

10 Reasons to Join Malmesbury District Landcare Group

- *Learn about the natural environment, flora, fauna, soils, geology, and more*
- *Gain knowledge about weeds and pest animals and how to control them*
- *Access to free or low cost hire of equipment*
- *Learn about farming practises and skills e.g. fencing, animal husbandry etc.*
- *Access to low cost plants grown from local seed*
- *Social benefit - Meet helpful local people*
- *Opportunity to participate in practical field days and projects*
- *Satisfaction of contributing to your community*
- *Chance to participate in events and activities of the regional Landcare network*
- *Keep informed with news from our group, the regional network, government agencies, and the broader Landcare movement*



MALMSBURY DISTRICT LANDCARE GROUP

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Malmsbury District Landcare Group, (MDLG), has been serving a broad area around Malmsbury for more than 20 years. It has members in the Macedon Ranges, Hepburn, and Mount Alexander Shires.

More than 50 households comprise the membership of the Group.

On-Ground Works

MDLG has been involved with many projects including weed control, re-establishing native vegetation, pest control, improving water quality, and improving habitat for native fauna. These projects have varied from work by members on their own properties, to large landscape-scale, long term projects on public land.

The Group has been awarded many monetary grants from various government agencies, and has also engaged in fund raising activities for the benefit of the environment and members.

Ongoing projects of note include, reclaiming the Channel Reserve in Malmsbury, restoration and development of the Malmsbury Common, weed control along Kangaroo Creek in the Wombat Forest, and weed removal and rehabilitation along the Coliban River at Lauriston.

Advice

If a member requires advice specific to their property, we can arrange for one or two of our more knowledgeable members to come to visit, to help identify existing species and advise on possible planting, weed control, etc.

There are many experienced members willing to share advice on a wide range of topics including farming practises, fencing, etc.

Seedlings Available

Each year we collect seeds from local trees and plants and have them grown into seedlings by volunteers at Tree Project. These plants are available for our members at a low cost. We also use some specialist native plant nurseries on occasion.

Planting Days

We usually have two or three volunteer planting days each year which may be on public land or member's properties.

Walks

From time to time we have guided walks on members properties or wildflower walks on public land.

Working Bees

Members have the opportunity to help with some hands-on practical work on occasion, which can involve weed control, fencing etc.

Social

Members appreciate meeting other local people at the group's various activities. We hold two very popular social nights each year where members can enjoy good food and company in a relaxed atmosphere.

News

MDLG produces a bi-monthly newsletter, and distributes news by email from the regional network, local and State government agencies, and Landcare Victoria.

Equipment

Members can borrow equipment from MDLG. This includes three herbicide sprayers, tree-planting tools, and a rabbit warren smoker. These are available either for free, or a nominal charge.

Regional Network

MDLG is an active member of the Upper Campaspe Landcare Network, (UCLN), and our members have the opportunity to participate in events organised by the network, or any of the other 16 member groups. The UCLN organises educational events, Citizen Science Projects, threatened species surveys, landscape scale projects involving multiple Landcare Groups, publicises activities, and facilitates sharing of news and information between member groups.



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Joining Malmsbury District Landcare Group

To join the group a once-off joining fee of \$20 is required, plus an annual fee of \$20 which covers all members of a household. Our renewal notices are issued in February and cover a calendar year.

If you wish to join, please post your membership details as shown below, together with a cheque, or you can pay directly to our account at the **Bendigo Bank, BSB 633108 Account no. 106837941**, quoting your name as reference. In that case please also email or post your details for our records.

We have high quality membership signs for gates or fences. The signs cost \$35 each.



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Property Address _____

Postal Address _____

Phone _____

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