

# Newsletter

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WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A

*Happy Easter*



### NURSERY UPDATES FOR 2024

The year is going by so quickly. Easter has come and gone, and we hope you all had a lovely time.

We are planning on having some super specials on plants in our nursery and we are also in the process of organising some workshops. So, keep an eye on Facebook as all the information will be posted there.

# Presidents Message

## AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR

Dear Gympie Landcare Members,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the refreshing change in weather as both the rain and the heat ease. Autumn is my favourite time of year, with its cool misty mornings and lush green landscape after the summer rains. It is of course also the perfect time of year for spending leisurely hours in the garden, connecting with nature, and nurturing our local landscapes.

Our nursery is currently brimming with a delightful selection of native plants that are ideal for this season. Whether you're looking to attract native birds and butterflies, create a water-wise garden, add some vibrant colour to your outdoor space, or start growing some shade for next summer, our nursery has something special for every garden, both big and small.

I invite you to come and explore the diverse range of native species that thrive in our region. Our dedicated team is on hand to offer expert advice and help you select the perfect plants for your garden and your region.



*Bottlebrush – In the Nursery now*

Let's take advantage of this wonderful time of year to enhance our surroundings, support local biodiversity, and promote sustainable gardening practices. Best of all, by incorporating our native plants into our gardens, we contribute to the preservation of our unique ecosystem.

Visit our nursery and let's celebrate the beauty of autumn together!

Happy gardening!

Warm regards,

Alexandra van Beek

President, Gympie Landcare



*Grevilleas – In the Nursery now*



## EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday the 23 March we had an Easter Egg Hunt. The eggs were hidden all through out the Nursery and in the Retail Shop. Everyone had a great time hunting them down – and eating them along the way.

We limited the eggs to three per child, and when some of the children found their three, they were found hiding other eggs they found for the other children. Too cute!!!



Some of them were hidden so well that our Nursery staff are still finding them 😊.

Here are just a couple of the pictures taken of our hidden eggs.

Keep an eye out next year, as our Easter Egg Hunt will be bigger and better than it was this year with some great prizes to be given out.



## VOLUNTEER INTERVIEWS

We have volunteers from all backgrounds with us. And I took the opportunity to sit down with two of our awesome volunteers – Terry and Seton to find out why they like volunteering at Gympie Landcare. This is what they told me.

“We find it very fulfilling and meaningful being here. In the time we’ve been here we’ve made some really good friends. It’s kind of like being a little community here – we have fun and there are lots of laughs, but at the same time we work hard to get the job done.

We feel like being here we’re actually doing something worthwhile – something for the environment. We find we’re constantly learning, everyday, which is a good thing.

And it’s kind of like being at school more than work because of the social side of things.”



We’d like to say a big thank you to all of our volunteers here at Gympie Landcare.

And remember, if you or any of your family or friends would like to volunteer with us, and join the fun days 😊, feel free to contact us or register on our website under **About, Volunteers** and then **Sign Up Now**.



## MEET ALISON

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Meet one of our incredible and dedicated Landcare Volunteers: Alison.

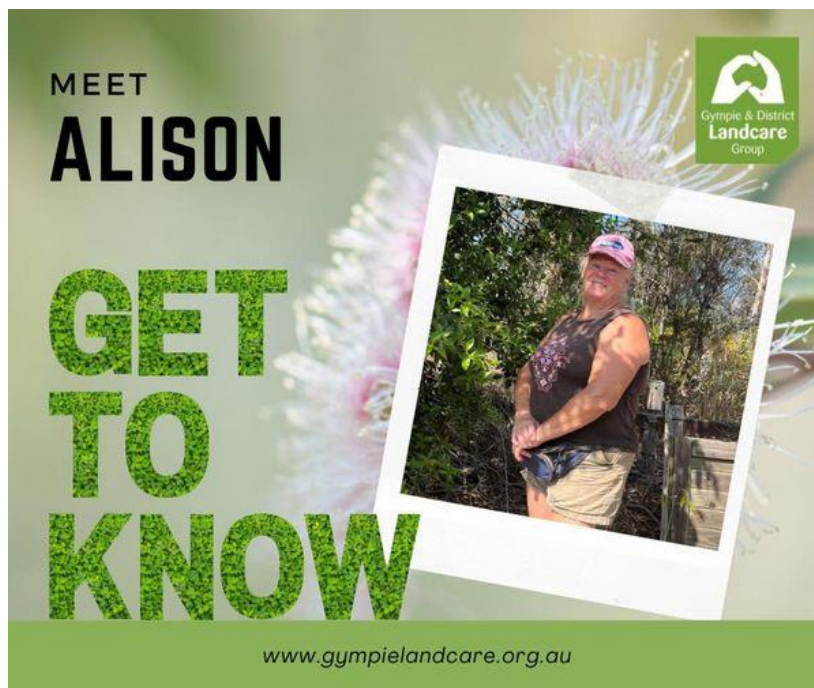
Alison dedicates two days a week to Gympie & District Landcare, where she plays a vital role in potting, preparing orders, and keeping the nursery in tip-top shape with her fantastic weeding skills. She has a passion for the environment and loves the wonderful people she works with every time she volunteers.

What makes Alison's Landcare experience even more special for her is the organised and welcoming atmosphere of the nursery. She finds that the well-maintained order makes her work more enjoyable and efficient, contributing to the overall success of our mission.

Beyond her commitment to Landcare, Alison's heart lies in caring for her own horse and tending to her property.

Eco-Friendly Wisdom from Alison: If she could inspire everyone to take one eco-friendly action, Alison encourages us to take our rubbish with us from places we visit and to recycle more. Small actions can make a big impact!

Alison's Vision: Looking towards the future, Alison envisions Gympie Landcare and the local community thriving. She aims to spread awareness about the incredible offerings of Gympie Landcare and increase sales, paving the way for a greener and more sustainable future.



## MEMBERSHIP

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Just a reminder that if your membership has lapsed and you'd like to renew, you can jump onto our website and complete your details there: <https://gympielandcare.org.au/product/membership/>.

Or visit the nursery and speak to our lovely staff who will assist you in renewing your membership – and maybe buy some plants while you are here 😊.



## JOIN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSERVATION CREW IN GYMPIE

Are you passionate about making a tangible difference to the environment? Do you thrive on working outdoors, surrounded by the natural beauty of the Gympie region? If so, we want you to join our motivated and cohesive team at Gympie & District Landcare Group (GDLG)!

About Us: At GDLG, we're on a mission to inspire and support environmental regeneration across Gympie and its surrounds. Our community-based organisation focuses on various initiatives including environmental and conservation services, running a native plant nursery, offering biological services for soil regeneration, and fostering community-based environmental activities.

### Available Roles:

#### **Field Supervisor:**

- Lead a small team of Bush Regenerators
- Manage and oversee various environmental projects including bushland and farm regeneration, riparian restoration, and weed maintenance.
- Minimum three years' experience in natural areas management, with a sound knowledge of integrated weed management, bush regeneration, revegetation, and native plants of Southeast Queensland.
- Minimum of one year's experience in leading and supervising teams engaged in natural area works, with experience in quality control, WH&S procedures, environmental standards, report writing and effectively communicating with landholders and key stakeholders.
- Diploma of Conservation and Land Management or equivalent required
- Excellent communication skills essential

#### **Bush Regenerator:**

- Work as part of a dynamic team focused on environmental improvement
- Undertake tasks such as bush regeneration, revegetation, and weed maintenance
- Certificate III Conservation and Land Management or equivalent required
- ACDC licence
- White Card
- Manual Drivers licence
- Maintain and operate chainsaws competency
- Current First Aid & CPR Licence
- An attitude of stewardship for our environment
- Passion to continually learn and improve your understanding of the complex systems underpinning our diverse catchment.
- Physically fit, with a good work ethic

#### **Why Join Us?**

- Collaborative and supportive work environment
- Opportunities for further studies and career progression
- Competitive casual pay rates
  - Field Supervisor: \$37.01 per hour
  - Bush Regenerator: \$33.84 per hour

If you're ready to take on a rewarding role where your passion for the environment can flourish, we want to hear from you! Please send your Cover Letter and CV to [projects@gympielandcare.org.au](mailto:projects@gympielandcare.org.au)

If you have not yet obtained the required qualification but have relevant experience, please feel free to apply.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of our team dedicated to preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of Gympie and its surrounds. Apply today and let's make a positive impact together!





### Get to Know Ora and Learn How You Can Help

Meet Ora, one of our beloved Southside residents! In Māori, his name means alive, well, safe. Koalas like Ora are known for their selective eating habits, often preferring certain types of eucalyptus leaves over others. But did you know their preferences can vary among individuals and populations?

If you're passionate about creating a koala-friendly habitat, taking guidance from Gympie Landcare is a fantastic first step. We can offer invaluable advice on selecting the right tree species and setting up a suitable environment for these iconic marsupials.

For further support, the Koala Action Group in Gympie is an incredible resource. They're actively involved in conservation efforts to protect koalas and their habitats. If you happen to spot a koala, don't hesitate to report your sighting through Wildwatch Gympie on their website – <https://www.kagr.org.au/sightings/>.

Your reports play a vital role in tracking koala populations, identifying potential threats, and implementing effective conservation strategies.

Remember, planting a koala habitat isn't just about helping koalas. It also promotes overall biodiversity and ecosystem health. Let's work together to ensure these iconic creatures thrive in their natural environment!

