



Gympie & District
Landcare
Group

November 2019

Nursery Specials

This month's Nursery Specials include:



Illawarra Flame Tree (*Brachychiton Acerifolias*) - a drought and clay tolerant deciduous feature tree. It is also known for attracting birds and butterflies!

Tube stock \$2.00 / Maxi Pots \$5 / Large bag (established plant) \$70



Koala Food Trees (Eucalypts)

1. *Eucalyptus Major*
2. *Eucalyptus Tereticornis*
3. *Eucalyptus Crebra*
4. *Eucalyptus Propinqua*
5. *Eucalyptus Microcorys*
6. *Eucalyptus Quinquinervia*
7. *Corymbia Maculata*

Buy one, get one free – Tube stock only



Midyim Berry (*Austromyrtus Dulcis*) - a drought and clay tolerant bush tucker variety. It grows as a small shrub / groundcover and is also known for attracting birds and frogs!
Maxi Pots reduced to \$5

Messmate Park Bushcare News & Next Meeting



Many thanks to Meg and Dave who tackled lantana and ochna either by digging or chemical spraying. Despite our vigilance, there are always weeds that are missed on the the most well-worn paths. We were looking for Cats Claw as they are in flower now. Smaller plants with bulbs intact were dug up – we did not find Cats Claw in the canopy but I am sure it is lurking somewhere there.

It was great to end our morning's weeding with coffee and cake!

Our next meeting is happening on Saturday 16th November 2019, from 8.30am-11.00am. (Our Bushcare meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month)

We hope to see you there! Please wear sturdy shoes, hat and bring water plus favourite tools.

For more information, please contact Sandra Lalor on 0412 137 187

Permaculture Principle 9 – Use Small & Slow Solutions

In a world where we are told that no delayed gratification is necessary as we can have everything right now, it is difficult to understand why one would want to use small and slow solutions. But nature manages according to a long term plan and adapts over time except where we as humans have used chemicals and machinery to accelerate the destruction of ecosystems. Who would have thought that in a mere 60 years we would have wiped out most of our topsoil the precious stuff that grows all our food? If we had used a slower approach we would have seen the consequences and been able to use other solutions to manage our land. Nature is simply unable to adapt to the onslaught of artificial chemicals, fertilisers and major machinery leading to ecosystem failure. Small and slow solutions allow us to understand the impact of what we are doing over a longer period of time and allows for course corrections along the way. Small and slow solutions are often an option that gives us more than one positive outcome. An example of this is using animals to keep grass and lawns short instead of mowing. Not only are you saving on fuel but you have the animal manure feeding the lawn and possibly meat and milk for the kitchen. Using small and slow solutions ensures that you are not overwhelmed by the enormity of what is required to be done but that you take it one step at a time in a manageable way.



Other examples of using small and slow solutions would be using horses to plough land, making compost instead of buying ready-made fertilisers, using beneficial insects, birds & bats to manage other insect pests instead of chemical sprays and supporting growers at farmers' markets instead of a Woolworths or Coles.

Many farmers are starting to turn back to hand tools and animals to manage their land in a more regenerative way. But you might say if a farm is huge it would take ages to plough the land and you would be right. Moving to many small farms producing our food, which includes backyard and community gardens, instead of a few large farms is a way to build resilience and secure food production in the future. Thus if anything goes wrong with one or two small farms there are still others that can support the food system but if something went wrong with a few large farms we would have no way of recovering and securing food.

Truly understanding the connection that we not only have to each other but to all living things. Setting up our land practices to enhance the relationships restores the land and brings it into balance with all living things. If we extend this to human relationships our communities would be better for it.

Mel Marx

Permaculture Designer & Educator

Hoop Pine – The Monarch of the Forest

When one thinks of hoop pine the following spring immediately to mind: Monarch of the Forest, lofty, majestic. This species (***Araucaria cunninghamii***) is self-evident on the range-tops of coastal and sub-coastal Queensland and New south Wales, even reaching PNG. How did this tree of geological times, so susceptible to fire, survive into the modern era so well?



Ecologically, hoop pine can be both a pioneer and/or a climax species. On deep soils it sends down deep taproots but on poorer soils or amongst rocks its roots spread laterally to capture a site and out-compete neighbouring vegetation. Nevertheless, successful plantations require fertile deep soils because of inter-tree competition on poorer soils. However, grass can hold the tree back for many years and establishment can be speeded up by twenty years or more by initial grass death or removal. Frost can also kill young trees, but it can survive under hardier species to triumph eventually. In maturity it is usually an emergent towering well above the canopy of the rainforest below whereas amongst eucalypts its ultimate height is much reduced, and it becomes a mere companion in the absence of fire, its mortal enemy. In fact, these timber towers can constitute most of the biomass of a rainforest community the evidence for which can disappear for many years after logging since the timber rots quickly in the ground.

Once established hoop pine withstands the rigours of drought, sleet and occasional light snow. It produces female cones after about 14 – 18 years but male conelets (with their pollen) take 18 – 25 years to arise. Time means nothing to this survivor from the ancient eras of plant evolution and it possesses modes of growth peculiar to Families of fossils. Stem buds always grow upwards as stems, but branch buds grow only laterally as branches. Cone production usually follows a four-year cycle of intensity unless promoted by excessively wet years. Although pollination may occur between winter and summer depending on population genetics seeds always fall at about Christmas.

Records were destroyed in a disastrous fire in the archives of the Department of Forestry, but it appears that the first successful attempts at domestication began soon after the first world war right here at Amamoor when Overseer Murphy and his co-workers were encouraged to try planting the tree in the forest. At first, a line of rainforest was cleared and planted with hoop pine seedlings. After a few years it was seen that they grew well, so successively wider swathes of rainforest were cleared until they dared attempt to try establishment on a completely cleared paddock, which also worked. Forestry management realised that supplies of virgin pine were diminishing as the native resource was harvested and a strategy was devised to replace the resource of this valuable and versatile timber with plantations.

Over the years the best practices in all phases of cultivation were codified in a “Bible” called the *Hoop Pine Technique*. This included seed collection, drying and storage; nursery practices including sowing, shading, watering, root pruning, insect control, tubing (potting in rolled metal clipped together a procedure replaced only after substantial research) and hardening-up (droughting before planting); plantation espacement (stocking rates); planting without watering after 10-15 mm rain; early plantation tending (weed control) and even cover-cropping with eucalypts in frost hollows. All these operations were carried out by men using hand-tools such as grubbers, axes and brush-hooks as prescribed by the hand-book and between four and a dozen or so tends per year were carried out in the first few years depending on weather conditions and consequent weed growth, with cover crops lopped in the frost hollows for the summer growth period. Green firebreaks of rainforest were left around groups of compartments each usually

surrounded by roads/tracks and excessive dead material was burnt in heaps to lessen the risk of fire damage to the plantations.

To provide the best seed possible a programme of tree improvement was begun. At first seed was merely harvested from the very best trees in the forest at an intensive selection rate. These were grafted into clone banks or seed orchards, mated and their progeny tested so that, by the time seed was being produced, proven inferior clones could be removed from production. Later the very best tested were left in the old seed orchards to pollinate selections made in the best tested families which were grafted within the area to short-cut the late age of pollen c.f. seed production. Because of the big differences in "flowering" times, separate early- and late- "flowering" orchards needed to be established.

Of our native plants used commercially, probably only macadamia, duboisia and tea tree oil species have had such intensive developmental work done on them and certainly this is our only native timber species to have been at least partially domesticated. Many researchers and experimentalists were co-ordinated to produce this wonderful timber resource. It is something for Queenslanders to be proud of and we can easily grow one as a live Christmas tree.

Ernie Rider | Management Committee Member

Library Books Available for Loan



Did you know that we have a comprehensive range of library books that are available for loan? Members of Gympie & District Landcare Group Inc. have full access to our library, so come in and enjoy a few hours in our library or take a book on loan for 2 weeks (maximum of 3 books at any given time). Please note that our library is located in the Nursery Retail Area.

Our full list of available library books and a copy of our Library Lending Policy can be found on our website.

Bio-Control News – Prickly Pear



Prickly pear (*Opuntia stricta*) was imported into Australia in the late 1800's and quickly became a pest weed spreading to cover four million hectares by 1900.

The pear was introduced to establish a colony of mealy bugs where red dye would be extracted to colour fabric. The fruit yielded high vitamin C and the cactus pads were used for drought fodder due to their highwater content. Feeding the pear to livestock became widespread and so did the weed which established itself in prime grazing land. By 1925 in its peak, prickly pear covered 24 million hectares in Queensland and New South Wales.

Manual control by digging, burning or crushing the pear were used and although arsenic pentoxide was effective, it was highly toxic and six times the value of the land.

In 1924, Queensland introduced a bounty in certain birds like currawongs, crows and emus to stop the spread of seeds and in 1925 a moth (*Cactoblastis cactorum*) was introduced from South America as a biological control agent. The moth larvae tunnelled into the cactus and feed on the pear and in less than a decade, the larvae almost completely wiped out the pear population.

While there is still prickly pear in Australia, the moth larvae continue to feed on this invasive plant and remains one of Australia's successful biological pest control.

So next time you see a moth just have a thought for our *Cactoblastis* and its amazing ability to keep Prickly pear under control.



Cactoblastic larvae



Cactoblastis monument – located in Dalby, QLD.

Yvonne Hennell | Bio-Control Manager

Beeswax Wrap Workshop – 13th November 2019, 9am – 12pm

Learn to make environmentally friendly beeswax wraps

Do you prefer using more natural products? Do you want to lessen your environmental impact by reducing your reliance on single use plastic wrap and plastic bags to cover and store food? Then why not come along and learn a simple way to make beeswax wraps? Beeswax wraps are washable, reusable over a long time, can be used in the fridge and freezer and lunch box and when they have reached the end of their usable life, they can be added to the compost. They are inexpensive to make, can be custom made to size and they are very cute.



What you need to bring:

Fabric:

At least ½ metre, 100% cotton (NOT polycotton), lightweight and tightly woven. When choosing your fabric, patterned or darker colours are recommended because beeswax will give a slightly yellowish finish. The fabric does not have to be new but it does have to be 100% cotton. **You will need to wash and dry your fabric before use.**

Pencil and ruler: Everyday pencil is fine or a fabric marker if you have one.

Scissors: Dressmaking scissors is fine or pinking shears are even better if you have them

What's included:

The workshop will include all other materials and equipment needed, a take home simple instruction sheet for future reference, tips to maintain your beautiful wraps and ideas how to use them. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own water bottle, a small snack if needed and a positive attitude. At the end of a fun interactive 3 hours you will have made at least 3 beeswax wraps to take home for yourself or to give as gifts.

Note: This workshop is unsuitable for children due to the use of hot liquids

Session Times:

Wednesday 13th November 2019: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Where: Gympie Landcare conference room – 5 Groves Road, Araluen, QLD, 4570

How to Register: Please visit our website to register or contact our office.

Save the Date – Members Meetings 2019

The Committee hopes you can join us for the quarterly Member's meetings in 2019. This will be your opportunity to keep up to date with what is happening at Landcare and share your thoughts with the Committee and other Members.

The date for the meeting is as follows:

Wednesday 27 November at 6pm



There will be a call for agenda items 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

If you have an item for the agenda, please submit it in writing to admin@gympielandcare.org.au for consideration prior to the deadline.

Free Bee Keeping Sessions

The Valley Bees group hold free beekeeping sessions at Gympie Landcare on the first Saturday of every month. Come along and learn how to work with bees on your own property. Oh, and don't forget to bring a plate to share for morning tea!

Sessions start at 9am, however, from June to August 2019, sessions will start at 10.00am.

For more information and how to RSVP, please contact Vic Finney on 0429 826 461 or via email to vicfinney43@gmail.com.



Conference Room Available for Hire

The Community and Gympie Landcare members are welcome to hire our conference room facility. Our meeting room includes air-conditioning, tables, chairs, a projector, screen, whiteboard and kitchen facilities, as well as kitchen facilities and free wifi on request. The venue can seat up to 40 people configured in cinema style.



Occasional use

1 Hour (minimum 2 hours) – **\$20.00**

Half day (4 hours) – **\$50.00**

Full day (8 hours) – **\$90.00**

Costs for regular use of our venue by clubs or groups will be determined on request. Please contact our office for a copy of the booking form and terms and conditions and return it to our office to secure your booking.

Volunteer Position – Groundskeeper/Landscaper

We're looking for a bright and bubbly dedicated volunteer that is looking to join our organisation on an on-going basis as our groundskeeper/landscaper.

Our Organisation

Gympie and District Landcare Group (GDLG) is a community-based organisation that has been active for 30 years serving the local landowners. The Group is an incorporated association and a registered charity. Each year members elect an Executive (Management Committee) that sets strategic direction, manages organisation risks, fine tunes policies and ensures that the organisation is operating effectively whilst staying true to its vision and purpose.



Members and volunteers are integrally involved in the group's activities: operating a local native plant nursery; raising bio-control insects for invasive plant species control and other purposes; providing land care services, fostering local land caring activities; and community education.

Position

This is a volunteer position with flexible working days. We're looking for someone that can volunteer 1-2 days per week with set days each week (however, we are flexible when needed).

Responsibilities

- Mow the lawns, prune bushes and trees, edge the walkways and give the grounds a manicured look;
- Disposal of dead foliage and rubbish
- Use hand tools such as shovels, rakes, pruning saws, hedge or brush trimmers, or axes
- Care for established lawns by mulching, aerating, weeding, drubbing, trimming and edging around garden beds, walks and walls
- Plant seeds, bulbs, foliage, flowering plants, grass, ground covers, trees or shrubs and apply mulch for protection as required
- Decorating garden beds and themed areas
- Take on special landscaping or planting projects such as our 'Botanical Garden' walk and front reception gardens
- Collaborate with management and the volunteer team to make sure the grounds and the building are always properly cared for
- Perform regular maintenance and minor repairs on the lawn care equipment and tools
- Assist the volunteer team with other tasks when required such as potting seeds for production

Skills

There are no technical skills required for this volunteer position, however, common sense is required when using tools or equipment. You will also be inducted prior to using any electric or fuelled equipment or tools prior to commencing tasks.

Physical Demands

This volunteer position requires a reasonable level of fitness. You may be required to lift items of up to 20kgs, push wheelbarrows etc and must be in good physical shape.

Interested?

If you're interested in becoming part of a friendly and active team of volunteers and would like to contribute to our organisation and the environment, then this position is for you! We've love to hear from you, so please get in contact with us by calling 07 5483 8866.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for dedicated people who would like to get their hands dirty and help out in our nursery on an on-going basis.

Position Title

Nursery Volunteer

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Responsibilities

Tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- Answering phone calls
- Serving customers
- Operation of till / POS
- Processing and identifying seeds or plant samples
- Preparing and sowing of seed
- Cataloguing of seed
- Potting of seedlings
- Record-keeping (plant production, seed viability)
- Striking cuttings
- Dividing plants
- Size- and quality-grading plants
- Stock rotation (more appropriate as retail partitions come into nursery areas)
- Labelling of plants
- Hygiene/Biocontrol (e.g. pot washing, disease/weed recognition/treatment)
- Manual handling (e.g. lifting/moving potting media)
- Mixing of potting media (including handling of fertilisers/additives)
- Maintenance of nursery stock and area
- Maintenance of cuttings-stock plants
- Observation and/or maintenance of irrigation
- Cleaning of paths, work spaces, eating/shared spaces
- Maintenance/construction of nursery benches, propagation structures etc
- Fabrication of nest boxes
- General handy-person duties, incl one-off construction/fabrication projects
- Display garden design
- General landscape upkeep
- Potting and maintenance of advanced plants
- Packing of orders, pre-mix retail packs, etc
- Library borrowing/returning/cataloguing
- Updating brochures, stocklists etc

- Support stocktaking events

Skills

There are no technical skills required for this volunteer position, however, the below skills are highly desirable:

- Carpentry skills
- Plumbing or irrigation skills
- Other occasional trade skills – electrical, welding, etc
- IT skills – POS, databases, spreadsheets, documents
- Horticulture training/experience
- Sales/retail experience
- NRM knowledge
- Biosecurity knowledge
- Plant identification skills
- Project/planning skills
- Stock monitoring (plants and retail/nursery supplies) skills/experience
- Agricultural skills

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Fundraising for Gympie Landcare – Drakes Key Tags

Did you know that when you shop at Drakes in the old "IGA complex" and show them one of our Gympie & District Landcare Group key tags, 1% of your total bill is donated towards our organisation?

By using your tag every time, you shop, you're actually fundraising for our organisation!

If you do not have a Drakes key tag currently, please contact our office on (07)5483 8866 or email admin-assistant@gympielandcare.org.au and we will provide one for you to pick up from our office.



Find Us on Facebook!

Here at Gympie & District Landcare Group Incorporated, we recognise that social media is becoming one of the most effective sources of communication and a fantastic way to get our name out there and increase our exposure! Not only is it a means for communication, but it creates an additional platform to keep our community aware of upcoming events and provides further opportunity to provide the community with helpful tips in relation to land care.

We would love to see our Facebook follower base increase and encourage all of our members to "follow us" on Facebook.

If you have a Facebook account, go to our Facebook page and hit the “like” button to follow our posts.

Don't forget to like and share our posts on our page to assist us in gaining further exposure in our local area!



Containers for Change – Landcare is Now a Registered Depot

Gympie Landcare is now a registered depot for the Containers for Change Scheme.

As a state, we're great at many things. However, when it comes to recycling, Queensland can do a lot better. In fact, we have one of the lowest recycling rates in Australia, at around 44%.

Each year, approximately three billion beverage containers are generated in our state alone and are the second most littered item.

So, to help us all improve our recycling efforts and keep our beautiful environment litter-free, bring your containers down and start recycling today!

How Does It Work?

Bring in your recycled containers and pop them into the designated purple bins. All funds from the containers in the bins are donated to Gympie Landcare.

If you would like to claim your own change for the containers, you must use and fill a bag provided and stick your label on the front.

Please note: We do not give cash for container exchanges as we are an 'Express Depot'. Your refund will be deposited into your selected bank account when you create your own code at the kiosk for recycling.

Labels are sourced from the 'Return It' kiosk with instructions on how to process your refund.

If you'd like to donate your refund to Gympie Landcare, all you need to do is provide our code: C10161523



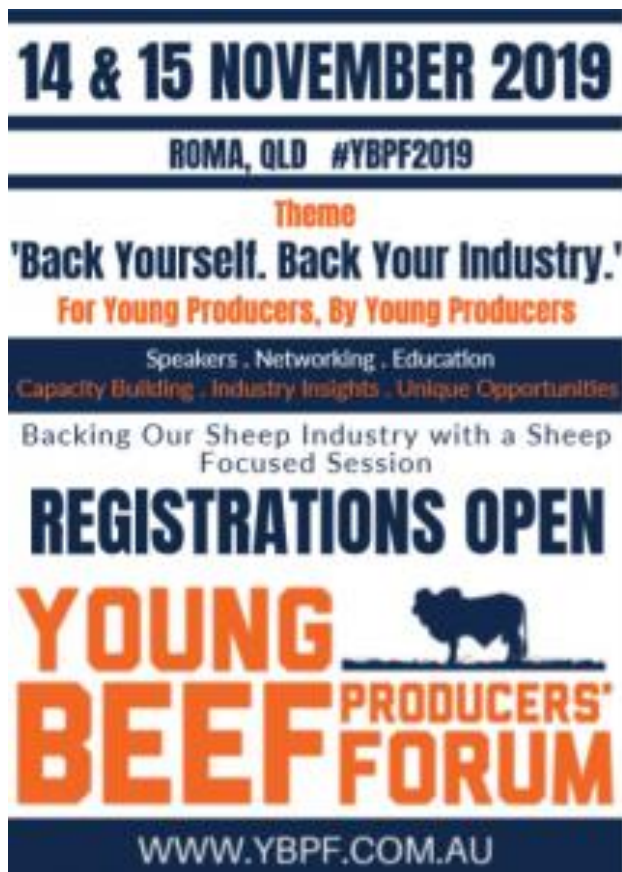
Household Hazardous Waste Free Drop-Off Day

Gympie Regional Council coordinates household hazardous waste drop off days for residents to dispose of minor quantities of household chemicals.

Disposing of hazardous chemicals in wheelie bins is not safe as they can be flammable, corrosive, explosive or toxic. These materials can potentially cause fires in bins or garbage trucks and create a hazard for truck drivers and the community. These chemicals should also not be tipped down the drain as they can disrupt the function of wastewater treatment plants and are toxic to the environment.

The next Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day is being held at Bunnings Gympie on Saturday 16th November 2019 from 9am to 12pm.

Young Beef Producers Forum – 14th & 15th November 2019



14 & 15 NOVEMBER 2019

ROMA, QLD #YBPF2019

Theme
'Back Yourself. Back Your Industry.'
For Young Producers, By Young Producers

Speakers . Networking . Education
Capacity Building . Industry Insights . Unique Opportunities

Backing Our Sheep Industry with a Sheep Focused Session

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

YOUNG BEEF PRODUCERS' FORUM

WWW.YBPF.COM.AU

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Young Beef Producers' Forum is a two-day conference focused on providing educational, networking and capacity building opportunities for under 40 year old's with an interest in the beef industry.

Now in its 15th year, the YBPF is of the highest quality, inspiring, engaging and life changing – equipping young beef producers to make a difference in all aspects of their lives, including on-farm, off-farm, family, personal and business related areas.

This year's theme is *Back yourself. Back your industry.* It has been developed for young producers, by young producers. With the guidance of a steering committee sharing their perspectives and ideas this event has been coordinated by the Future Farmers Network.

So whether you're a beef producer, involved in a family business or have a connection with the industry, this year's Young Beef Producers' Forum is simply not to be missed.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit www.ybpf.com.au



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FREE DROP OFF DAYS

Gympie region residents can drop off hazardous household waste for free on designated collection days. Disposing of hazardous chemicals in your general waste or recycling bin is not safe as they can be flammable, corrosive, explosive or toxic. These materials can potentially cause fires in bins or garbage trucks and create a hazard for truck drivers and the community. These chemicals should also not be tipped down the drain as they can disrupt the function of Council water treatment plants and are toxic to the environment.

You can dispose of the following hazardous waste items safely at a **free drop-off day at Bunnings, Gympie** (northern end of car park) **on Saturday 16 November 2019, 9am to 12pm.**

Items must remain in their original containers, have lids and not be mixed. A 20 litre limit for each chemical or product applies.

Insect sprays	Metal polish and solvents
Floor care products	Brake fluid
Motor oil, sump oil and gear oil	Petrol and marine fuel
Fungicides	Insecticides
Herbicides and weed killers	Paints and mediums
Dry-cleaning solvents	Fibreglass resins
Swimming pool chemicals	Photographic chemicals
Smoke detectors	Compact fluorescent light bulbs

This service is for residents only. Commercial quantities will not be accepted.

GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Join us at Gympie Community Garden



Individuals and groups are all welcome to join the Gympie Community Gardens Inc – your membership fee means you can provide valuable input at meetings, be a proud part of this friendly community, get reduced rates on workshops and best of all: get dirty in the garden and learn and grow with us. All produce will be shared!

Just so you know, they have a number of exciting objectives. These are to:

- Create a welcoming and flexible environment for people to work cooperatively
- Establish a regenerative garden that is financially sustainable
- Establish a garden that is a positive and diverse environment
- Support and contribute to community-based sustainable economic development initiatives
- Encourage people to learn and appreciate the benefits of regional fresh, healthy and seasonal food
- Provide a space to create, display community art, hold community events and workshops
- Encourage groups to hold regular working days and ongoing projects at the garden
- Create an environment in which people can contribute their knowledge, learn from each other and develop new skills

Annual membership is cheap and hasn't changed for over a decade:

- Individuals \$20 (concession \$15)
- Families \$30 (concession \$25)
- Groups \$50

If you would like to join now, please use your name as reference and make payment to:

Gympie Community Garden Inc, Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633-000

Account: 152988614

We meet every second Saturday of the month at our new garden facility located at 37 Tozer Park Road, Gympie 4570 from 7:30am

Please email gympiecgarden@gmail.com if you would like more information. Happy to answer any questions!

Gympie Community Garden Inc.

Living Classroom Project Home-School Program

“Not all classrooms have four walls!”

Hey kids! Do you want to learn important skills like growing and cooking food while having fun in the garden and kitchen?

Do you love learning outdoors?



Do you want to learn awesome bushcraft skills and cooking techniques?

Then you can become a leader for the environment in our Living Classroom homeschool program!

The Living Classroom Project is excited to announce its term 4 homeschool program

**** Permaculture Principles in Action****

You will be part of a great team of homeschoolers from ages 8 -17 years who will be working together to learn about permaculture design and water saving techniques using architectural planning, designing and drawing of permaculture spaces with hands on experience in building up these systems on the farm.

You will get first hand experience with permaculture and traditional farming and cooking methods while each week working on the projects.

This term we are mindful of the hot, dry weather and will focus our learning around the shades areas of the garden where students can still be outdoors in comfort.

The program is designed to be implemented over the 10 week school term.

Every Wednesday 9am-2pm from the 9th October to the 11th December. *see detailed dates below We have very limited places available. Book and pay the enrolment fee to secure your place in the class!

About the The Living Classroom Homeschool program:

The Living Classroom Project is excited to be able to extend its program to the homeschool community with 2 of its founding members Aaron and Vanessa as facilitators this term.

The program is a permaculture and wholefood cooking program based on the Living Classroom Projects student program for ages 8 years +

Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with permaculture principles and theories as well as hands on learning on a working permaculture farm, Lulu's Perch, in Pinbarren.

Lulu's Perch has a 'school room' where students can learn theory and come together to work on projects, a food forest, a variety of composting facilities, livestock systems, a kitchen garden and kitchen space where students can prepare food to share.

Students will love jumping straight into the wonderful world of gardening by first exploring the established permaculture gardens, discovering all the amazing plants that are growing, choosing what to grow for the next project, making magic garden potions to feed the soil and getting up close to nature with animals both big and small from miniature goats, geese and chickens to wriggly worms and garden pollinators. All the while learning all about the amazing world of permaculture.

While in the kitchen there will be many more potions mixed and made into delicious dishes to share, discovering traditional and cultural methods of preparing and using a variety of edible plants, vegetables, flowers and herbs.

Term costs \$45 per week /per child

First week payment due on enrolment (\$45) to secure your place in the class. Balance for the term will be invoiced once you start.

Term Dates

Wed 9th Oct 9am-2pm

Wed 16th Oct 9am-2pm

Wed 23rd Oct 9am-2pm

Wed 30th Oct 9am-2pm

Wed 6th Nov 9am-2pm

Wed 13th Nov 9am-2pm

Wed 20th Nov 9am-2pm

Wed 27th Nov 9am-2pm

Wed 4th Dec 9am-2pm

Wed 11th Dec 9am-2pm

For more information please contact The Living Classroom Project by emailing hello@livingclassroom.com.au

Gympie Volunteer Managers Meeting – 12th November 2019, 9am-11am



The final Gympie Region Volunteer Managers Meeting for 2019 is happening on Tuesday 12th November from 9:00am – 11:00am

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with other volunteer managers in the Gympie region to network, collaborate and develop your skills.

Location : The Health Hub 4 Horseshoe Bend, Gympie

RSVP : By email – volunteer@chsn.org.au | By phone – 0408 992 822

