

The Network

SUMMER 2019



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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Happy New Year

Keep Cool and check on each other!!!

2nd February

"Dust off Ya Boots" Koyuga Bush Dance

Koyuga Hall - 916 O'Dea Road, Koyuga
7.30pm start. BYO alcohol—free soft drink for kids
ALL WELCOME For more information Contact:
Michelle 0414344535 or Joy 0428959145

13th February

What Weeds and Why

Kyabram with Gwyn Jones

Cost: \$10.00

Bookings required: <https://gmln.com.au/event/what-weed-and-why/>

13th February

GMLN executive meeting

Minutes & agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

If you have an item for discussion, please contact us

19th February

First Aid Course—HLTAID003

Free for Volunteers -all day— bookings required

Some on-line content is required

Bookings required: <https://gmln.com.au/event/provide-first-aid-course/>

22nd February

Underground Lovers

Free Seminar— 7 PM - 8:30 PM

Exploring the clandestine relationships between plants and fungi

Bookings required: <https://gmln.com.au/event/fungi-seminar/>

23rd February

Visualising the Environment— Photography Workshop with Alison Pouliot

venue: Tatura

Cost: \$40 Landcare Members \$60 Non-Members

Lunch: Lunch and morning & afternoon tea provided.

Site Visit The workshop will involve a field trip at Cussen Park, Tatura. (Water will be provided)

Bookings required: <https://gmln.com.au/event/visualising-the-environment-photography-workshop/>

14th April

The Wild Pollinator & Bug Hotels

Free Seminar— morning timeslot

venue: To be confirmed—Shepparton

Karen Retra— presenter

Bookings will be required

12th May

Trees for Mum

Victoria Park Lake—Shepparton

14-18 October

Floodplain Ecology Course—Barmah

Places fill fast—Book your spot NOW!

What's coming

Pruning— does anyone have a venue for this one?

Farm block planning—around the house block

Dookie under the stars—or somewhere else...

Farm Forums—ideas please

GMLN EXECUTIVE

President

Graeme Liersch Koyuga/Kanyapella

Vice President

Dave Sutton Naring

Treasurer

John Laing Dhurringile

Secretary

Lanie Pearce Nathalia

Committee members

Collier McCracken Arcadia

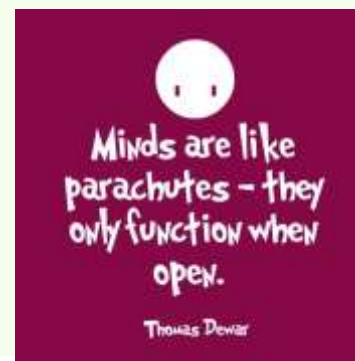
Helen Jeffs Shepp/Mooroopna

Steve Jeffs Shepp/Mooroopna

Trish Moss Congupna/Tallygaroopna

Glen Thompson Wyuna

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.



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email: info@gmln.com.au



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

Living the Good Life

2nd Annual Bush Picnic

Thankyou to Wunghnu/Drumanure
Landcare Group for hosting our annual
bush picnic.

We had a relaxing evening in a beautiful
bush setting.

Thanks to Chris Tzaros for his
presentation on the local birdlife—
especially as it contained a lot of recent
survey work in the area. People then
enjoyed a peaceful walk through the
bushland reserve.

A lovely "bush banquet" provided by
Murph's Roving Roast satisfied the
hungriest of us to complete
our evening.

Thanks to all for your
help and support



FOOD HANDLERS COURSE

We had a great turn out for our food handlers
course in October. Twenty people are now
qualified in Food Safety Practices. This will assist
our local groups with catering for their events.

It was an enjoyable evening full of lots of
anecdotes and laughs. It was also a test for our
pizza delivery to see if we complied with the
standards we had learnt about. Thank goodness it
was all OK, so our appetites were satisfied!

We are grateful to the Victorian State Government
for funding the course through a Community Skills
Development Grant.



Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery

Discover Loch Garry

In mid November, we held a very successful
environmental education day at Loch Garry.

We had 80 students from Guthrie Street Primary School,
and 20 students from Tallygaroopna Primary School. The
students are to be commended on their behavior. There
were also 8 school staff members and 9 presenters –
including Jo (our gopher girl)

John Caldwell and Erin from "the Bug Blitz Trust" held 2
sessions. John Caldwell and John Laing did the bugs and
Erin introduced bird identification.

Greta and Hilda from Parks Vic presented their cultural
activity.

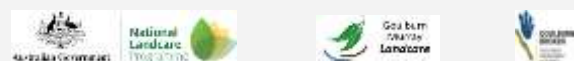
Allison (RiverConnect) and Carolena—Tracks and Scats
Lanie—Drains and Ladders

A huge thankyou to Jo Doolan for providing back-up for
us all over a huge day.

Check out GMLN facebook page for a video of the day.
Here is the link you might need for the video

[https://www.facebook.com/923671944394600/
videos/300012830609708/](https://www.facebook.com/923671944394600/videos/300012830609708/)

Thanks to GBCMA for funding the bug blitz trust to attend



Friday 16th November

Let's Rock the Loch!!

A night to remember!



Following on from our HUGE environmental Day at the
Loch, we went into the evening with a BYO picnic
dinner and musical entertainment from "Shane and the
Wong Brother".

Approximately 80 people took part in the evening.
Thanks to Pat Feehan from Birdlife Goulburn Murray
for leading the bird walk and talk.

Congratulations to the GMLN staff and volunteers who
worked tirelessly to create this event!





AND ALSO.....

Living the Good Life

PRUNING WORKSHOP UPDATE #2

The wonderful "challenged" peach tree and also the nectarine have produced wonderful crops this year. Under the fantastic pruning tutorage of John Pettigrew, we have an abundance of fruit that has satisfied the hunger of both the family and the parrots. Now, just after a recipe for nectarines.....



Sadly we farewell Andrea and her family and wish them well in their new venture down south. We are grateful for her time and friendship, and quirky sense of humour and will miss her around the office.

Andrea has worked tirelessly for GMLN and we can know that our loss is the Upper Barwon Landcare Network's gain. It is hard to replace the experience and knowledge that she had regarding the area and the Landcare mechanisms.

At present, we will not be replacing her as we are still uncertain of future funding. Until an announcement is made, Jo, Carolena and Lanie will manage projects, run office and answer enquiries.

Goodbye and goodluck "our friend".



Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery

As last year drew to a close, we had reporting to complete and once again we are amazed by the numbers we have reached through our BEAD funding and events.

We attended well over 20 events and attracted more than 4,000 people. Our small, but dedicated team have surprised even ourselves with the numbers we have achieved.

We are again available for schools and events for the coming year, so if you have anything in mind, please contact us at the office and remember to "get in early" as we book quickly!



Kanyapella Tour

4th December 2018

Neville Rosengren lead us on a tour of Lake Kanyapella as a finale to the funding for "Our County Our Community". We began at Koyuga Hall—(thanks to Graham Liersch for arranging this for us) with morning teas and a presentation setting our "place in the landscape".

Onto the bus and around the Kanyapella loop. It was particularly interesting to the landholders who came along for the tour as they gave input and learnt some interesting things as well.

Lunch at Cape Horn Vineyard where it is lovely to stop and see the different aspect of the lunettes and river variance . It was also a really nice place to have lunch.

Thanks to GBCAM for the funding and everyone for their contribution to "Lovin' the Lower Goulburn".



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COMING EVENTS.....



First Aid Course - Tuesday, 19th Feb KidsTown—Mooroopna

The unit of competency HLTAID003 Provide First Aid describes the skills and knowledge required to provide first aid response, life support, management of casualty (s), the incident and other first aiders, until the arrival of medical or other assistance.

FREE for Volunteers but ticket bookings required.

All details and bookings from our website

Places are limited, so register quickly.

Part of the course is on-line, so be prepared for this. We will send out instructions prior to the course for those who enroll.

The course will include snake-bite management.

It is important that we all have some knowledge of first aid and safety when running events as part of our OH&S commitment.



Underground Lovers

*Exploring the clandestine relationships
between plants and fungi*

Friday, 22nd Feb—KidsTown—Mooroopna

Although little known, every eucalypt and most other trees form beneficial relationships with fungi. Fungi also make farm and forest soils more resistant to drought and disease. While Landcare has traditionally focused on vegetation, fungi are increasingly being incorporated into biodiversity and conservation initiatives.

FREE Event - Presented by Alison Pouliot

All details and bookings from our website



Floodplain Ecology Course 2019

Morning Glory Resort

Moama—NSW

14th—18th October 2019

The course is running for the 10th year

GMLN funds two Landcare members to attend each year. Their input and local knowledge is valued by the attendees. It is important we have some local perspective available.

Places are filling for the 2019 course,
Please contact Lanie—0408 103 066

Email: info@gmln.com.au



Sunday 12th May 2019

The annual Mother's Days Classic at
Victoria Park Lake Shepparton

We will be giving participants a tree to
plant in honour of their Mum.

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Visualising the Environment Photography Workshop - Saturday, 23rd Feb—Tatura

This highly interactive workshop explores a wide range of environmental themes through an illustrated seminar, active discussion, image critique, demonstration of techniques and a practical field trip. It goes beyond the literal representations of 'nature photography' to address the thought processes behind creating compelling and meaningful images and visual stories.

\$40 Landcare Members

\$60 Non-Members

Only 18 places, so get in early with bookings!

All details and bookings from our website



Does your group or organization have an event to publicise or report about?

Let us know and we can help!

ADVERTISE HERE!!!

Interesting fact

In Switzerland it is illegal to own just one guinea pig.

This is because guinea pigs are social animals and they are considered victims of abuse if they are alone



WHAT WEED AND WHY?

MOVING TOWARDS ECOLOGICAL WEED MANAGEMENT



Wed 13th February 2019

9.30am start - 3pm

On farm at Kyabram Includes lunch.

Cost \$10

Bookings required via

www.gmln.com.au/events

Enquires to Jo: 0412 151 652

See flyer attached in newsletter



Wild Pollinator Count & Insect Hotels

Presented by Karen Retra

Sunday, 14th April

Venue to be confirmed—morning timeslot

Australia has lots of wild pollinator insects that are often overlooked. European honey bees get a lot of attention because they are an adaptable, generalist forager, which means they are happy to visit almost any flower, in most climate zones. They are also a social species, so their hives are easy to domesticate and manage.

Begin the Wild Pollinator Count armed with information you need.

count dates for 2019

Autumn: 14 – 21 April

Spring: 10 – 17 November



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AND THERE'S MORE.....

THANKYOU SO MUCH

To our out-going executive members, we would like to thank you for the time, effort and enthusiasm you invested in GMLN.

We appreciate you giving your time to sit in sometimes, perhaps boring, meetings while we worked our way through issues. This is an important function of our network and often overlooked as being "too mundane".

Overseeing the finances and well being of our Network and member groups is essential to our operation and the continuation of Landcare in our catchment area.

Thankyou:

BRIAN FREEMANTLE

DAVID DOYLE

VERONICA GROAT

WENDY D'AMORE

You are very valued!!!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Regional Riparian Action Plan Riparian Landcare Incentive Program 2019/20

Through funding from the State Government, the Regional Riparian Action Plan Riparian Landcare Incentive Program provides project grants to non-profit community groups, such as Landcare groups and networks and Conservation Management Networks (CMN's), in the Goulburn Broken Catchment. The funding will be provided to community groups for the planning and implementation of on-ground riparian actions on priority waterways and wetlands in the Goulburn Broken Waterway Strategy (2014- 2022) and/or waterways of "community priority". This funding round has \$45,000 available, with the expectation that funding will be allocated to 2-3 grants, depending on the quality and alignment to the funding guidelines of the applications lodged. The grant round opens 9am Tuesday 4th December 2018 and **closes 5pm Friday 1st February 2019**. Applications are to be made online through the Goulburn Broken CMA Online Project Portal. (Follow Link Below)

https://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/funding_opportunities

RiverConnect
Nurture Nature
Summer Holiday Activity

Learn about our local native creatures, through live displays and talks, plus interactive educational games and activities.

Bohollow Wildlife Shelter will provide an opportunity to get up and close with local native animals, and GV Water and RiverConnect will run some fun games in the shade of the Poppercorn trees at Kidstown.

Date: Tuesday 22 January 2019
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Poppercorn Gardens at Kidstown, 7287 Midland Highway, Mooroopna. (Bring a gold coin donation for entry to Kidstown).

Registrations required, please call 5832 9493 or email riverconnect@shepparton.vic.gov.au

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring sun protection and drinking water.

See www.riverconnect.com.au for more information.

A What of What??????

A PARLIAMENT of Owls

A WISDOM of wombats

A PARADE of echidnas

A MOB of kangaroos

A WEDGE of black swans

A BASK of crocodiles

A CONVOCATION of Wedge-tailed Eagles

A SMACK of Jellyfish

A PADDLE of Platypus

A CRACKLE of Cockatoos

A LOUNGE of Blue-Tongued Lizards

A COMPANY of King Parrots

A _____ of Koalas

There is no official name for lots of koalas

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WHAT WEED AND WHY?

MOVING TOWARDS ECO-LOGICAL WEED MANAGEMENT

Could it be that those weedy plants that keep turning up could actually help us identify soil constraints and can be 'turned off' with a bit of understanding. **Gwyn Jones** will present an insightful day and answer all your nagging questions about weeds on your farm.



Discussions will include:

- What are weeds indicating?
- The form & function of weeds.
- Turning weeds "on & off".
- Weed prevention is cheaper than herbicide.
- Using weeds as a sustainability guide.

This workshop will open your mind to seeing 'weeds' differently and how to manage for the plants you want.

Wed 13th February 2019

9.30am start - 3pm

On farm at Kyabram

Includes lunch.

Cost \$10

Bookings required via
www.gmln.com.au/events

Enquires to Jo

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Come and Join the fun!!

"Dust off ya boots"
Bush Dance

An outdoor evening of country blue grass music and dancing hosted by the Koyuga/Kanyapella Landcare Group at the renowned local open air venue.
Music & Instruction: The Billabong Bush Band

Supper provided. BYO Alcohol. Soft drinks free for children

When: 2nd February 2019 Time: 7.30pm
Where: Under the Southern Cross @ Koyuga Hall.
961 O'Dea Road Koyuga.

Cost: \$10 for adults. Children free.

More information: Contact Michelle Finn 0414344535
or Joy Liersch 0428959145

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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

Landcare Victoria Inc (LVI)

Susi or Kelly 0392 075 527
Email: info@lvi.org.au

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please note our new office emails.
Hopefully this will make it easier to remember

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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 Lanie a call if you have any



Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Membership Form 2019/2020

Name

Address.....

.....

Phone No.....

Email address.....

Membership Type (Please tick)

☐ Individual \$10 ☐ Family \$15

This will entitle you to membership until June 30th 2020.

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