otway community conservation network

# Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Otway Community Conservation Network (OCCN) newsletter.

A lot has been happening since OCCN inception earlier this year, with the steering committee established and the network being promoted across conservation groups and agencies within the project area. Click here to see which bodies are represented on the steering committee and here for the organisations involved in the network. If you are new to the network and want to find out more, click here to view a short introductory video.

Read on to find out what else is happening…

## New Website – www.occn.org.au

The OCCN website is up and running! Please have a look and provide feedback on the site content. Click www.occn.org.au to visit the OCCN site.

## On Ground Works to Date

While the majority of on-ground works are slated for September 2011, some works were undertaken in July to get the network started. The network funded Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) to remove Boneseed at three sites in the project area. Click here for a short video of CVA pulling Boneseed in Bellbrae and Anglesea.

The network also provided funds to the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee to assist with Bridal creeper control at the Anglesea Rivermouth and above Soapy Rocks, Anglesea.

## Boneseed and Bridal creeper Mapping and Works Prioritisation

All known infestations of Boneseed and Bridal Creeper were mapped during August while the plants were in flower. These maps were then used by the steering committee to prioritise on-ground works. Using the biosecurity approach outlying infestations and private land adjacent to national and state parks have been identified as the highest priority. Interactive Boneseed infestation maps can be viewed here and Bridal creeper maps here.

Be sure to check the online maps regularly as treated infestations will be identified on the website as they are controlled.

## Calendar

The website also has a calendar which can be updated with events relevant to the network. See it here. Please contact me with any events you would like publicised.

## Upcoming Working Bees

Check out the upcoming Boneseed working bees, feel free to come along and meet others who are fighting the good fight!

Contact Luke Hynes on 0406 113 438 or occn@occn.org.au if you want any more information on any of the following working bees.

**Wednesday 31 August – Kennett River**

**Who:** Apollo Bay Townies
**When:** 2:30pm til 3:30pm
**Meet where:** Kennett River Shops, Kennett River.
**What Else:** Probably see some koalas.

**Saturday September 3 – Deans Marsh**

**Who:** East Otway Landcare Group
**When:** 10am til 12pm
**Meet where:** 250 Deans Marsh- Lorne Road, Deans Marsh
**What Else:** Free BBQ!

**Monday September 5 - Anglesea**

**Who:** ANGAIR and CVA
**When:** 9am til 11am
**Meet where:** Cnr of Powerline Tk and Coalmine Rd Anglesea
**What Else:** ANGAIR people can probably show you orchids.

**Thursday September 8 - Anglesea**

**Who:** Friends of Eastern Otways and CVA
**When:** 9am til 11am
**Meet where:** Cnr of Powerline Tk and Coalmine Rd Anglesea
**What Else:** Keep on with the ANGAIR site

**Friday September 9 - Anglesea**

**Who:** Friends of Eastern Otways and CVA
**When:** 9am til 11am
**Meet where:** Cnr of Powerline Tk and Coalmine Rd Anglesea
**What Else:** Third time in a week - really knock this site over!

**Wednesday September 14 - Anglesea**

**Who:** ALCOA, PV, YMCA, Anglesea PS
**When:** 10am til 12
**Meet where:** Opposite Ready mix on Coalmine Road
**What Else:** Lunch provided.

**Sunday September 25 - Lorne**

**Who:** Friends of Queens Park and GORCC
**When:** 10am til 12pm
**Meet where:** Teddy's Lookout Car park, Lorne
**What Else:** Free BBQ!

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