



5 September 2019

Raffle Tickets Available

All you've heard us talk about recently is our upcoming Landcare Festival, and why not? It's a great way to educate our community about the preservation of our environment! (Secretly, us admin girls are excited to get our faces painted as well, but sssh)

One of our many fundraising efforts is to hold a raffle on the day which will be drawn in the afternoon.

If you would like to purchase tickets to go into the draw to win one of the below prizes, please contact our office on 07 5483 8866.



Price: \$2.00ea or 3 for \$5.00

- Electric Fence System from Budget Steel
- \$150.00 Travel Voucher from Easy Travel and Cruise
- Garden Hamper from Gympie Landcare (Fiskars Bypass Lopper, Hills 4L Garden Sprayer, Mangroves to Mountains Book, Folding Saw, Pruning Shears, Dog Bowl, \$30.00 Nursery Voucher)
- \$50.00 Voucher from Bunnings Gympie
- \$40.00 Hamper from Holding it Down (assorted reusable products)
- \$30.00 Voucher from Gympie Meathall
- \$20.00 Voucher from Saddleworld Gympie
- Cutlery Wrap Set from Liv & Lace
- GardenMate Pruners from Sauers Produce
- Husqvarna Spray Bottle from Outdoor Power Centre
- Landscape Painting by artist Christopher Webb
- Cheese Board Hamper from Wayne & Kerrie Russell and Rhiaan Ashton (Handmade cheese board, assorted cheese & biscuits, bottle of wine)

Kids Raffle:

- Treasure Chest full of Chocolate Coins and Treasures + a \$20 Voucher from ToyWorld Gympie
- 2 x Family Passes to Gympie Cinemas (1 pass per prize winner)
- Cassowary shirt (size 2) and book 'Elmo the Orphan' by Pamela Galeano
- Kids Book Pack

The raffles will be drawn towards the end of the day at the Landcare Festival.

Politics and Forestry in Queensland

Such was the rate and extent of land clearing in the late nineteenth century that a group of sawmillers became concerned that their resource would quickly dry up and lobbied the Queensland government to set aside land for the production of timber into the future. Thus, in 1907, the Forestry Act was proclaimed and started a process for reserving forests for the production of timber for the citizens "In perpetuity". By 2007 this Act had been in force for 100 years and should have been regarded as being part of our unwritten constitution. Nevertheless, the government of the day decided to take these assets from the citizens and convert them into National Parks seemingly to ensure the support of the Greens in maintaining power.



This move not only deprived citizens of timber products superior to that from exotic pines but it also broke the nexus of the idea that the forests were almost like the common land had been in England where citizens and their animals could roam at will and access under permit items of the renewable resource such as firewood, epiphytes, poles and other round timbers, sleepers, fenceposts and sawing timber. The Queensland resource was well conserved (the head of the department being known as the Conservator of Forests) within which rare plants were protected and special areas set aside as National Parks or Special Management Areas. As time went by forest management incorporated all new conservation knowledge about fauna as well as flora so that the Queensland (so called) Multiple-Use Management System evolved into arguably the best native forest forestry management system in the world. However, for political reasons, the minister of the day ordered that all information about the system be removed from public access, presumably to facilitate the secretly planned transition to National Park status. The penny had dropped: forestry was such a long-term affair that present day politicians could use the forests as political tools with consequences being so far in the future that the citizens would not realize for years what they had been cheated out of, certainly long after present day regimes had been superseded.

During this unholy alliance with the Greens, Queensland was denied a proper regional forestry agreement as in other States and small sawmillers were seriously disadvantaged whilst large millers were appeased. Whilst large areas of State Forests were converted to National Park status leaving a greatly diminished resource, the millers were promised a supply of raw material from other State Forests until all logging would cease. This has created the incongruous situation where the conservation movement is fostering the pillaging of the remaining forests by massive over-harvesting for their own misguided ideological reasons. Even Suzuki years ago came to realise that well managed native forest harvesting was a good thing. Even worse, National Parks management in comparison is virtually non-existent having increased the size of their estate many times over with scarcely any extra funding. The restrictions imposed by the National Parks system seems to completely ignore the presence of man in the environment in Australia for tens of thousands of years.

However, the gross political mismanagement of Forestry does not end there. Following years of research by CSIRO and its predecessor, university trained foresters well knew that the production of native timbers (apart from perhaps hoop pine and some southern Australian species) was uneconomical. When the North Queensland rainforests were taken out of production a fanciful, unproven scheme for growing rainforest timbers in plantations was introduced as a sop. This inevitably has failed. Again, when the SEQ hardwood forests were being transferred to National Parks, an untried scheme for growing hardwoods was introduced at great cost and more than half of these have failed and the timber quality in many other areas not on appropriate soil types may be full of defects. To add insult to injury the Qld government sold off our plantations for about one

third of their true value and boasted publicly about what a good deal they had done for us citizens. The only people who knew how the forests worked both by training and experience were the forestry staff that even lived in the forests in many instances. On top of this all the valuable scientific knowledge from the results of myriad experiments is now virtually unobtainable so that future generations of land managers will need to “re-invent many wheels” while the forests themselves “go to the dogs” and birds and animals are deprived of the sorts of ecological niches that disturbance facilitate. Mere opinion has once more triumphed over science to placate the concerned misconceptions of the poorly-educated “Latte set” in Brisbane, far from the realities of the bush.

Ernie Rider | Management Committee Member

Landcare Festival Volunteers Needed – 21 September 2019

With our Landcare Festival only weeks away, we're now in desperate need of some happy helping volunteers to assist us on the day!

Volunteers are required for a minimum of 3-hour shifts starting from 7.30am – 5.00pm (actual festival time is 10am-4pm)

Examples of tasks:

- Sausage sizzles helpers (money exchange and serving)
- Gate Monitors (collecting donations at the door and providing festival schedules)
- Jumping Castle Monitors
- Traffic and site directors
- Parking Monitor
- Assistant for musicians for the day (assisting with setup and pack up of various musicians)
- Raffle ticket sales
- Kids Zone presentation assistant



Requirements to be a volunteer:

- Current Blue Card is desirable
- Friendly and bubbly attitude
- Must be reliable and proactive

Perks of Volunteering:

- Free sausage sizzle and a can of soft drink
- Free entry to the festival
- 1 x free ticket in our raffle
- We will provide written references to volunteers who request one

If you are interested in volunteering with us for this wonderful festival, please contact our office on 075483 8866.

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.

Messmate Park Bush Care News & Next Meeting



September News

Carl and his group have done an excellent job of brush-cutting the perimeter of the park and areas where large clumps of hamill grass had been sprayed some months ago.

Forest Pittosporum (*Pittosporum revolutum*) are flowering now – these are recognisable by the rusty, hairy leaves underneath. One of the more spectacular specimen trees growing in the park is the Foambark (*Jagera pseudorhus*) The yellow brown seed capsules are nearly ready to harvest; be aware that the seeds are covered with very stiff irritating hairs. **NOTE: Do not put seeds in your pockets!**

For our next get together, our group are planning to add to the koala corridor by planting more koala friendly trees. We will be preparing the area parallel with Priddy Road and continuing down to Tinana Creek.

Hope to share with you, ideas and plans for the park over a cuppa at our next meeting, Saturday September 14th, 8.30-11.00. We have changed the date as Gympie Landcare Festival is happening on Saturday 21st September.

Bring hat, sunscreen, water – favourite gardening tools.
For more Information contact Sandra Lalor 0412137187.

Messmate Park
Priddy Road
Kia Ora



Volunteering at Gympie Landcare

Thinking about volunteering with us? Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organisation bringing lots of different and much-needed skill, experience, and knowledge to our organisation.

To assist with managing incoming volunteers, we are now holding volunteer induction days on the first Friday of every month from 9.00am. Volunteers are able to attend the induction in the morning, have some lunch with our current volunteers (please bring your own) and then continue to volunteer some hours in the afternoon. Alternatively, you can come for the induction to just to see if it is right for you and we can work with you to arrange which days you would like to volunteer.



When people think of volunteering with us, most people assume the only area they can volunteer in is our nursery, but that's not true! We have many areas and departments that require volunteers, from administration, marketing and education to bio-control and events. Whatever your background is, we're sure we can fit you into an area that works for both of us.

If you intend on attending one of our volunteer induction days, please RSVP by the Wednesday before (the first week of each month) to ensure we are prepared for your arrival. To enable us to find the right area for you to volunteer in please visit our website and complete a registration form or pop into our office.

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

OPENING HOURS FOR EXCHANGES:

Tuesday – Friday: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Saturdays: 9.00am – 1.00pm

IMPORTANT DATES TO BE AWARE OF: Please note that we are not able to accept container exchanges on Saturday 21 September 2019 due to our Landcare Festival. No vehicles will be accepted on the property, however, our bins will be out at the festival for single-use container recycling.



Permaculture Principle 7 – Design from Patterns to Detail

Patterns are underlying structures that organise objects, structures or surfaces in a consistent and regular manner. Patterns can be described as a repeating unit of shapes or forms or a skeleton that holds together or organises the parts of a composition. Patterns also allow us to understand the relationship between parts of a whole. All life exists within the pattern of birth, growth, and decay. Because of patterns, life perpetuates itself. When designing in Permaculture we are particularly focused on the patterns that nature uses to optimise space, efficiency, and productivity. We use patterns to solve challenges because they are solutions that are



tried and tested. A good example of a pattern is a spider's web. The spider always starts with the larger structure and then adds the detailed smaller strands depending on the prey or context in which they have their web. We should design the main structure or skeleton of what we want to achieve mimicking nature's patterns as far as is possible and then fill in the detail as we progress. Some of nature's main patterns are branches, spirals, layers, and symmetry. A pattern that is often used in Permaculture is that of the



Permaculture zone pattern. The idea is that the activities that are embarked on daily should be placed closer to the home and as the requirement to visit or tend the area becomes less, those activities are placed further from the home. This allows the person to optimise the use of time and energy in their space. Permaculture identifies 5 zones. Zone zero is always the homestead. Zone 1 generally includes things such as the herb and vegetable garden, chooks, etc. Zone 2 would be the fruit orchard. Zone 3 is your production area this could be animal paddocks, beehives, a large market gardens or any other activity that creates an income stream on the farm or your piece of property. Zone 4 is generally reserved for things such as an edible food forest and finally, zone 5 is bushland or a wild area. In urban settings one might not use all the zones as the space might be too small. In a flat for example you might only have a zone 0 and 1. When designing identify the patterns on your site be that water flow, wildlife, weather, sun movement just to name a few. Then use this information to build on nature's patterns

Patterns help us to create a design that will work with nature and not against it. So when designing start from the bigger picture or context and work down to the detail

Mel Marx | Secretary

Bio-Control News

(Fossil) Sauropod egg

Biocontrol Assistant Nina Drinkwater and our volunteer Kerrie O'Donnell did an amazing job looking after the Biocontrol facility while I took an extended break and headed off to the Northern Territory.

It's dry harsh country in the outback and it's hard to believe there was once a shallow inland sea during the cretaceous period, 100 million years ago. If you are a dinosaur nut just like I am, then I highly recommend visiting Winton's dinosaur stampede. The dinosaur trail takes you from Winton to Richmond and on to Hughenden. The old sea floor is littered with marine fossils and it is easy enough to pick up a few ancient shells while fossicking at Richmond. While time was limited and no significant discovery was made, I was really impressed with a Sauropod egg while visiting the Flinders Discovery Centre in Hughenden. My mind is made up and a sauropod egg is a must to add to my fossil collection but at \$ 10,000 I think I will just settle with an egg from my chooks, you can collect it, view it and eat it too.



It was awesome to finally visit Katherine Gorge, Kakadu and Litchfield National Park just to name a few, and knowing that the native vegetation is not being smothered by Cats claw creeper or Madeira vine, something of which we are inundated with throughout Southeast Queensland.



Litchfield National Park



Katherine Gorge



Salvinia weevil controlling Salvinia - Kakadu

The Northern Territory is not free from weeds though, with the aquatic fern, Salvinia choking the waterways. Native to Brazil and now widespread, the weed forms large floating mats, starves the water from oxygen and smothers native water plants. Fortunately, a biocontrol agent a Salvinia weevil was released and is making a big impact on this weed. If you have Salvinia on your property and are interested in the weevils, then give Gympie Regional Council Lands Protection office a call on 1300 307 800.

Nutrition Farming Workshop – 14 September 2019, 9am -1.30pm

Come along to our Nutrition Farming Workshop! Your soil is your greatest asset. It is the essence of your productive potential and profitability. Soil health is also key to stress-free farming. The common catch cry is, “our soils aren’t what they used to be”. In this fascinating half-day seminar, internationally acclaimed soil specialist, Graeme Sait, will help you reclaim resilience and profitability on the farm.



The course will cover:

- You will understand the mechanics of Nutrition Farming and how your improved management of minerals, microbes and humus can turn around your enterprise.
- You will discover that humus is the cornerstone of soil fertility. Discover how we lost 2/3 of our humus and acquire the strategies to rebuild organic matter on your farm.
- You will recognise the role of mineral balancing in creating disease-resilient soils and crops. Discover how key mineral ratios in the soil, and in plant tissue, can change your cropping outcome.
- You will learn about the use of specific microbe inoculums to solve problems and boost yield. You will also discover how to support your existing soil life, including earthworms.
- You will understand why multi-species, cocktail cover crops can be a powerful fertility building tool.

- You will discover the many benefits of in-field crop monitoring, including leaf analyses. You will also learn how to use hand-held tools like the refractometer, the sap pH meter and K and N
- meters to provide invaluable instant feedback.
- You will also learn drought management strategies to improve your resilience amidst increasingly unstable climatic conditions.

About Your Host:

Graeme Sait

Graeme conducts seminar tours across the globe each year. He trains soil scientists and Ag departments and he often consults at ministerial level. He is the author of two books and over 300 articles, and his weekly blog, Nutrition Matters, is enjoyed by thousands. Graeme is a sought-after conference speaker and his presentations are often described as “life changing”. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to learn from this accomplished teacher.



Where:

At our Gympie Landcare office – 5 Groves Road, Araluen, QLD, 4570.

Session Times:

Saturday 14 September 2019

9am – 1.30pm (Lunch is included, and a half hour lunch break will be at 11.30am)

Children:

Unfortunately, children are not permitted to attend this workshop. However, we do have other workshops and events throughout the year that are family-friendly.

How to Register:

Please visit our website or contact our office to register.

Landcare Festival – 21 September 2019, 10am – 4pm

The Gympie Landcare Festival is a celebration of our environment and an opportunity to educate our local community about sustainable land care. With live entertainment, sustainable stall holders, plenty of kids activities including a jumping castle, face painting and treasure hunt, as well as free presentations from environmental groups and hosts, as well as a bush tucker cooking class, this event has everything you need to learn about sustainability, and the kids will just LOVE it!

Kids Activities & Workshops:

- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Treasure Hunt
- Kids Potting Class – Keep Your Plant and Watch It Grow!
- Kids Zone – Crafting and Musical Instruments
- Petting Zoo with fluffy animals and reptiles including crocodiles and snakes!
- Kids Wildlife Rescue Kit Workshop
- True Bee Stories Presentation (with a small pot of honey for the kids to keep)
- Oz-Mosis: Rehydrating the Australian Landscape Presentation & Activities

Entertainment & Presentations:

- Zinc Radio are Broadcasting LIVE from Our Event and Will be Handing Out Goodie Bags all Day!
- Live Music by Local Musicians and Artists
- Bush Tucker Cooking Class, hosted by James Barnden
- Welcome to the Country & Smoking Ceremony by local Aboriginal Elders
- Welcome and Official Opening by Gympie Mayor, Mick Curran
- Finding Frogs in the Gympie Region, Hosted by Eva Ford from MRCCC
- Renewable Energy, Storage and Electric Vehicles, hosted by Gympie Community Solar Association
- Bio-Control Tour of our Facility with Yvonne Hennell
- Revegetation of Your Block Presentation with Carl Scheffe
- Wildlife Rescue Kit Demonstration with Louise Watson
- Caring For Bees Presentation with Vic Finney from the Valley Bees Community
- Beeswax Wrap Demonstration
- Two Huge Raffles to be Drawn



Presenters:

- Eva Ford from MRCCC
- Vic Finner from Valley Bees
- Murray Keys from Gympie Community Solar Association
- Carl Scheffe from Gympie Landcare
- Yvonne Hennell from Gympie Landcare
- Shane Litherland from Gympie Landcare
- James Barnden will be hosting a bush tucker cooking class
- Louise Fraser will be hosting a Beeswax Wrap presentation
- Louise Watson will be hosting a wildlife rescue kit workshop

Parking

Limited on-street parking will be available on the day; however, we highly recommend that you take advantage of our shuttle bus. Victory College have kindly provided car parking in the top end car park of their school (the car park closest to Gympie Landcare) and we will have a shuttle bus running every 15 minutes to and from the Landcare Festival. There will be parking signage and a bus schedule displayed at the bus stop at Victory College on the day.





Vendors:

- Naturally Mands – Relishes, herbs and spices, meat rubs etc.
- Southern Cross Small Goods – Fresh locally butchered meat
- Holding It Down – Economically friendly reusable products
- Liv & Lace – Economically friendly reusable products
- Gympie Solar Association – Solar alternatives and products
- Toni Crotty Baskets Change this to 'Just 2 Hands' – Hand-made baskets and products made from pest vines
- Mary Valley Harvest – Fresh organic and locally grown produce
- Wildlife HQ – Petting Zoo with fluffy animals and reptiles
- Bambooy Design – Bamboo clothing
- Doterra Essential Oils – Natural deodorants, sunscreens & oils
- Maxxwell Australia – Magnetic wellness jewelery
- Michelle's Beeswax Wraps
- EkoTekk – Electric bikes & tours
- Boomerang Bags – Recycled fabric bags and products
- Timbercraft Homewares
- Eclectic Earth Art – Natural art & craft
- Heritage Nursery – Nature play for the kids
- Gympie Woodworkers Club – Wooden furniture and homewares
- Ricky Dee's Eco Toys
- Face Painting by Tina Van
- Spirited by Nature – Activities & instruments
- Green Things – Reusable nappies & baby products
- Salty Eco Tours – Eco-friendly tours & trips
- All In A Cup – Coffee and beverages
- Lucious Licks – Ice Creams
- Inferno Wood Fired Pizzas
- All About Candy – Popcorn, fairy floss, lollies etc.
- The Valley Bees
- Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG)
- Gympie Field Naturalists
- Gympie Fire Brigade
- Gympie Regional Council
- MRCCC
- Koala Action Group
- Gympie Community Garden Group
- Living Classroom Project

Beeswax Wrap Workshop – 26 October & 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:

Saturday 26th October 2019: 9.00am – 12.00pm

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.

We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Agvet ACDC Chemical Course – 13 September 2019

Duff Consulting are holding ACDC Chemical Course at our facility on Friday 13 September 2019 from 8am – 4pm.

Competency Units:

AHCCHM303 Prepare and apply chemicals

AHCCHM304 Transport, handle and store chemicals

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Exciting News for Gympie Community Garden Group

The Gympie Community Garden group signed a licence agreement with Council on Friday 16th August 2019 for the block of land opposite the aquatic centre in Tozer Park Road!

They are now back in business, and this means they need you, your organisation and your people to help create a vibrant active and healthy place where people can meet, learn and grow a garden for themselves and the whole community.

If you would like to be a part of this first-for-Gympie space, please contact them on gympiecgarden@gmail.com or by phoning 0422 747 974.



Gympie Permaculture & Seed Saving Opportunity

Gympie Permaculture

People interested in permaculture and gardening are invited to come to Gympie Permaculture Group's monthly Harvest Swap and if interested stay for the informal meeting afterwards. "Bring what you have and take what you want" is their motto. Anything from fruit and veggies to jams and chutneys, books, plants, chook, cow and/or horse manure, etc. someone has it and someone else can use it! They meet every first Monday of each month in the carpark of the Gympie Regional Art Gallery, 39 Nash Street. Harvest Swap starts at 5.45pm, the meeting starts at 7pm. To get updates on Gympie Permaculture events, please email Wendy Strathearn on wstrathe@bigpond.net.au



Gympie Seed Savers

If you are interested in seed saving, please send Wendy Strathearn an email (wstrathe@bigpond.net.au) and she will let you know when and where the next seed saving meeting will be.