

The Network

Autumn 2018



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LANDCARE DIARY 2018

9th May

President's meeting

Details to follow

May 2018

Outdoor Classroom Launch

Details to follow

May 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

Going Organic or MLA

All other thoughts welcome

Later in the year:

- ⇒ **Edible Bush Garden & Companion Planting**
- ⇒ **Pruning Workshop** July
- ⇒ **Grafting** August
- ⇒ **Bees** September
- ⇒ **Weaving** to be confirmed

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.



"Just down the road" :

A rural unit of measurement. It may mean a kilometre or two. Or to a farmer whose mailbox is a kilometer away and whose nearest neighbor is at least 4 kilometres distant, "just down the road" could mean an hour's drive.

Like and Share
visit for events
Website coming—
April 2018



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

Living the Good Life

Preserving

It's amazing that there is more to learn about preserving our produce. We thought we knew everything.

Thanks to Dot, we have renewed enthusiasm and are back in our kitchens bottling away.

We are very grateful for the people in our community who are happy to share their knowledge with us all.

Now I only have to work out what to do with all the pumpkins and zucchinis that are taking over my kitchen!

Thanks also to Joy Liersch for arranging the day for us and Andrea, as always, for her support and enthusiasm.



There is movement at RiverConnect.

Mel Weston is off on an amazing travel adventure with her partner .



We are sorry to see Mel leave, but wish her safe travels and lots of fascinating experiences along the way.

Thankyou for your passion and commitment to the environment and your friendship during your time at RiverConnect. Yours will be big boots to fill and your replacement will have to be super passionate and absolutely amazing!!!

*We look forward to hearing from you wherever you find yourself.
We are richer for knowing you.*

Happy journey MEL
Make some wonderful memories!



Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery

Taxidermy Animals:

We have a wide range of taxidermized that we use in our education programs. They are a wonderful "prop" when talking to students and adults. How often do you get to see a creature close-up?

Southern Boobook (Mopoke)

Little Falcon (Hobby)

Goshawk

Ringtailed Possum

Red-rumped parrot

Superb fairy wren (Blue Wren)

Inland Forest bat

Lesser Long-eared Bat

Feathertail Glider

Yellow-footed Antechinus

Squirrel Glider

We also have specimen trays of beetles and bugs for use at events.

At times it looks a lot like a museum in the office, and we are sure the animals are watching our every move! We are happy to bring the animals along to your events, however, we require someone with the appropriate wildlife licence to accompany them. (dead or alive!)

Pop in and have a bit of a look yourself.

Bookings are essential for use of the critters.



Farewell Hodgy



David Hodgkins has retired from GV Water after managing Waterwatch since 1993 and later the Stormwater project. His knowledge and dedication to the projects and people involved will be sadly missed.

It has been a great partnership over a long time and we will continue this with the new team when it is all settled. Currently Jacinta Burke is managing the projects, so we have someone who has also has a long involvement with Waterwatch.

Hopefully we will catchup with Hodgy before he moves to "the big smoke".



Happy Retirement!!

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Coming up



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Living the Good Life

Wendy and Michael's

Wild Adventure

Wendy and Michael D'Amore have recently returned from a wildlife expedition in one of the most spectacular places on earth.

Enjoy great photos and video clips of penguins, whales and awesome scenery of Antarctica and South Georgia in a 30 minute presentation.

Come along and be inspired.

Tuesday 17th April at 6.30pm

Free light meal followed by a GMLN general meeting, all welcome, and the presentation to follow at 7.30pm.

Kidstown Munch & Crunch room.

RSVP Essential for catering by Friday 13th April

gmln@iinet.net.au or 0358 213 530



Koyuga-Kanyapella Landcare Evening

We had a great evening at the Falcon Hotel with a combined group meeting. Representatives from Koyuga Kanyapella, Kyabram Urban and Strathallen Family Landcare Groups attended.

Jo Doolan and Lanie Pearce gave a quick over-view of what it is they do in the office (sort of). Jo spoke about the soils project and Lanie enlarged on the support available from the Network for all groups.

We had a bit of fun naming something from the area beginning with every letter of the alphabet. It is interesting to note that the "Xylophone Weed" reared its ugly head. We will have to research further to see if we can eradicate this menace from the landscape. (once we actually find one)

The joint meeting might be something your group could consider for a future gathering.



Sunday 13th May 2018

**We will be at the annual
Mother's Day Run in Shepparton
(Victoria Park Lake)**

**Every runner will receive a free native
tree, shrub or grass to plant in honour of
their Mum.**

**This will be our 5th year for this project.
It's such a great feeling to be out on
Mum's day celebrating with everyone**



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**President's meeting
Wednesday 9th May
Venue: to be confirmed
7.00pm for dinner**

Hello all groups out there!

It's time for our annual president's gathering.

If your president (and a partner) can't make it, please send representatives along for an update on all things Landcare.

We will have an informative guest speaker, dinner and plenty of time to catch-up with other groups to find out what they are doing. (or not doing).

It's your chance to let us know what we can do for your group and what support you require.

It's not much time out of your schedule, and your group will benefit!

We have 32 groups. Hope to see most of you represented.



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ONE TREE PER CHILD – WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Greater Shepparton City Council invites our local community groups to partner with us to make Greater Shepparton a greener, happier place via the global One Tree Per Child Project.

In 2017, we partnered with local schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, Landcare groups and other community groups to exceed our planting target with 17,016 plants being planted by 2,771 participants across 44 planting sites.

Our 2018 planting target has increased to 18,330 plants so we will again need to partner with as many schools and community groups as possible to achieve this ambitious target.

The One Tree Per Child Project is an extension of our very popular National Tree Day community support program but your planting day would not necessarily have to occur on National Tree Day (29 July 2018).

Council can supply a selection of indigenous plants, tree guards, stakes, and weed mats – all for free. Plantings can occur on public or private land but support for plantings on private land will be subject to certain conditions.

Please download and complete a community group Expression of Interest form from the Council website [here](#) (scroll down to the bottom) or contact Travis for a copy and return it by 20 April 2018 (late forms will still be considered until June 30).

Schools, service clubs, community and youth groups are all welcome partners so please feel free to pass this information on to anyone else who would like to be involved in the One Tree Per Child Project.

Please contact Travis Turner at onetreeperchild@shepparton.vic.gov.au or 5832 9816 for further information or a copy of the expression of interest form.



2018
National Landcare
Conference and Awards
10 - 12 October
Brisbane Convention
and Exhibition Centre



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



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Nature Walk

Shepparton Regional Park – Jordan's Bend Loop

Celebrate Premiers Active April by walking in nature - it's great for your physical and mental health.

Enjoy a nice walk through River Red Gum Forest.

Hopefully along the way you will see a variety of birds enjoying the forest.

This walk is an easy 1hr return and follows paved walking tracks all the way through.

Meeting Point: Car park located on Jordan Place, Shepparton

When: [Tuesday April 24th 2018, 7:15am – 8:30am](#)

You can register for these walks here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nature-walk-tickets-44577074229>

More Information: 13 1963

Farm Ability (only a working title)

Our Farm forums will again run Wednesday evenings in June. After last year's successful format, we will replicate it. A light dinner (soup and warm tucker) followed by a topical speaker. Keep the dates—you might just find it interesting!

All sessions will be held in the same venue as last year. Munch and Crunch room at KidsTown
Bookings are essential—for catering and seating.
Final program out soon. Watch your emails!

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1800 352 555

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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!



**JOIN NOW AND BE
A MEMBER UNTIL
June 2019**

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Membership Form 2018/2019

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 2019.

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: Account name: 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