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NEWSLETTER



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Another season has gone, and hopefully with the holidays behind us, we are refreshed and ready for another year.

At Folklaw lots of things are happening. We are looking into establishing a koala food plot. A food plot has been established on Phillip island for a number of years and we are going to talk to the ranger there to give us useful information on what to do and what not to do in the establishing of such a plot.

The website should be up and running by the end of march, there has been a slight delay due to the school holidays being earlier than normal.

FOLKLAW AGM: 23th of April at 12.30 pm.
Place: hall at Stone reserve,
Sausage sizzle before the meeting



Next working bees will be on: 30th of April and the 28th of may starting at 9.30am
Meet at the bottom of campsie crt
we look forward to seeing you there



*We are also getting ready for **tree planting day** which will be held on the **30th of july** this year so come one come all and lets plant some trees and shrubs we will have near enough to **350 plants** to plant so the more hands we have to get them in the ground the better.*
Bring your own garden gloves, the tools and morning tea we will supply .

*The Whistling Tree Frog —*litoria verreauxi* — is hiding in the grass and waiting for the rain.*

As soon as any puddles appear the evening air will be filled with the high pitched Twee– Twee– Twee of the male Whistling Tree Frogs looking for a mate.

The Whistling Tree Frog is a strong swimmer and can climb but is usually to be found on the ground hiding in clumps of grasses and reeds or in water, supported by vegetation.



*The Eastern Common Froglet — *Crinia signifera* — is a ground dwelling frog. It will hide under logs or rocks, often in a group when the weather is dry.*

As soon as the rains come you will hear it calling both day and night —crick —crick— just like a pocket full of crickets!!



WE ARE ALL WAITING FOR THE RAIN !

*The Eastern Banjo Frog – **Limnodynastes dumerili**—
Is a large burrowing frog.*

*The males float in the water, holding on to vegetation,
And sing their merry ' Bonging song' as long as
there is water!*

*The females lay up to 4000 pigmented eggs,
enclosed in a large white frothy floating raft.*

The tadpoles are large and dark brown or black.

*The breeding sason is April to August – as long as there
Is water about!!*



**WOULD YOU CONSIDER MAKING
A SIMPLE FROGPOND AT YOUR HOUSE ??**

PREPARING FOR TREE PLANTING DAY

Preparing for the treeplanting day start already before Xmas. Selecting of where to plant and what to plant is the first step generally .

After that it is the sourcing of plants that takes a bit of time as we actually go to the different local indigenous nurseries to talk to them and see what each of them have / will have available by July.

Our next step is the ordering of mulch which happens via the shire, because they usually have all the mulch from the roadside prunings available at minimal cost to us.

Preparation of the site usually means slashing , after the slashing it gets a proper mowing . We leave the weeds to grow for a week after that and then we hit it with round up. The weed killing then gets repeated at least one or two times before the mulching happens.

Plant suppliers have to be approached to see if they have the plants available for us when we need them. The plants get ordered at least 3 months prior to tree planting day.

Organizing the stakes and bags needed on the actual planting day, needs to be done . Stakes and bags are recycled all the time.

Last years plantings are ready to have the bags removed by now and these can be used again for this years plantings.

The bags and stakes used at Stone reserve have been removed and reused . It is a matter of removing collecting and counting to make sure we have enough on the day.

Talking to people so they know tree planting day is coming up is just as important, for without the willing volunteers on the day the plants won't get in the ground.

We welcome young and old on our tree planting day, 30th of July 2006. As there are all sorts of tasks to be done not just planting.

So if you are available on tree planting day why not come along, bring a friend and plant a few trees or shrubs .

Our native animals will love you for it.

