

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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
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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.

Photopoint 1. Photopoint 2. Photopoint 3. Photopoint 4.



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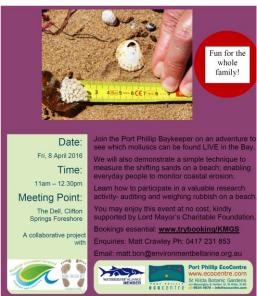






#### 4. Media Reports and Promotions.







#### news **New group** the focus of meeting A COMMUNITY meeting is being held. next week to discuss and form a new Coastcare group for Clifton Springs, Curlewis and Drysdale areas. The meeting will be held at Springdale House, High Street, Drysdale on Tuesday November 24 between 6pm and 7pm. "We are excited to host this meeting to discuss forming the new group, the potential name, initial projects and activities focusing on litter reduction control," Bellarine Catchment Network program manager Matt Crawley said. "This is an important start in determining the groups area, focus and name - al members of the public are encouraged The night will be supported by the Bellarine Catchment Network, Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association, Springdale House and City of For further details contact Matt Crawley on 0417 231 853 or matt.ben@ environmentbellarine.org.au. No RSVP MEANWHILE, to mark its new beginning, the Drysdale and Clifton Springs Community Association will run a DCSCA Open Day on Saturday December 19 at 164 Wyndham Street, Drysdale

(DCSCA) between 11am and 3pm. The DCSCA is celebrating Milemaker Petroleum saved it from

closure by waiving the \$5,500 in legal





## Australia Day Awards 2016

concerns, beriage values, the environment, social justice, humani-tarian causes and retigue issues. For the past 18 years Joan has been president of the Queenstiff Community Association. Young Citizen of the Year Liam Petric-Allbutt
Liam is the Senior Vice President of the Point Lonstale Surf Lifesaving Code and the Code and the

#### 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

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

## Bellarine Catchment Network Profit & Loss

July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul 15 - Jun 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	155 760 60
Grant Incomes Interest Income	155,760.69 1,431.41
Total Income	157,192.10
Expense	,
CFOB	
Publications/Res Mat & Tools	376.04
Total CFOB	376.04
BEC	
Cleaning Email Services	80.00 172.92
Office Insurance	588.89
Electricity	1,149.05
Equipment Purchases(Office)	50.45
Postage IT Support	12.73 2.592.44
Office Supplies	1,185.89
Internet	1,487.59
IT Software	98.77
Total BEC	7,418.73
PLANT, EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY Infrastructure/Registrations	123.20
Total PLANT, EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY	123.20
ADMINISTRATION	123.20
Fee for Service Contribution	15,000.00
Organisation Insurance	347.73
Parking	78.75
Travel Expenses Administation Support/Consultan	122.71 4,955.60
Uniforms PPE	209.09
Gifts	813.64
Accounting Bank Fees	975.00 280.53
Bookkeeping	2,728.62
Committee Members Expenses	897.58
Meeting Expenses OHS	159.65 223.65
Telephone-Mobiles	1,967.26
Total ADMINISTRATION	28,759.81
CAPACITY BUILDING	,
Website Design	1,140.00
Media	900.00
Printing, Signage, Brochure Catering	10,041.01 491.68
Workshop Expenses	92.57
Total CAPACITY BUILDING	12,665.26
MOTOR VEHICLE	
Fuel	2,576.52
Vehicle Rego Vehicle Expenses / Service	537.30 1,993.79
Vehicle Lease	6,516.12
Total MOTOR VEHICLE	11,623.73
ON GROUND WORKS	
Equipment Hire	48.08
Equipment Purchase (Grounds) Pest, Plant & Animals	21.82 232.80
Repairs & Maintenance	683.55
Seedlings	80.91
Tools	41.42
Total ON GROUND WORKS	1,108.58

	Jul 15 - Jun 16
PAYROLL Salaries - Contract & Ongoing Staff Training Super Workcover	100,257.37 337.05 7,465.90 -447.95
Total PAYROLL	107,612.37
Payroll Expenses	1,880.02
Total Expense	171,567.74
Net Ordinary Income	-14,375.64
Other Income/Expense Other Income Other Income	12,462.77
Total Other Income	12,462.77
Net Other Income	12,462.77
Net Income	-1,912.87

# Bellarine Catchment Network Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2016

ASSETS Current Assets	Jun 30, 16	Other Current Liabilities Triton Finance - Curr Current Provisions Annual Leave Long Service Leave	7,167.72 15,508.00 5,557.00
Chequing/Savings NAB Business Card	9.008.42	Total Current Provisions	21,065.00
NAB Cash Manager	114,340.53	Payroll Liabilities	
Total Chequing/Savings	123,348.95	PAYG Supannuation	5,332.00 1,424.63
Accounts Receivable		Total Payroll Liabilities	6,756.63
Accounts Receivable	7,887.82	Tax Payable	5,140.09
Total Accounts Receivable	7,887.82	<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	40,129.44
Total Current Assets	131,236.77	Total Current Liabilities	40,739.66
Fixed Assets Motor Vehicle. At Costs	37,973.26	Long Term Liabilities Triton Finance - Non Curr Provisions Long Service Leave	30,805.54 1,450.00
Total Motor Vehicle.	37,973.26	Total Provisions	1,450.00
Plant & Equipment At Cost	12,936.04	Total Long Term Liabilities	32,255.54
Less Accumulated Depreciation Plant & Equipment - Other	-677.00 4,097.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	72,995.20
Total Plant & Equipment	16,356.04	NET ASSETS	112,570.87
rotal Flant & Equipment	10,330.04	EQUITY	
Total Fixed Assets	54,329.30	Opening Bal Equity Retained Earnings	146,679.33 -28,950.29
TOTAL ASSETS	185,566.07	Suspense Account Net Income	-3,245.30 -1,912.87
		TOTAL EQUITY	112,570.87

LIABILITIES

**Current Liabilities** 

Accounts Payable Accounts Payable

**Total Accounts Payable** 

610.22

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5. Acror	nyms and Terms		
BA -	Birdlife Australia	FOBRT -	Friends of Bellarine Rail Trail
BB-	Bellarine Bayside Committee of Management	FOBW -	Friends of Begola Wetlands
BC -	Barwon Coast Committee of Management	FOBP -	Friends of Buckley Park
BCN -	Bellarine Catchment Network	FOEP -	Friends of Edwards Point
BLG -	Bellarine Landcare Group	FOHPB -	Friends of Hooded Plover Bellarine
BoQ -	Borough of Queenscliffe	FOOGNR -	Friends of Ocean Grove Nature Reserve
BRT -	Bellarine Rail Trail	FOPR -	Friends of Point Richards
BIMP -	Bellarine Indian Myna Program	GAV -	Greening Australia Victoria
BSC&BLN -	Bellarine Secondary College & Bellarine Landcare	GC -	Green Corp
	Nursery	GFNC -	Geelong Field Naturalists Club
BPOBPWG -	Bellarine Peninsula Orange-bellied Parrot Regional Group	GT -	Gordon Tafe
CCMA -	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	GSPS -	Geelong Steam Preservation Society
CFOC -	Caring For our Country	GWGQ -	Global Warming Group Queenscliff
CoGG -	City of Greater Geelong	NAWC -	National Asparagus Weeds Committee
CVA -	Conservation Volunteers Australia	OGCC -	Ocean Grove Coastcare
CVGT -	Central Victorian Group Training	PV -	Parks Victoria
DCSCA -	Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association	RCIP -	Regional Catchment Investment Plan
DEH -	Department of Environment & Heritage	RCW -	Regionally Controlled Weed
DELWP -	Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	SBEA -	Swan Bay Environment Association
		SBICMC -	Swan Bay Integrated Catchment Management
EVC -	Ecological Vegetation Class		Committee

FOB -

Friends of the Bluff

WoNS -

Weeds of National Significance