

# The Network

WINTER 2017



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## LANDCARE DIARY

7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Annual Farm Forum - Winter Evenings 1</b> <i>Farm Budgeting</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Annual Farm Forum - Winter Evenings 2</b> <i>Data &amp; Decisions</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Annual Farm Forum - Winter Evenings 3</b> <i>Pasture Cropping</i>
28 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Annual Farm Forum - Winter Evenings 4 *****</b> <i>Impact of herbicides on soils biology</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>NAIDOC - Barmah</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>NAIDOC - Rumbalara</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Pruning Workshop</b> - Koyuga—Details in newsletter
?? August	<b>Weaving Workshop</b> —Gallery Kaiela - Details to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Follow-Up Forum (FUF) - Winter Evenings 5</b> <b>Dinner— weather and climate change projections</b>
28/8 - 1/9	<b>National Landcare Week</b> —watch for events
September	<b>Nest box building</b> —Date and Venue to be confirmed
September	<b>Companion Planting</b>
9/10 - 13/10	<b>Floodplain Ecology Course - Barmah Area</b>
September	<b>Fruit fly information</b> - watch for details
November	<b>Bush Picnic - Kanyapella</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>International Men's Day</b>
November	<b>Seed Cleaning - all things "seedy"</b> - Dookie College
December	<b>Christmas meeting</b> - Date and Venue to be confirmed

### GMLN EXECUTIVE

John Laing Dhurringile

*President*

Dave Sutton Naring

*Vice President*

Craig Tuhan Stanhope

*Treasurer*

Lanie Pearce Nathalia

*Secretary*

Collier McCracken Arcadia

Wendy D'Amore Shepp/Mooroopna

Trish Moss Congupna

Glen Thompson Wyuna

Brian Freemantle Kyabram

Graeme Liersch Koyuga/Kanyapella

David Doyle past president

If your group does not have a representative on the executive and would like to be included, please contact anyone on the list above to discuss what it entails and what commitment is required. We meet monthly and welcome input from all our Landcare groups and associated membership groups.

It's not rocket science, but a real necessity to keep our Landcare network of groups operating and functioning properly.

Consider what your group needs from the network and let us know.

Like and Share

visit for events

Website coming soon

Watch this space!!!



If you ate today,  
*thank a farmer.*



**You know you are a farmer if:**  
Family weddings & special events  
are planned around sowing,  
harvest, shearing or calving

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

### Living the Good Life

#### Photography Workshop

We were fully booked for this workshop. It was a beautiful day and everyone went home with a fountain of knowledge.

Obviously it is a popular pastime and we will have to repeat it for those who missed out.

Send us your photos to include on our new webpage. We plan to have a rolling slideshow running, so it would be nice to have something local.



#### Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery

This is our education program logo for our current funding. We have been very busy with schools, kinders and community events around the district.

Perhaps you can try a few things with your kids, grand-kids or family on these cool winter days.

- A-Z—make a list of something in the environment that starts with every letter of the alphabet. (plants/fish/animals/birds etc)

It gets difficult when you get down to I, Q, X and Z.

- Go on a treasure hunt and collect some interesting bits and pieces from along a waterway, path or track. (take an old tackle box to store things)

It keeps them dry and you can switch things around when you find something new

- Leaf hunt—see how many different shapes you can find. How do they feel/smell/sound?

**Get outside and enjoy the winter!!!**



We partner with river connect on lots of projects and programs. Here are a few upcoming events to keep in mind

5th July *Follow your Rubbish Tour*  
9.45am—12.30 pm

[waste@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:waste@shepparton.vic.gov.au)

11th July *Clean up Kaieltheban Park Mooroopna*  
10.00am—12.00 noon

[waste@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:waste@shepparton.vic.gov.au)

13th July *Critters, Crawlers and Culture*  
10.00am—12.00 noon  
School holiday program

[melinda.weston@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:melinda.weston@shepparton.vic.gov.au)  
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September *Platypus Events*

Watch for details—GMLN & Riverconnect

September *Spotlight Walks—evening dates*

Watch for details—GMLN & Riverconnect

For Riverconnect information check out their website:  
[www.riverconnect.com.au](http://www.riverconnect.com.au)



### LINKING LANDSCAPES



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
IN YOUR OWN  
BACKYARD

Financial incentives  
are available  
for eligible  
landholders to:

- Fence remnant vegetation (minimum 1 hectare)
- Enhance remnant vegetation
- Revegetate with indigenous species (minimum 20 metre corridors)

Can you find your property on the map below?



Got an idea to do vegetation works on your property? Then please complete and submit the form on the back or get in touch with Jenny Wilson

Jenny Wilson, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority  
168 Welsford Street, Shepparton  
tel. (03) 5822 7700 email [jennyw@gbma.vic.gov.au](mailto:jennyw@gbma.vic.gov.au)  
[www.gbma.vic.gov.au](http://www.gbma.vic.gov.au)

Expressions of interest submissions close Friday 28th April 2017



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

### Living the Good Life

#### Pruning Workshop Koyuga—23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

Following our very successful pruning day last year, John Pettigrew will run another hands-on session. This year it will be held at Graham and Joy Liersch's property Koyuga.

**TIME:** 10.00 am—12 noon

Numbers are limited, so book your spot quickly. Lunch to follow at the Falcon Hotel, Kanyapella.

**Includes:** **FREE** pruning kit, am tea and lunch

**Bookings  
essential:**

[gmln@iinet.net.au](mailto:gmln@iinet.net.au)

0358 213 530

Directions on booking



### Presidents Meeting

Thanks to all the presidents and delegates who came along to share the evening with us.

It is always interesting to get together and sort out how we fit into the Landcare family.

There were about 15 groups represented this year which is up on previous years, and apologies from four others. Perhaps it was topic—group governance that got us all going or perhaps the opportunity to have some food and a catch-up.

Our appreciation goes to Tony Kubeil for taking the time to fill us in on some of the issues facing other groups and the potential for our groups to fall into the same traps.

If no-one from your group came, and you have an problem or success to share, let us know

Lovely food  
lovely company  
we'll do it all again  
next year.





**Trees for Mum**

Another successful Trees for Mum event.

We gave away around 300 trees to plant in honour of all mums.

It was a lovely sunny day and a fine way to spend mothers' day morning.

Thanks to Trish, Andrea, Jo and Lanie for giving up breakie in bed to be there.



#### Welcome Carolena

#### IT and Environmental Coordinator

Pop into the office, say "hello" and welcome her into the landcare family!



Carolena is developing our website, so if there is anything you might like to see included or think we definitely shouldn't include—now is your opportunity to have input.

Part of her job is the linking landscapes project, so if you would like to be part of that—\$\$\$ can be provided for remnant protection and enhancement. Give Carolena a call to see if you qualify. She's happy to come for a site visit to assist.

Carolena Helderma

[gmln3@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gmln3@bigpond.net.au)

Or phone the office:

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## Living the Good Life

OPPORTUNITIES 2017

### Ellie the Emu

*Coming to a market or event near you!*

Ellie is out of retirement and will be available for events this year. She has had a bit of a makeover and is no longer wearing the salt-watch snorkel.



*If you would like Ellie to attend an event, we need to ensure we have someone to wear the costume and you will need to book as she is already in hot demand for community events.*

To arrange Ellie 's appearance please contact the Landcare office and we will see what we can do.

*Please note that along with someone in costume, you will also need a guide for Ellie as she is visually challenged and can't manoeuvre her way around alone.*



### SOILS NEWS

beyond soilcare

Our Soil biology workshop held in April was a great day with a good mix of attendees from various backgrounds. David Hardwick presented a fun and interesting day that helped us understand how our management decisions can optimise the soils biological fertility. Attendees learnt what soil organisms are present in the soil and their roles in nutrient cycling. Growing plant roots drive the biological function in our soils. Maximising diversity in our paddocks has so many benefits.

The other part of this project is to produce some videos demonstrating soil testing techniques and other assessment tools. We look forward to adding these to our new website soon! ☺



The cooler weather seems to be very useful for learning. This year's Farm Forum Winter Evenings series has been very popular. The first 2 sessions have been well attended, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> one booked out! Our topics have been Farm budgeting, Data & Decision making, Pasture Cropping & Herbicide persistence in soil.

We will be having a Farm Forum Dinner on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> August** with speakers discussing farming in our changing climate. Keep an eye out for more details in emails & on our facebook page.

Keep warm.



### Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017

We will be out and about during **NAIDOC** week again this year. We have been invited to take part in the celebrations at two venues

Barmah - 5th July—Dharnya Centre—Barmah  
Rumbalara - 6th July—Rumbalara—Mooroopna

It is always an honour and pleasure to be included in these events. We'll have photos and a report in our next newsletter and on facebook.



### What's a FUF??

- It's a Follow-UP Forum!
- Wednesday 16th August.
- Book to avoid disappointment.
- Venue and guest speakers are yet to be confirmed, but the date is set.
- gmln@iinet.net.au—0358 213 530





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## In the office.....



**Do You Have a BIG or small event that needs promoting??**

**We can promote it for you**

Does your group need some publicity???

Need a guest speaker—we may know someone suitable and even someone interesting

We can include information in our newsletter and even help with your flyer!

Just drop an email to: [gmln@iinet.net.au](mailto:gmln@iinet.net.au)

We will send it off to our contact list and post it on our facebook page.

**EXTRA EVENING**



Australia is the sixth largest country in the world. Its ocean territory is the world's third largest, spanning three oceans and covering around 12 million square kilometres.

### About

**85 per cent of flowering plants**

**84 per cent of mammals**

**> 45 per cent of birds**

**89 per cent of inshore, freshwater fish**

**are unique to Australia.**

Australia is richly endowed with marsupials — there are more than 140 species.

**In Australia there are more than**

**378 species of mammals**

**828 species of birds**

**300 species of lizards**

**140 species of snakes**

**two species of crocodiles**

Of the mammals, almost half are marsupials. The rest are either placental mammals or monotremes.

More than 80 per cent of Australians live within 100 kilometres of the coast.

## Landcare Annual Farm Forum 2017

### Winter evenings

Save Wednesday evenings this June to attend one or more of these informative sessions.

Brave the cold and join us for a warm meal and some inspiring conversations.

#### ✓ June 7th-Farm Budgeting

#### June 14th-Data & Decisions on Farm

Data doesn't make money—decisions do! Know your farm business direction and how the available data can work for you. Nathan Scott (Achieve Ag Solutions) will discuss how to efficiently use new technologies in your business.

#### June 21st-Pasture Cropping

Hear about the benefits of Pasture cropping from two long time practitioners: Colin Seis & Graeme Hand. They will share their experiences, the benefits for the soil, crops and pasture.

An opportunity not to be missed!

#### ➔ June 28th-Herbicide persistence in soil

Herbicides are an ever increasing component of our farming systems, however, they can persist in the soil beyond usual expectations. Mick Rose (DPI NSW) will discuss the impact of increased herbicide use on key soil biological processes.

Where: Kids Town, on the Causeway between Shepparton & Mooroopna



When: **6.30pm** for a light dinner,

followed by presentation.

RSVP essential for catering, by the Monday before each event

[gmln@iinet.net.au](mailto:gmln@iinet.net.au) or 0447 321 140



## Tatura Primary School

Terry Court from Goulburn Valley Environment Group recently asked if we could run an environment day at Tatura Primary School. It's a while since we've done some activities with the school, so we enjoyed seeing them again.

It was loads of fun and we even got a fair mention in the Tatura Guardian. *We have a copy in the office if you would like to see us!*

Thank-you Jo, Andrea, John, Lanie and especially Terry for running the activities. There were worms, tracks and scats, water and land bugs, bush tucker and an activity about the importance of water and land usage. All area were covered.



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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 this year,  
please contact Andrea—0407 552 663



Project coordinator:

Lanie Pearce: 0408 103 066

Winter is when it all happens. This is when our rubbish gets washed into rivers and streams.

Please make sure you have mulched all your leaves, collected all your plastic bags and bottles, stopped soils from washing off your property into drains and ensure that chemicals are not leaking into waterways from damaged packaging.

All of this will help preserve the health of the creatures who rely on fresh, clean water to survive. The rivers and creeks in our catchment are home or a water source to a variety of species such as the trout cod; Murray River turtle, water rats and a wide variety of water bugs. Creatures along the waterway such as the Squirrel Glider and all of our birds also need a constant, clean environment to continue to exist.

Also dependent on a good water supply are the towns and farms along the waterways. We all need plentiful, healthy water to survive and prosper.



## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Shepparton 0358 329 700

### 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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## 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!



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## Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Membership Form 2017/2018

Name .....

Address.....

.....

Phone No.....

Email address.....

### Membership Type (Please tick)

☐ Individual \$10

☐ Family \$15

**This will entitle you to membership until June 30<sup>th</sup> 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