

The Network

Autumn 2017



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Landcare Diary

- 22nd March** **Cultural Bus Tour of Shepparton**
Coordinated by The Ethnic Council of Shepparton
- 24-26 March** **Victorian Landcare Conference—Mallee**
email: nidgee@reachnet.com.au
- 5th April** **Future Farming Forum - Rochester**
Registrations essential—see article in newsletter
- 12th April** **Sonic Night Hunters—Lake Makooan 10-12pm**
RSVP: lisa.farnsworth@wintonwetlands.org.au
- 12th April** **GMLN President's Dinner—Kids Town dinner**
Please Confirm Attendance: 0407 552 663
- 19th April** **Twilight At the Bend— 6pm—8pm**
McCracken's Bend Shepp North— see flyer
Lanie: pearce@narioka.net.au - bookings essential
- 19th April** **Soil Biology Workshop**
Jo Doolan: gmln2@bigpond.com
- 14th May** **Trees For Mum—Vic Park Lake Shepparton**
Jo Doolan: gmln2@bigpond.com
- 7th June** **Annual Farm Forum—evening 1**
3 evening events - light dinner included
- 14th June** **Annual Farm Forum—evening 2**
Topics to be confirmed
- 21st June** **Annual Farm Forum—evening 3**
Venue to be confirmed
- Later in 2017** **Landcare Picnic**

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Moira Shire

Cobram 1300 369 996

Campaspe Shire

Echuca 1300 666 535

WaterWatch

David Hodgkins 0358 320 400

GV Waste Resource and Recovery Group

Brad Montgomery 0427 286 442

Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources

Tatura 0358 355 222
Echuca 0354 821 922

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

Shepparton 0358 201 100

Goulburn Broken Seedbank

0358 339 279
0428 770 030

Goulburn Murray Water

Tatura 0358 335 500
Cobram 0358 710 100
Shepparton 0358 329 900

Goulburn Valley Water

Shepparton 0358 320 400
Cobram 0358 722 526
Tatura 0358 242 345

Environmental Protection Litter Report Line

1800 352 555

Parks Vic:

Nathalia 0358 669 900
Shepparton 0358 320 222
Yarrawonga 0357 433 104

Farm Tree & Landcare Association. (FTLA)

0392 075 527



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Let's tell you what we've done.....

Living the Good Life

Dookie Seed Bank

Christmas Gathering

About 30 people came to our general meeting at Dookie to celebrate the end of the Landcare year. Thanks to Liz and Andrew for allowing us to see what happens at the seed bank and the logistics of cleaning every type of seed that is collected for you.

From the interest at the session, we are planning on a full day session on seed cleaning later in the year. Let us know when if you, or anyone you know are might be interested so we can begin planning.



Kotupna-Wyuna

Focus Landscapes Project: Reconnecting with Nature

This Project is still in progress. 'Threatened woodland birds of the Goulburn-Murray irrigation district' involves surveying endangered Grey-crowned Babbler, Bush Stone-curlew and Superb Parrot numbers to determine their distribution and see what effect these works had on the birds' populations. We are keen to hear of any land-holders who might have these birds on their property and would like some \$\$ to assist with fencing off some remnant vegetation, old trees and retain fallen logs as habitat for these birds

Please help protect the few remaining populations in the Landscape. Leave fallen logs for the Curlews, leave large trees for the Babblers and create habitat and food sources for the Superb Parrot.

Remember the cry of the Curlew?

DON'T FLOG OUR LOGS!

If you want to be involved in this project please contact:



Grey-crowned Babblers
Photo: Brian Freemantle

GMLN: gmln2@bigpond.com

GREATER SHEPPARTON

One Tree Per Child

April – October 2017

Community Group Expression of Interest

In 2016, Council commenced its involvement in the "One Tree Per Child" project with the aim of planting a plant for each person aged under 18 in our municipality. Planting a tree is often a child's first act of volunteering for their community and can lead to better health outcomes. It empowers children into realising that they can make a personal difference for our community and our local environment.

Greater Shepparton City Council invites you to take part in one of our planting events in 2017. More information will be available via the media and on Council website early 2017. Council has purchased plants and guarding materials for the community to utilise. Interested groups can plant at a pre-prepared site on Council land.

To obtain an expression of interest form, please contact:

Travis Turner: (03) 5832 9700,

Email: onetreeperchild@shepparton.vic.gov.au

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority have launched a new phone app so you can easily identify and record the "critters" that you find in your travel around the catchment.

Easy to use and really handy as you don't have to lug a heap of books with you.

Great for the kids, grandkids and you to have!!

The app is available on Apple, Android and the web via

<http://ispy.gbcm.vic.gov.au/#/app/home>



Thanks GBCMA
Great app!

FREE!



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Living the Good Life

SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

Tatura

John flew the Landcare flag at this event this year, as Lanie had a camping weekend planned.

This event gets bigger every year with more and more interest from the wider community. John's bugs, and their homes always attract a very interested crowd and is a fantastic way to promote ourselves. The idea of a trail to assist in sustainable living is inspired.

How to mend a tyre; bee keeping; keeping chooks; smarter home renovations and edible gardens along with the Men's Shed "repair café", all contributed to make this a very practical as well a interesting event.

THE PRACTICAL LIVING TRAIL

...TATURA



Thankyou for inviting us to take part.



Waterways

Corey Wilson—GBCMA I think you are a champion and perhaps a little crazy!!!

A great environment day with heaps and heaps of kids, but to let them loose with a thousand fishing rods I question your sanity! But it worked amazingly well.

A fantastic day at Dip Bridge, Katamatite and great collaboration between all our partners.

GBCMA; Stormwater; Parks Vic; Our 2 Cultural Officers; Fisheries; Landcare.

Special mention to Numurkah fishing club and Katamatite Lions Club.

Volunteers like this are irreplaceable
Looking forward to doing it all again.



SOILS NEWS

beyond soilcare

Soil health is getting more coverage not than ever before & no wonder - beneath our feet is a dynamic diverse living system that is essential to how we live.

As land managers we can benefit from learning more about the 'underground livestock' & how their actions can make our work efficient & more productive.

Soil biology includes bacteria, fungi, protozoa, nematodes, beetles, mites, spiders & earthworms. The nutrient cycle is complex & involves multiple processes. This is called the soil food web.



A healthy food web occurs when diverse organisms are present & functioning. Nutrients are then able to be accessed by plants when they need them. There is a complex relationship between plants and biology which have the following functions:

- Retention of nutrients so not lost as vapour or locked up.
- Nutrient cycling in the right forms & rates for the plants
- Building soil structure, aiding oxygen, water & nutrient absorption
- Breakdown of organic matter
- Promoting plant healthy growth

Come along to an informative and enjoyable day and learn how to assess and optimise your soils biological fertility with David Hardwick:- **Wed 19th April** at Lancaster. See attached flyer for RSVP

Also keep an eye out for the Annual Farm Forum evening sessions - first 3 Wednesdays in June, and a workshop on Fungi & its role in soil health - coming up in August TBC.

Get out there with a shovel and have a look beneath your feet, you will be impressed.

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In the office.....

Events:

Let us promote your event/s.

Just drop an email to:

gmln@iinet.net.au

We will send it off to our contact list.

With enough notice, it can be included in our newsletter.

We can even help with your flyer!!!



YES YOU!!!



Is someone representing your group???

Even if your group is very quiet—or not meeting at all, we still want your input.

Put the CARE in Landcare!

**There is no "I" in
Team, but we sure
are glad there is "u"
in our volunteers!**

IT and Environmental Coordinator

Goulburn Murray Landcare

12 month position 2017

0.6 FTE

[Applications close Friday 31st March 2017](#)

The IT and Environmental Coordinator will facilitate and deliver a range of projects to improve the uptake of biodiversity incentives in the Goulburn Murray Landcare area, with particular focus on IT support including social media and website design, undertaking on-farm biodiversity assessments and enhancing community linkages to promote GMLN projects and the Landcare Ethic.

Position description and further information can be obtained by contacting:

Andrea Montgomery

gmln@iinet.net.au



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Presidents Meeting

When: Wednesday 12th April 2017— 6.30 pm

Where: The Connection —Kids Town

Dinner provided—bring your partner too

Guest speaker: Tony Kubeil— GBCMA

Topic: Network communications

Is Your Group Represented?



Arcadia and District Landcare Group

Kialla Lakes Residents Group

Muckatah Landcare Group

Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group

Goulburn Murray Indian Myna Control Group

Superb Parrot Project

Dhurringile & District Landcare Group

Transition Tatura

Picola Land Management Group

Girgarre Stanhope Landcare Group

Harston Landcare Group

Undera Landcare Group

Echuca Landcare Group

Koyuga Kanyapella Landcare Group

7 Creeks Community Action Group

Kyabram Urban Landcare Group

Wyuna Landcare Group

Broken Creek Improvement Landcare Group

Naring Landcare Group

Bunbartha Kaarimba Landcare Group

Strathallan Family Landcare Group

Shepp Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group

North West Mooroopna Landcare Group

Lockington & District Landcare Group

Katunga Landcare Group

Katandra West Landcare Group

Nanneela Timmering Landcare Group

Goulburn Valley Environment Group

Goulburn Valley Tree Group

Echuca West Landcare Group

RSVP: 7th April 2017 for catering purposes

Andrea: 0407 552 663 or email: gmln@iinet.net.au

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Floodplain Ecology Course 2017



Registrations Now Open for 2017

Places filling fast

If you, or someone you know is interested, please register.

We don't want anyone to miss out!

Floodplains—demystified

Geomorphology—explained

Hydrology—made easy

Floodplain vegetation—an in depth look

Soils—everything you wanted to know

Bats; Turtles; Fish; Birds and Bugs

Macroinvertebrates; Blackwater;

Cultural information

Parks management

Local Projects

Cost: \$1600.00 plus GST all inclusive
GMLN may be able to help with some funding

If you are interested in attending the course next year,
please contact Andrea—0407 552 663



Project coordinator:

Lanie Pearce: 0408 103 066

Stormwater is surface run-off from rain and storm events that enters the drainage system. It carries many pollutants, including leaves, sediment, oil and other hydrocarbons, that are a major cause of pollution in our rivers, creeks, lakes and bays.

Improving stormwater quality is a long-term process that involves educating residents and businesses about preventing stormwater pollution at its source and treating stormwater before it enters our waterways.

Cleaner stormwater provides us with new opportunities for stormwater harvesting and reuse. This helps us to protect our precious water reserves.

Please think before pouring anything down the drain!



Living the Good Life

UNICORN HUNTING

This event had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest.

It has been on the past 2 newsletters and no-one commented or contacted us about it.

Does this mean you are not reading the newsletter, or it just doesn't interest you???

Perhaps we haven't any unicorn hunters out there.

How do you fill in your spare time???



WHO IS YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM?

John Laing	President	Dhurungile
Dave Sutton	Vice President	Naring
Craig Tuhan	Treasurer	Stanhope
Lanie Pearce	Secretary	Nathalia
Collier McCracken		Arcadia
Wendy D'Amore		Kialla
Trish Moss		Congupna
Glen Thompson		Wyuna
Brian Freemantle		Kyabram
Graeme Liersch		Koyuga
David Doyle		Congupna

Like and Share—visit for events



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Membership:

We are offering the opportunity for you to become a member of the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network. *If you are already a financial member of a Landcare group, or a similar group, you are already covered.* This is the opportunity to be a paid member, and attend most of our events for free. (sometimes there will be a cost, but reduced for members)

We will have to start charging non-members a fee to attend some of our events to cover them for insurance and our costs. This is a great opportunity to become part of Landcare and keep up to date with everything we are doing and to let us know what you would like to happen. We need your input so we can develop programs for our area. Give Andrea a call if you have any questions or want any more information about this proposal. JOIN US TODAY!



Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Membership Form 2017/2018

Name

Address.....

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Phone No.....

Email address.....

Membership Type (Please tick)

☐ Individual \$10

☐ Family \$15

This will entitle you to membership until June 30th 2018.

Membership to Goulburn Murray Landcare includes subscription to our email list, keeping you up to date with our seasonal newsletter and upcoming events and activities in our area. It will also give you discounted or free entry to our events throughout the year.

Cheque payable to Goulburn Murray Landcare Network or

Direct Deposit Goulburn Murray Landcare Network - BSB 633 000 Account No. 133815845

(Use MEM followed by your name as a reference)

Please send to Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, 82 Wyndham Street, Shepparton, VIC 3630