

# The Woorndoo Project - grassland restoration

## Free Community Day

### Friday 16 November 2018 - 9 am to 3:30 pm

### Woorndoo Recreation Reserve

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Restored native grassland, Woorndoo. Image: Liz Fenton

## Restoring and managing native grasslands on rural roadsides, Where to from Woorndoo?

### The Project

In 2017, The Woorndoo Land Protection Group was awarded funds from Victoria's Community & Volunteer Action Grant Program 2017 – Biodiversity On-ground Action, to extend the successful 2013 grassland restoration on the Woorndoo-Streatham Road at Woorndoo. The two year project includes detailed scientific experiments on planting and sowing grassland species, and the restoration of a further 1.25 ha of diverse temperate native grassland.

### The Community Day Program

#### 9 am to 10 am - Woorndoo Common (join in when you arrive)

Those arriving early are invited to a guided walk through the renowned Woorndoo Common, one of the most diverse and beautiful examples of rare, species-rich temperate native grasslands.

#### 10 am to 10:30 am - Morning tea and registration: Recreation Reserve – (immediately over the road from the Common)

Wander back from the Common or arrive in time for a refreshing morning tea or coffee, and registration.

#### 10:30 am to 12:30 pm - Short talks session and panel Q&A

Expert speakers from DWELP; Moyne Shire; VicRoads; CFA and a local landholder (tbc) will discuss the many issues, old and new, affecting native temperate grassland on public land. This will be followed by a panel session where all the day's speakers will be available to answer your questions.

#### 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm – Lunch and conversation

An opportunity to meet and chat with members of the Woorndoo Land Protection Group and our guests for the day. Information will be available on the Woorndoo Grassland Project – restoring diverse native grassland in this hot-spot for species-rich grassland conservation.

#### 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm - Native grasslands as dynamic and beautiful biological communities

Ben Zeeman, Glenelg Hopkins CMA, will explore the dynamic nature of native grassland under various forms of management.

Emily Noble, Ballarat Environment Network (BEN), through her beautiful photography, will introduce the fascinating plants and other life forms that call native grasslands home.

#### 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Site visit to a restored grassland and experimental site and adjacent, extensive roadside remnant native grasslands.

Autumn roadside burning this year has produced spectacular early spring flowering in the Woorndoo/Chatsworth district. Our hope is that this will lead into an equally diverse and colourful late spring display. It should be great – and there isn't really a time limit.

### Registration

Please register by texting or emailing Jodie Leske (0419 583 853); [jodie.leske@bigpond.com](mailto:jodie.leske@bigpond.com).  
Please include any dietary requirements.

### What else you can do

This free event has been made possible through a State Government Community Action Grant. There will be various opportunities for you to join in practical activities to support the project. To register as a volunteer, or simply to keep in touch with the project's progress, contact Susan Bosch (0419 364 149), David Franklin ([davidfranklin@grasslandflora.com.au](mailto:davidfranklin@grasslandflora.com.au)) or John Delpratt (0432 833 200), or go to the project's Facebook page: Woorndoo Land Protection Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/540399562959460/>)