



## St Luke's Environment Action Group

### Highlights

2019

Clean Up Australia Day was a very successful event again as approx. 3 cubic metres of rubbish was picked up. Thanks to Ian Lawrence for organising the day. A father and daughter attended- the daughter was working towards a Rotary badge. Thanks to all the brave souls who worked on that very hot day.

### Koala Clancy Tree Planting

Koala numbers have halved in the 10 years to 2017 according to research done by the Koala Clancy Foundation. Why? Its climate change. Koalas have already been identified as one of the ten species globally most affected by climate change. Koalas don't have enough food or water because the trees are too dry as in the You Yangs. The Koala Clancy Foundation's action plan is to plant lots of trees downhill in rivers, drainage lines and near permanent water, so that the koalas have access to moisture rich foliage, and the cooling effect of water bodies on days of extreme heat. With the help of Landcare a lot of effective tree planting has been achieved.

We helped plant trees in August.



## Repair Café 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday

Wow, it was 2 years in August since we started the Repair Café.  
Congratulations to all!! Jenny made the Birthday Cake for the 10 August.



The repair café brings up to 30 visitors into the church each event, helps them keep treasured items, care for the environment and hopefully learn how to mend. We have repaired over 1400kg of items – which is equivalent to the weight of an adult giraffe.



## Vision Australia

Ian L and Michelle did a radio interview at Vision Australia, Belmont on the 15<sup>th</sup> August (this came about as we had mended a device which reads text - daisy player). The interview was aired on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon on 99.5 fm

## Seasons of Creation in September

We welcomed everyone at the door with sprigs of wattle and gum leaves.

The service used the readings in Genesis and Revelations re gardens and The Tree of Life.

The children had fun decorating Geoff's beautifully made tree with puppets of Australian creatures.

## Recycling Bay

John Findlay's sister is heading a group to make pads for African girls so they can attend school on those days. We decided we can help by collecting brightly coloured cottons at our Recycling Bay, for the "Days for Girls" initiative.

## Waste Education Conference 16 Oct 2019

We were asked to present the concept of the Repair Café – and we met Costa!!



What a great year!!

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