



invite you to hear two speakers and ask questions about

# RURAL ROADSIDES

## “CONSERVING SHARED TREASURE”



**Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015**  
**Time: 7 for 7.30pm**  
**Newham Mechanics Hall**  
**Free. Supper provided**



**Many of our Shire’s rural roadsides are important remnants of rare plant communities and habitat for many animal species. Their biodiversity and beauty are constantly under threat of damage or destruction.**

**What can residents do on our own roadsides to assist conservation?**

**Michelle Patrick** is the Natural Resources Officer at Macedon Ranges Shire Council, where she has worked for over three years. She will talk about Council’s roles and responsibilities on roadsides.

What is allowed on roadsides? What is illegal?

Managing native vegetation - protection of biodiversity including rare or threatened species.

Local planning policies to protect roadside vegetation - threatened species, habitat and wildlife corridors.

Importance of significant vegetation signs.

**Dr Steve Krstic** is a semi-retired veterinary epidemiologist who has been associated with the Macedon Ranges area all his life.

In 1998 he completed a Masters of Natural Resources which involved a detailed study of roadsides around the Macedon Ranges-Cobaw Biolink area; he also served a period as an advisor to the MRSC on roadsides and as a member of the Environment Advisory Committee for the Macedon Ranges Shire.

He will talk about Roadsides Conservation and their importance in a Landscape Conservation Strategy.

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