



TreeProject

Newsletter

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Time to Plan Your 2008 Order



Alan and Anita Harding with one of their 10 volunteer growers, Peter Dalton, sitting proudly amongst some of the 5000 seedlings grown for the Mclvor Landcare Group

The TreeProject ordering season begins again in October 2007 for the 2008 planting season.

Landholders need to place their order by October 15th. Tree-Project's local seedlings are provided at below cost, thanks to the time and resources donated by our volunteer growers.

Ordering TreeProject seedlings is as easy as 1, 2, 3

1. If you have not ordered before or in the last two years, be sure to contact TreeProject to receive an order form for 2008.
2. TreeProject will assist you in ordering your seed from our regional seed bank if you are not collecting seed from your own property.
3. Send your seed, order and \$125 per 500 seedlings to TreeProject by October 15th.

Don't miss out this year

Some landholders had not order seedlings for planting this year because of the drought in August and September 2006. Now, with these wonderful rains we are experiencing, we have had numerous calls from landholders who did not place orders, asking if we have extra seedlings to sell because they are eager to plant. Don't be disappointed this year, get you order in so we can get beautiful seedlings like this to you for your next planting season.



Michael Bialczak, first-year grower, had a fantastic year

Thank You to All Our TreeProject Volunteer Growers

A Job Well Done

TreeProject growers have done a fantastic job with their seedlings this year. The dedication and commitment of our volunteers has been exceptional given the challenges of keeping their seedlings in top shape in the face of water restrictions and coming up with creative ways to capture every spare drop of household water to keep their seedlings going.

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New TreeProject Seedling Depot in Avenel

As well as the usual pick-up points for seedlings in Melbourne, Bendigo and Geelong, landholders can now collect seedlings from Avenel. There will be a small fee for this service.

The Burnt Creek Landcare group have been awarded an EnviroFund grant and have had a trailer built that can transport 2,500 seedlings at a time and Sandy MacKenzie has kindly offered a depot area that can hold 15,000 seedlings.



Another Fantastic Planting

In June ANZ volunteer growers from the Mt Waverley Data Centre and TreeProject combined to plant the 2000 seedlings they grew for the Nulla Vale Pyalong West Landcare Group.

On behalf of the Nulla Vale Pyalong West Landcare Group I would like to thank all those involved at TreeProject including the growers for so successfully supplying us with over 2000 healthy trees. More than half of these have now been planted in the middle of a very promising period of consistent rains. So we are keeping our fingers crossed! Again many thanks, your efforts are most appreciated.

Anne Cunningham

So Many Volunteers Willing to Help

Melissa Wellington from Little River sends her thanks

Thank you TreeProject for the seedlings, they are in great shape. And thank you to the volunteer planters. The team was absolutely superb and worked like troopers. I can not thank you enough for all the help you have given us toward establishing a healthy environment at Little River.



ANZ planting team at Little River

We really need to continue planting on the property. One project is a wind break on the southern side of the property as we often have 100km-per-hour winds coming in directly off the coast, which have caused massive damage to our land.

Little River has one of the lowest mean average rainfalls in the whole of Victoria. Hopefully by establishing more trees, we can tell the skies to deliver us more rain! With the help of TreeProject we hope to continue planting in an attempt to better this environment and hand down a legacy other than rock and weed to future generations.

Battling Erosion in Flowerdale

I first heard about TreeProject seven years ago at an alternative field day at the Lillydale showgrounds. Since then I have been planting between 500 and 1000 trees a year.

My property is about 60 acres and my aim is to revegetate most of it. The eastern boundary is quite a steep hill with some remnant trees. This is being left to regenerate itself, except for a fire break which was planted out this year to help speed recovery.

There is also a fairly serious erosion problem, which has been addressed by damming and rocking out the head of the erosion. Planting has also been done to assist these problem areas.

Other plantings are for habitat reasons. One in particular is a stand of Manna Gums which will hopefully one day provide nest sites for the King Parrots and attract them back into the area.

I can not thank TreeProject enough for all their assistance. Not only with propagating, but also for the help in the planting of the trees. This year the group from the ANZ Bank helped plant over 500 trees, and one of my growers, John King, with his family and friends helped me with another 300 trees. Now that I'm on a disability pension I can't plant the trees myself. So without Dee's help in organising these groups my plans would be doomed.

Kind regards Ray Butterworth



Jeff Foster, volunteer planter from ANZ Technology, South Yarra speaking to Ray Butterworth on lip of erosion gully

Thank You

Thank you and goodbye to members of the Traralgon Uniting Church for 10 years of dedicated volunteer work.

Over the years 23 people from the congregation have participated as volunteer growers.



TreeProject seedlings grown and planted by Traralgon Uniting Church for Daryl and Margaret Hook in Inverlock



Traralgon Uniting Church working bee

Five people have been volunteers for all 10 years – Neil Clement, John Janson, Ross Graham, Margaret Stephens and Steve Stephens.

The group have grown 12,500 seedlings for properties in Inverloch, Bairnsdale, Boolarra and Poowong. A special thank you to Margaret Stephens who coordinated the group of volunteer growers.

Yarra Bend Park

Another blissful Sunday on the Yarra

10.00am-4.00pm

All welcome

BBQ lunch — Vegos and vegans provided for too

*Bring gloves, hat and wear sturdy shoes
Bring your friends and family*

Sunday 26 August TreeProject & Intrepid River Flats Below Dights Falls

Location: Area of river bank in Kew between Dights Falls and Studley Park Rd.

Access: Studley Park Rd, Kew. Parking near Studley Park Rd (Melway 2D D8) then follow flags.

Purpose: To re-establish indigenous vegetation on banks of the Yarra River to replace recently removed exotic vegetation. Extension of planting last year.

Sunday 30 September TreeProject & Greenlink River Bend, West Side of Loop

Location: Unmown slopes between the Loop road and the river, opposite the Yarra Bend Golf Course café (Melway 2D F6).

Access: Via Yarra Bend Rd, Fairfield. Park on Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark (Melway 2D G6).

Purpose: To strengthen native vegetation of river corridor.



Depot Working Bees

Get down and get it happening!

In preparation for the distribution days, materials for the growing kits are recycled and then sterilised, growing materials measured and packaged and the growing kits put together.

It's a great way to network and meet some of the lovely TreeProject people at the historic stockyards in Kensington. We'd love to have you along and lunch is provided.

Kensington Stockyards

Cnr Smithfield Road & Bluestone Street (near cnr Racecourse & Smithfield Roads, Melway 42 J1)



OCTOBER	TASK	SITE
Saturday 6 th 10am-3pm	Tube/box washing Fertiliser/sand packing	Kensington
Sunday 14 th 10am-3pm	Tube/box washing Fertiliser/sand packing	Kensington
Saturday 20 th 10am-3pm	Fertiliser/sand packing	Kensington
Sunday 28 th 10am-3pm	Tube/box washing Fertiliser/sand packing	Kensington

NOVEMBER	TASK	SITE
Saturday 3 rd 10am-3pm	Tube/box washing Fertiliser/sand packing	Kensington
Sunday 11 th 10am-3pm	Tube/box washing Fertiliser/sand packing	Kensington
Saturday 17 th 10am-3pm	Tube/box washing Fertiliser/sand packing	Kensington
Saturday 24 th 10am-3pm	Kit preparation	Kensington
Sunday 25 th 10am-3pm	First distribution	Kensington
Wednesday 28 th 3.30-6.30pm	First distribution	Kensington

DECEMBER	TASK	SITE
Saturday 1 st 10am-12pm	First distribution	Kensington
Monday 3 rd 10am-12pm	First distribution	Bendigo
Saturday 8 th 10am-12pm	First distribution	Geelong