assets	54,329.30
TOTAL ASSETS	185,566.07

LIABILITIES Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Accounts Payable	610.22
Total Accounts Payable	610.22
Other Current Liabilities Triton Finance - Curr Current Provisions Annual Leave Long Service Leave	7,167.72 15,508.00 5,557.00
Total Current Provisions	21,065.00
Payroll Liabilities PAYG Supannuation	5,332.00 1,424.63
Total Payroll Liabilities	6,756.63
Tax Payable	5,140.09
Total Other Current Liabilities	40,129.44
Total Current Liabilities	40,739.66
Long Term Liabilities Triton Finance - Non Curr Provisions	30,805.54
Long Service Leave	1,450.00
Total Provisions	1,450.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	32,255.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES	72,995.20
NET ASSETS	112,570.87
EQUITY Opening Bal Equity Retained Earnings Suspense Account Net Income TOTAL EQUITY	146,679.33 -28,950.29 -3,245.30 -1,912.87 112,570.87
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5. Acron	yms and Terms
BA -	Birdlife Australia
BB-	Bellarine Bayside Committee of Management
BC -	Barwon Coast Committee of Management
BCN -	Bellarine Catchment Network
BLG -	Bellarine Landcare Group
BoQ -	Borough of Queenscliffe
BRT -	Bellarine Rail Trail
BIMP -	Bellarine Indian Myna Program
BSC&BLN -	Bellarine Secondary College & Bellarine Landcare Nursery
BPOBPWG -	Bellarine Peninsula Orange-bellied Parrot Regional Group
CCMA -	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
CFOC -	Caring For our Country
CoGG -	City of Greater Geelong
CVA -	Conservation Volunteers Australia
CVGT -	Central Victorian Group Training
DCSCA -	Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association
DEH -	Department of Environment & Heritage
DELWP -	Department of Environment Land Water and Planning
EVC -	Ecological Vegetation Class
FOB -	Friends of the Bluff

FOBRT -	Friends of Bellarine Rail Trail
FOBW -	Friends of Begola Wetlands
FOBP -	Friends of Buckley Park
FOEP -	Friends of Edwards Point
FOHPB -	Friends of Hooded Plover Bellarine
FOOGNR -	Friends of Ocean Grove Nature Reserve
FOPR -	Friends of Point Richards
GAV -	Greening Australia Victoria
GC -	Green Corp
GFNC -	Geelong Field Naturalists Club
GT -	Gordon Tafe
GSPS -	Geelong Steam Preservation Society
GWGQ -	Global Warming Group Queenscliff
NAWC -	National Asparagus Weeds Committee
OGCC -	Ocean Grove Coastcare
PV -	Parks Victoria
RCIP -	Regional Catchment Investment Plan
RCW -	Regionally Controlled Weed
SBEA -	Swan Bay Environment Association
SBICMC -	Swan Bay Integrated Catchment Management Committee
WoNS -	Weeds of National Significance