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Upcoming Events

Sunday 9th Nov, 10am at Anakie Depot

PC monitoring at Thompson Rd site. Lunch in the bush, followed by Waterwatch or a walk. Bring lunch, hats, sunscreen and water.

Saturday 6th Dec, 6PM at Anakie Gorge Picnic Area

End of year BBQ and evening walk.

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Back To Steiglitz

Sunday 12th October was a fine sunny day, just right for outdoor activities. A group of us turned up to help set up the marquees that Parks Victoria had lent for the day, as well as our own marquee. Tables, chairs, signs, brochures, books, maps, plants etc were set out for public admiration and purchase.

Someone remarked that the warm weather would probably lure many people to the beach, and he may have been right because it was a bit quiet to start with. However, as the day progressed, crowds built and the number of people seeking information about the park, or just asking about plants for an area in their garden, increased. The billy cart races were much admired, as was the inventiveness and ambition of some of the cart builders.

Judy led a walk around the old racecourse at Bert Boardman's Reserve, with many wildflowers spotted and photographed.



Photo: Varena Hardy



End of year BBQ and evening walk

Saturday 6th December 6PM

BBQ at the Anakie Gorge Picnic Area. Snags, burgers, bread, sauce and soft drinks provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, eating utensils and any extra special goodies for the BBQ if you want them.

We'll take a walk along the gorge after sunset and spotlight for critters large and small. Please bring a torch for walking, we'll provide the spotlighting stuff.

Please RSVP with numbers attending and any special dietary requirements to friends_br@yahoo.com.au or 5286 1252 by 2nd Dec.

Activities for 2015

A range of activities have been proposed for 2015. One major one is developing a Steiglitz circuit walk by defining a track between The Pines carpark and Steiglitz courthouse. This would link up with existing tracks to provide a complete circuit in the Steiglitz area.

Other proposed activities include:

- Reptile Walk & Talk, inspect one tile grid
- Weed removal along aqueduct
- Sallow Wattle removal/herbicide treatment
- Weed removal - Anakie Gorge and Stony creek walks
- Remove old fences around the Lower Stony Creek reservoir
- Replant Steiglitz orchard with heritage fruit trees in July (combined project with Back to Steiglitz group)
- Waterwatch testing
- PC monitoring
- Commission/design a stand for the removed gate valve at the Lower Stony Creek dam, as well as a small interpretation panel. Arrange installation.
- Organise a group to plan for a wildflower show in 2016. Scope of show to be discussed.

Plenty to keep us occupied in the year ahead. Hope to see you there.

For your diary!

Join us

Sunday 9th November

Phytophthora monitoring at Thompson Rd, followed by Waterwatch or a walk.

Saturday 6th December

End of year BBQ and evening walk at Anakie Gorge Picnic Area, 6PM.

January 2015

No activity. Resume February.

Also at a date to be announced monitoring mammals and/or reptiles with Colin Cook – can be midweek if you are interested
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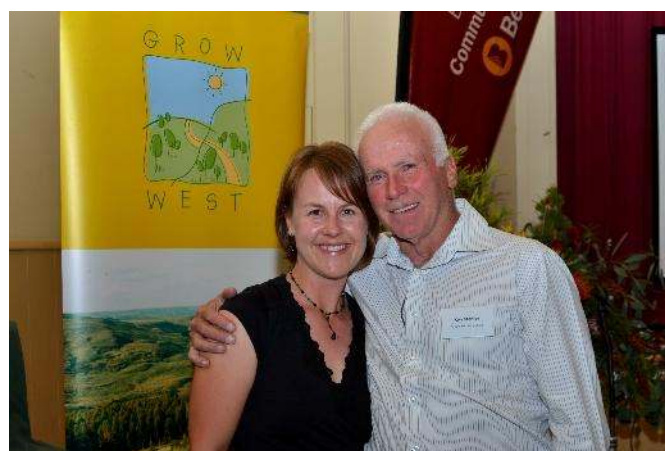
Landcare Expo and an award for the Friends

The Moorabool Landcare Network organised a landcare expo at the Ballan Mechanics Institute on Saturday 25th October. The Friends group had a table on the day, along with many other local groups, DEPI, Grow West, Moorabool Council and others. It provided a chance to get our name and faces known by the many locals who came through the door on the day, as well as selling maps and books to rouse their interest in the area.

As part of the Landcare Expo, the Moorabool Landcare Network presented a range of awards on the Friday night. The Friends group was presented with an award for an "outstanding Landcare project, being the Biennial Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show". Helena Lindorff, Judy Locke, Caz and Bart Bartholomew were on hand to receive the award. Special mention must go to Helena Lindorff for the amount of work she has put in over the years to develop the wildflower show to such an admirable event.



Bart, Caz and Judy. Photo: Emma Muir



Helena and Ken from Pentland Hills Landcare.
Photo: Emma Muir