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Pde,
1 – 3pm, Saturday 10
October 2015

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Physical Property Planning
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September / October 2015

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LANDCARE AT TUROSS HEAD

Do you remember 25 years ago when.....?

There was a proposal to section off part of Coila Lake for a prawn farm. At this time a bunch of us had come together to form Tuross Lakes Preservation Group and with the support of the community was able to run a successful campaign to stop this aquaculture venture. It would have interfered with established commercial & recreational prawning & fishing, and other water-based pursuits, and could also have posed some serious environmental impacts due to the need to regularly feed the prawns, raising the nutrient level in a closed lake.

TLPG is now celebrating those last 25 years during which we gained landcare grants to work with landholders on river bank realignment, on-site re-use of dairy effluent, and fencing off/native plantings on riverbanks to filter runoff.

On **Council's Tuross/Coila Estuary Management Committee** (1998-2009) we supported the late Warren Buchan in his efforts to have Tuross Lake declared a Recreational Fishing Haven and had concerns in common with oyster farmers regarding water quality.

We have **made submissions** on Eurobodalla LEPs & Plans of Management and **have joined with other local residents to respond to proposed developments which could be detrimental to our quality of life here.**

One of the highlights has been our involvement in the preparation of the **Kyla Park Grazing Land Plans of Management** to ensure that this Community Land remains the **rural** gateway from the highway to Tuross Head. Our project to **construct erosion control works on the stormwater drainage lines on the two largest grazing lots and restore the adjoining natural lake foreshore reserves** was one of the largest landcare projects in the shire.

Nowadays we have about 15 sites on the Tuross peninsula on which we rotate our working bees to maintain previous projects, including dune & rainforest reserves. Many of us have been with TLPG since 1990 and are feeling the affect of those 25 years so we welcome newcomers. **Anyone is welcome to turn up at our morning tea after our couple of hours of work and learn more about what is involved.**

Article supplied by Maureen Baker, OAM, Coordinator, Tuross Lakes Preservation Group & Tuross Coastal Landcare

Planting a native plant windbreak at Narooma Community Garden

On Saturday 18th July, the Narooma Community Garden group conducted a practical workshop on establishing a native plant windbreak covering plant selection, site preparation, plant spacing, and planting techniques. As many of the planting holes were waterlogged, due to poor drainage, sand and compost were mixed together and used in the planting holes.



NAROOMA COMMUNITY GARDEN, in the grounds of Narooma Primary School, meets every Sunday from 9am to 1pm, and other times by special arrangement. For more information Carolyn Wells on 44762475

Peter Gow and Mary Harrison planting native tubestock

Landcare Planting and Picnic at Tomakin Riverbank Stabilization site

Eurobodalla Landcare volunteers recently celebrated Landcare Week early by holding a special planting with the Tomakin Coastcare group followed by a picnic lunch at Jack Buckley Park on the bank of the Tomaga River at Tomakin. The group has been working at the site to stabilise riverbank erosion using sandbags at the toe of the bank.

Mangroves seedlings were also planted along the riverbank to provide long term stability to the site. A fence was installed in front of the mangroves to protect them from damage from flood and other marine debris.

The project involved a range of organisations including Eurobodalla Shire Council's environment team, Tomakin Coastcare, Eurobodalla Green Army, South East Local Land Services and environmental rangers from Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council

On Friday 4th September planting was conducted at the top of the bank utilising indigenous native plants including *Lomandra longifolia*, *Myoporum boninense*, *Poa labillardieri*, *Atriplex cinerea*, *Carpobrotus glaucescens*, and *Leptospermum polygalafolium*.

Who to Contact

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Visit Old Mill Farm where Fraser Bayley and Kirsti Wilkinson will explain the operation of their organic Vegetable Market Garden. Get an introduction to growing seedlings, preparing and maintaining the beds, plant health, pests and diseases, irrigation systems, harvesting, cover crops, integrating animals as a fertility source.

Physical Property Planning gets landholders to consider important factors such as soil management, land degradation control, water resources, pasture management, climate and drought management, livestock management, property infrastructure and nature conservation. Peter Gow will provide an introduction to Physical Property Planning.

Bruce Davison Field Day & Cropping Trials 9am-4.45pm Sat 24 October, Candelo

Our annual field day and forum 'Building Fertile Productive Soils' is on Saturday 24th of October.

This year we look at 6 pasture cropping trials,

- #1: grown to the fertiliser recommendations of our main keynote speaker and agronomist Peter Norwood from Gippsland. Peter is an internationally recognised consultant and presenter and specialises in managing soil fertility, plant health & productivity and animal and human health. Peter will be speaking on all of these subjects.
- #2: grown to the fertiliser recommendations of Sherryn Heffernan, agronomist Southern Farm Supplies Bega.
- #3-6: The other 4 trials are my efforts with differing inputs including 1 using only farm made organic fertiliser.

Both agronomists will show their soil test results and describe why they chose the fertilisers they recommended.

These trials will run for the remaining 3 years of our 5 year field day series. I will be having leaf analysis done on the 4 main trial crops to assess feed quality (nutrient density), will be doing a cost benefit analysis, yield comparison and soil analysis to assess the residual affects of each treatment and amendments required for next years continuation of these trials.

This should be an informative day for producers at all levels.

The event is at Candelo town hall and our farm and runs from 9am to 4.45pm

For more details please go to candelosalers.com and click on whats on.

To register please email heidi@candelosalers.com or phone on 02 6493 2131