

The Network

Summer 2018



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LANDCARE DIARY 2018

February 2018

Preserving

What to do with all that produce!

March 2018

Rockin' Loch Garry

Details to follow

Outdoor Classroom Launch

Details to follow

April 2018

Nest boxes—all things nest box-y

Making and monitoring

13th May

Trees for Mum

Shepparton Mother's Day fun run

6th June

Farm Forum—evening 1

13th June

Farm Forum—evening 2

20th June

Farm Forum—evening 3

Presenters and topics to be confirmed

Suggested topics include:

Succession Planning or Farm Incentives

Pest plants and animals or Planned grazing

All other thoughts welcome

Later in the year:

⇒ **Edible Bush Garden & Companion Planting**

⇒ **Pruning Workshop** July

⇒ **Grafting** August

⇒ **Bees** September

⇒ **Weaving** to be confirmed

⇒ **2nd Annual Picnic** offers of venues please!

Any other ideas very welcome!!!

GMLN EXECUTIVE

President

John Laing [Dhurringile](#)

Vice President

Dave Sutton [Naring](#)

Treasurer

David Doyle [Congupna/Tallygaroopna](#)

Secretary

Lanie Pearce [Nathalia](#)

Committee members

Collier McCracken [Arcadia](#)

Wendy D'Amore [Shepp/Mooroopna](#)

Trish Moss [Congupna/Tallygaroopna](#)

Glen Thompson [Wyuna](#)

Brian Freemantle [Kyabram](#)

Graeme Liersch [Koyuga/Kanyapella](#)

Veronica Groat [Strathallan](#)

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.



You know you're a farmer if:
*Your hands look like they're made
from the same material as your boots!*

Like and Share
visit for events
Website coming—
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Let's tell you what we've done.....

Living the Good Life

1st Annual Bush Picnic

Thankyou to the Koyuga- Kanyapella crew who welcomed us to their patch for our 1st Bush Picnic. It was a fun night and we were thoroughly entertained by Ken Jones—our fabulous Bush Poet. The food was exceptional—thanks Truffles. It was lovely to hear the history of the arboretum at the Koyuga Reserve—thanks for your knowledge and fantastic company for the evening.

Kingfisher Cruise

It was an extremely hot day for cruising and the creatures were not as keen to be out and about for spotting from the boat, but it was a really relaxing way to spend the morning. Thankyou to all who braved the heat to make an enjoyable day



Look for RiverConnect 's holiday program:

⇒ Turtle Talk—19th January

10.00am—12 noon—2 hour session

Marungi St Carpark, Shepparton

⇒ Nurture Nature—23rd January

9.15—11.30 am—1& 1/2 hr session

Kidstown—Peppercorn garden—\$1.00 entry

⇒ Spotlight Walks

watch for these dates via GMLN or RiverConnect

We will be at these events with activities Bring the kids/grandkids/neighbours/friends etc. Come along and encourage interaction with nature.

Riverconnect information: www.riverconnect.com.au



Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery

Kanyapella Bus Tour:

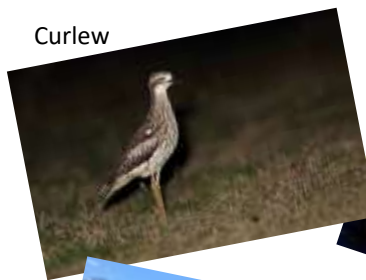
For those lucky enough to be able to make it, we had a wonderful, informative day. Neville Rosengren— noted geomorphologist, explained the history and development of the area. It's amazing how the change in the landscape is so subtle yet it alters the way our rivers now flow.

We will all be having a closer look around us as we traverse the countryside.

In December, we had our annual educators' lunch. Our way of thanking everyone who presents and/or assists at our regular environmental days and events. Thanks to: Greta, Hilda, Kristy, Alice, Alison, Mel, Joy, John, Jo, Andrea and Carolena. And also to the organisations who allow them to support us: Parks Vic; COGS; GVWater; GBCMA and all the schools and community people who participate.

We have recharged our batteries over Christmas and are ready to start all over again this year. If a school, kinder or community group near you would like an environmental type of day/event, please get them to contact us—or alternatively give us a contact person and we will arrange something for them.

Curlew



Xmas Cruise



Kanyapella Day



Bush
Picnic

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Coming up



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Living the Good Life

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We are to confirm the final date for this hands-on workshop.

Everything provided and **FREE**

What to do with your glut of fruit and veges? Find out there

It's all about getting the best from your crop—before the birds get in!!

Proposed date: Friday 23rd February

There will be a flyer out very soon.

So, watch your emails and book as soon as you can if interested.

Numbers will be limited due to space.

Carolena has been busy on our behalf researching the best motion sensitive cameras for wildlife surveillance. She is trialing them at home and will have them out and about very soon to check up on some curlews.

Shepp/Mooroopna Urban and Wyuna Landcare groups are also using monitoring cameras for their projects. It won't be long before we are using drones as well to see what is happening across the landscape.



Please be aware of the regulations regarding the use of drones in public/urban areas.

It's always fun until some-one gets offended!



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We have a new group!

Welcome

Wunghnu Drumanure Landcare Group

The main aims of the group will be to monitor Wedge Tailed Eagles, Superb Parrots, Bush Stone Curlew, Grey Crowned Babbler and the Brolga -all of which have been seen on our properties and surrounding areas

We will also monitor the goanna population and record any sightings long necked tortoise.

We would also like to be active in working with the Moira Shire and the developers of the 600 hectare solar farm planned for Wunghnu Road/Kelly's Road this year.

Part of our plan is also to try to educate and engage local land holders regarding the importance of roadside native vegetation.

We are open to suggestions from other Landcare Groups or any one interested.

(GMLN can put you in contact—just give us a call.)

Ever wondered what the folks at the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network do and how they can help you and our environment.

Lanie & Jo from the GML Network will be giving an insight into their jobs, at the Koyuga/Kanyapella Landcare Dinner meeting.

When:- 7th February, 2018.

Time :- 6.30 for 7.00 pm.

Where: Falcon Hotel, MV Hwy. Kanyapella.

Cost: Meals and drinks at bar prices.

RSVP:- Monday 5th February,

figtree2590@bigpond.com or ph.58592282 and leave a message.



All guests welcome

More news.....



Craig John Tuhan

21/4/1966 - 29/12/2017

It is with much sadness that we farewelled Craig Tuhan. Craig finally lost his battle with cancer in late December.

He was the current treasurer of Goulburn Murray Landcare and has been involved in Landcare at a local level with Girgarre/ Stanhope Landcare group and regionally with Goulburn Murray Landcare for more than 20 years.

For those of you that knew Craig, pause a moment and remember him as the hard working dedicated man he was. He was a friend to us all at GMLN and we will miss his amazing spreadsheets and quirky sense of humour.

Our sincere sympathy to Carol and Craig's extended family

*"Goodbye our friend.
We'll think of you and smile."*



Can you guess what this is?
The answer is later in this newsletter

Floodplain Ecology Course 2018

Morning Glory Resort

Moama—NSW

8th—12th October 2018

The course is a week long, high intensity, fascinating and fun experience.

- Geology and landscape history and climate
- -how floodplains are formed
- Geomorphology, hydrology and hydraulics of floodplains
- Floodplain soils
- Floodplain vegetation
- Floodplain fauna
- Biogeochemical processes and functions on the floodplain Specifically, the Floodplain Ecology

Instructors and Presenters are:

Keith Ward; Neville Rosengren; Damien Cook; Cath Botta; Steve Wilson; Zeb Tonkin; Katie Howard; Lindy Lumsden; Darren Baldwin; Daryl Nielson; Kristy Elrington; Parks Vic; Yorta Yorta Nations; MDBA.

If you are a Landcare member, GMLN may be able to assist with some funding

Places are filling for the 2018 course,
Please contact Andrea—0407 552 663



Steve Farrell

We send our condolences to the folk out at Koyuga/Kanyapella Landcare on the sudden, sad loss of their president, Steve Farrell.

Steve was a longtime member of Landcare and represented his community on a huge number of committees. He will be sadly missed by all for his genuine concern for the area and his enthusiastic input over the years.

Our sincere sympathy to his family and community.

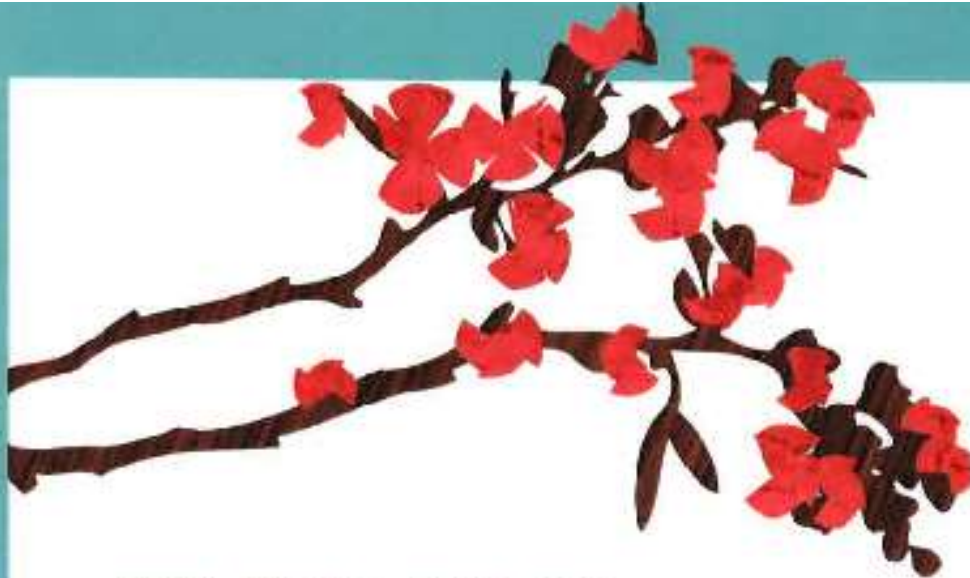
We consider ourselves lucky to have shared time and made memories with Steve.

Gone but not forgotten.

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FOR THE LOVE OF
NATURE
IN NORTHERN VICTORIA

PHOTOGRAPHIC
ART (ANY MEDIUM) EXHIBITION

ALTONS GALLERY
ECHUCA JUNE 2018

Expressions of Interest are sought from photographers and artists to display work featuring threatened species, native animals, birds, indigenous plants and landscape themes that showcase the beauty, diversity and fragility of flora and fauna in Northern Victoria

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: VERUNICA GRDAL 03 54849293
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Grazing Cover Crops for Profit – on farm trial

**Come along to hear from farmers
growing cover crops & the benefits to
their business and soil health.**

View the farm trial that has been set up to test whether growing & grazing multi-species cover crops prior to a summer corn crop increases soil health & profitability, compared to a hay crop.

- Fraser Pogue will lead discussions about the practicalities of the trial on his farm and his learnings.
- Nick O'Halloran (AgVic) will cover soil health, what's changed & why.
- Q&A session out in the paddock with Colin Seis & Graeme Hand, cover crop specialists!

Thursday 15th February 2018

Minchin Rd, Ardmona

9.45 am for a cuppa

10AM start – 12 noon

Lunch provided

RSVP by Mon12th Feb

0412 151 652

or

gmln2@bigpond.com



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This project is supported by the Goulburn Broken CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Victorian State Government.

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Superb Parrot Project

Position Vacant:
Co-ordinator/secretary

Working hours:

7 hours/week
40 weeks per year (dependant on funding)

Reporting to:

Committee of management

Working with:

Committee of management
Landholders
Community Groups

Key Responsibilities:

Plan, organise and coordinate project activities
Manage the project budget
Prepare funding submissions and reports
Organise publicity for the project

Selection Criteria:

Strong communication negotiation & liaison skills
Understanding of landholder issues
Demonstrated project management skills
Relevant experience in revegetation methods
(preferable but not essential)
Demonstrated financial management skills
Demonstrated computer skills with access to
home PC and internet connection
Current drivers licence

Applicants to address each of the selection criteria & provide the names and
phone contact of two (2) referees

Closing date:

Friday 23rd February 2018

Please address applications to:

Colin Crane, President Superb Parrot Project
PO Box 130 Nathalia 3638

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 & Recovery Group

Brad Montgomery 0427 286 442

Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources

Tatura 0358 355 222
Echuca 0354 821 922

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

Shepparton 0358 201 100

Goulburn Broken Seedbank

0358 262 513

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

EPA 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



**This is what
the eye
belongs to
Did you
guess it??**

Thanks Carolena
for the photo

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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