

Cactus Warriors attack a Wheely Prickly Problem

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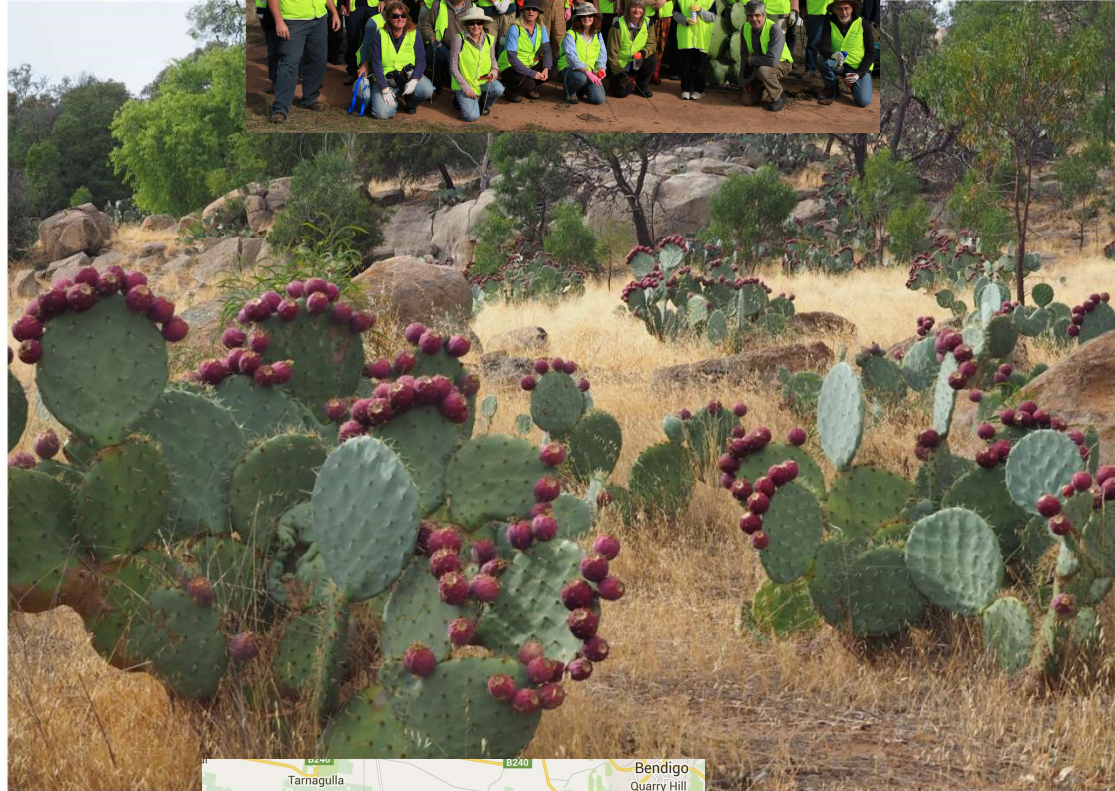
Grassroots Community Action

The Tarrangower Cactus Control Group (TCCG) was formed in 2005 as a network of 3 Landcare groups around Maldon (Vic) and is dedicated to the control of Wheel Cactus (*Opuntia robusta*)

Partnership with Parks Vic

Since our formation, TCCG has had an excellent collaboration with Parks Victoria and together we have

- Controlled Wheel Cactus infestations in our unique Historic Goldfields Parks
- Coordinated teamwork between volunteers, staff, students, work crews and contractors.



Increasing Community Awareness

A key goal of TCCG is to raise awareness and knowledge about the threat of Wheel Cactus, using

- Brochures and mail outs
- Media releases in local print/radio/t.v.
- Workshop and field trip
- Information stalls at local events
- Website www.cactuswarriors.org



Improving Control and Management

- Pilot trials to improve equipment and techniques
- Research collaboration with tertiary students
- Current Mapping Project to map all Wheel Cactus infestations in Victoria (please send photos and locations to Max) at mschlachter@outlook.com.au