

Goulburn Murray Landcare

26th Annual Report

2020 - 2021

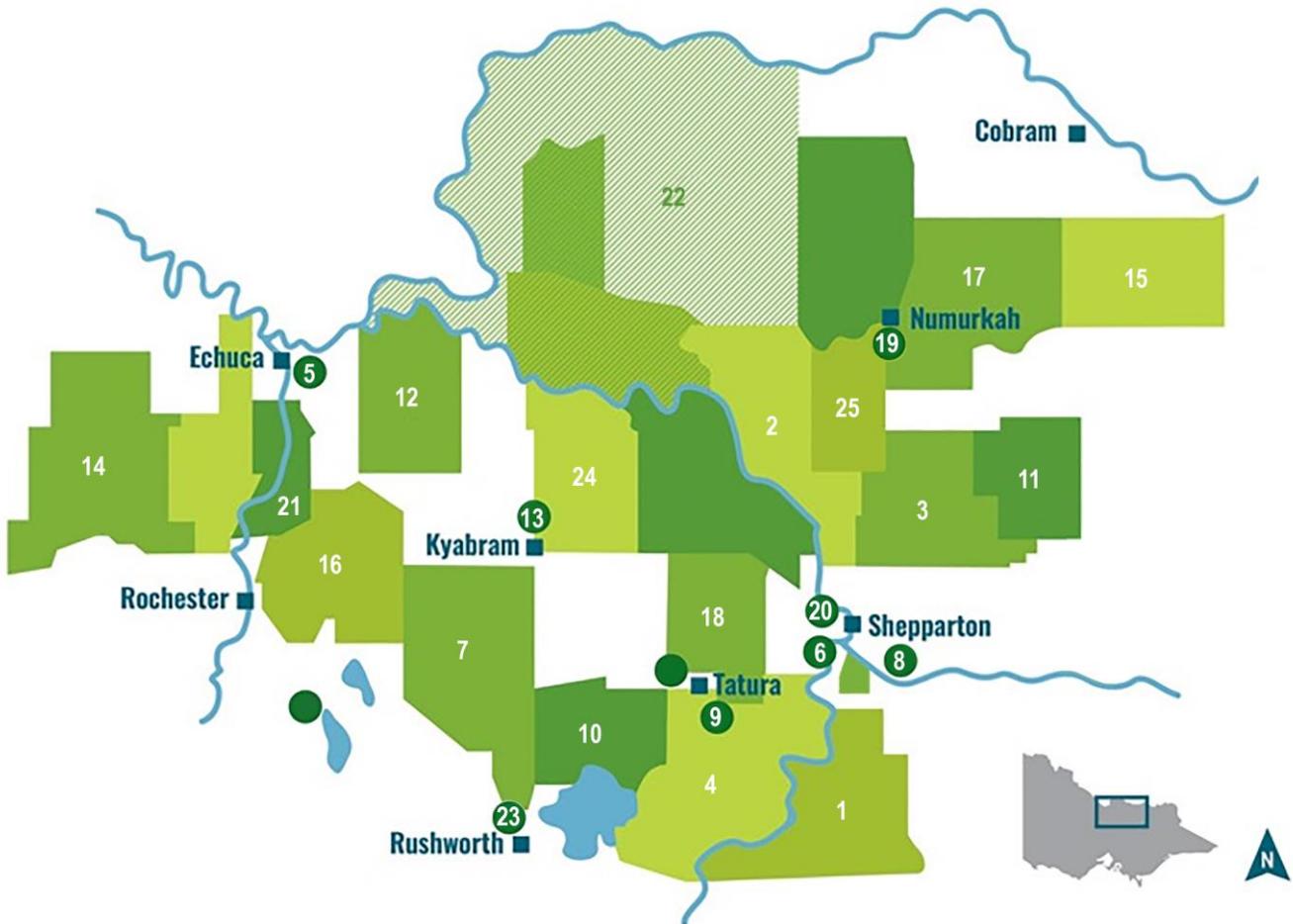


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Goulburn Murray Landcare Groups



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| 1. Arcadia & District Landcare Group | 9. Goulburn Valley Tree Group | 18. North West Mooroopna Landcare Group |
| 2. Bunbartha Kaarimba Landcare Group | 10. Harston Community Landcare Group | 19. Numurkah Urban Landcare Group |
| 3. Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group | 11. Katandra West Landcare Group | 20. Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group |
| 4. Dhurringile & District Landcare Group | 12. Koyuga Kanyapella Landcare Group | 21. Strathallan Family Landcare Group |
| 5. Echuca Moama Landcare Group | 13. Kyabram Urban Landcare Group | 22. Super Parrot Project |
| 6. Friends of the Australian Botanical Gardens,
Shepparton | 14. Lockington & District Landcare Group | 23. Waranga Catchment Landcare Group |
| 7. Girgarre Stanhope Landcare Group | 15. Muckatah Landcare Group | 24. Wyuna Landcare Group |
| 8. Goulburn Valley Environment Group | 16. Nannella Timmering Landcare Group | 25. Wunghnu Drumanure Landcare Group |
| | 17. Naring Landcare Group | |

2020/2021 Overview

Contacting the GMLN Office

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The GMLN Aims

- ✓ To support Landcare groups in the Agricultural Floodplains
- ✓ To provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and experiences between Landcare groups
- ✓ To publicise and promote the links between sustainable production and natural resource management
- ✓ To strengthen community business partnerships, by attracting support from and building relationships with, business and industry
- ✓ To strengthen partnerships with government agencies, local government, schools, tertiary institutions, urban communities and other groups as appropriate
- ✓ To influence regional planning and policy decision making
- ✓ To seek funding for Landcare projects
- ✓ To coordinate resources and information sharing
- ✓ To encourage research partnerships with Landcare

Who's Who 2020/2021

ChairpersonJohn Laing
Vice Chair..... David Sutton
Secretary..... Lanie Pearce
TreasurerGraham Liersch
Executive committee members:
Joy Liersch Helen Jeffs Steve Jeffs
Alison White Roisin Powles
Landcare Facilitator / Soils Project OfficerJo Doolan
Landcare Facilitator / Office Manager..... Fiona Stuart
Biodiversity OfficerCarolena Helderman

2020/2021 Partners:



The GMLN Achievements in 2020/2021

The Goulburn Murray Landcare Network has been successful in securing funding for 2 part-time Landcare facilitators for the next three years through the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program (VLFP). This funding will enable us to continue to deliver projects and assist our member groups.

Our key outcomes for the year are listed below:

- ❖ 14 individuals were employed, with most of these on behalf of organisations such as The Gecko Clan; Upper Goulburn Landcare Network; and also for individual Landcare groups and projects.
- ❖ Our office was staffed four days per week when possible, in 2020/2021 by Fiona, Jo and Carolena, although the majority of work was done from home in accordance with Covid restrictions.
- ❖ We participated in some school and community activities but due to Covid-19 restrictions, our activities were very limited. Some of the activities we were able to attend prior to restrictions included Naidoc Week, Dharnya Family Day, Rumbalara Bush Kinder Jamboree, the Vic Fish Kids & River Festival, Clean Up Australia Day, and school education days during Water Week in conjunction with GV Water.
- ❖ We held a number of education days and were still able to reach approximately 2,500 students. The students appreciate being outside the school environment to learn about our local flora and fauna.
- ❖ We once again successfully organised and ran the Floodplain Ecology Course at Morning Glory Resort in Barmah. The course was postponed until May 2021 however it was still well attended with positive feedback received about the course.
- ❖ We ran 10 Soil related field days.
- ❖ We were unable to deliver any workshops as part of the Living the Good Life projects due to Covid restrictions. These will be rescheduled in 2022.
- ❖ We were granted two facilitator positions through the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program. The funding for both of these positions are from 2021 through to 2024.
- ❖ We made submissions and participated in community consultations such as the Farm and Environment working group, RiverConnect, GBCMA Chairs meetings, VLC meetings and conference and various local council meetings.

It has again been a disrupted year for the Network with many events unable to be held due to Covid restrictions and constant unexpected lockdowns. Adjusting to working from home and adhering to social distancing requirements has been a steep learning curve for everybody.

Executive Reports

Presidents Report

This past twelve months have been challenging for Goulburn Murray Landcare. Once again restrictions on activities have stopped or prevented many of our on ground programs from taking place. Because of the potential for lockdowns to be implemented rapidly, organising things was also generally put on hold.

Things have continued to tick along where we could. Members and staff are still attending online meetings with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Murray Darling Basin Authority, the City of Greater Shepparton and others across a range of working groups, forums and focus groups.

We have had ongoing issues with getting our executive committee together. Face to face meetings have had to be cancelled at times and online meetings have not always been successful. This challenge we will continue to work through.

Goulburn Murray Landcare were successful with our applications for ongoing support through the Victorian government's Landcare facilitator support program. This now means we receive funding for two part time Facilitator positions, covering the work that Fiona and Jo do and part of the work that Dan Walker will be doing. Dan has recently been added to the team and he will be helping to organise and run activities. (We have optimism that we will be able to get out and do things as restrictions are less frequent)

Even with cancellations and postponements our education team got out and about, getting to Naidoc celebrations at Barmah, a number of schools and some events organised by RiverConnect.

Jo managed to successfully negotiate lockdowns and border closures to get participants through the building stronger soil and land management skills course and is currently breeding some dung beetles for the new species trials under way.

Carolena has continued to work with the GBCMA biodiversity team to get some improved outcomes across the regions grey box woodlands. This, like many things, has been subject to disruptions.

Fiona has juggled lockdowns, cancellations, postponements and home schooling to keep everything running smoothly in the office and support us out in the field.

Check out their individual reports for further details.

I would like to thank the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority for their ongoing support and ParksVic and RiverConnect for the ongoing education collaboration. These partnerships lead to better outcomes.

Perhaps the best news out of the past year has been the buoyancy of commodity markets. Our regions producers are generally experiencing good conditions coupled with good prices. When you add the level of development into the mix things are looking good.

On a more sombre note there are a number of issues that are not tracking well:

Large old paddock trees are clearly an endangered species and being removed without any thought of their contribution to our landscapes. This destruction appears to be escalating.

It is disappointing to see the Victorian government bypass the scientific recommendations in regard to high summer flows in the Goulburn River. The environmental issues associated with these flows are known but the galling issue is the water efficiency issues. After years of on farm water efficiency programs the Victorian government is entrenching a large scale off farm water inefficiency program. One that will only get worse with increased temperatures and reduced rainfall.

Our political decision makers really need to join a landcare group and get an understanding of holistic management.

Finally, I would like to thank the executive committee, office bearers and staff who have kept things going in these unusual times. Your input and support is valued.

John Laing
Network Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

The continuing pandemic has made life and work much more difficult for our staff again this year.

A huge effort was required by staff to get work done whilst at home without workmates to lighten the load. Fiona and Jo were parent, teacher and referee, and Carolena has managed well under difficult circumstances.

Thankfully, the pandemic has not affected Goulburn Murray Landcare Network's finances. With Fiona's skills, and under her careful watch our net assets have increased by \$15,000.

It is difficult to use modern accounting KPI's when you rely on haphazard Government grants which can vary by more than \$100,000 year by year and that is why I think the net asset figure is the most useful.

Thanks to the 3 years of funding that was announced after the end of the 20-21 financial year we have been able to welcome Dan Walker as our newest facilitator and as a bonus Dan comes from the best side of the Network! I'm very much looking forward to Dan's input and enthusiasm.

Have a safe and happy Christmas catching up with family and friends.

Graham Liersch
Network Treasurer

Reports

Funded Projects for 2019/20

The GBCMA again funded our education **Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery (BEAD)** program again this year, which allows us to continue to expand the education program (see BEAD report).

We were once again successful in securing funding from the GBCMA and the State Government Victorian Landcare Grants to continue our highly successful "**Living the Good Life**" project which is aimed at getting small landholders interested in landcare activities and providing them with information to better manage their land. This is always well supported by the community and is a great project which we hope will continue on next year.

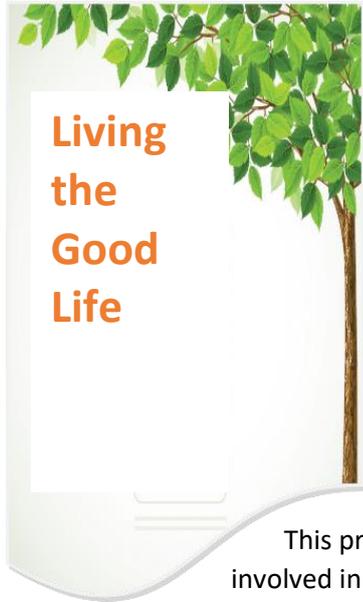
We were provided funding from the GBCMA to help deliver the **Greybox: Linking Landscapes and Communities** project which will deliver actions to improve the condition of the threatened Grey Box Grassy Woodlands and derived native grasslands, and also the **ROBSOG (Ribbons of Blue and Sashes of Green: Box and Ironbark Alliance)** project, which delivers incentives to landholders that focus on fencing and revegetating corridors within the Box Woodlands and Ironbark Regions of the Goulburn Broken Catchment. This work is being continued by our biodiversity officer Carolena.

We again received some funding from the GBCMA for the **Floodplain Ecology Course** which is again well subscribed to. This funding will be available for the next three years. Out of this we assist with funding two landholders to attend the course each year.

Jo's soil projects received funding through the Victorian Landcare Grant and Federal funding via GBCMA under the **From The Ground Up** banner. This has allowed the learning to continue in the Regenerative Agriculture space. We also received funding for the **Farm Forum** sessions which have been postponed until 2022.

There are more detailed reports for the projects mentioned above further on in the report. Thank-you to all the Landcare volunteers who have supported GMLN projects. Without you these would not happen.

Living the Good Life 2020/21



- Trees for Mum 2021

We were unfortunately unable to deliver most of our planned workshops due to Covid-19 restrictions. It was disappointing to have to cancel the great events we had planned but we hope to be able to still run these once the restrictions and social distancing requirements are lifted.

We were still able to attend the annual Mothers Day Classic fun run in Shepparton with our Trees for Mum project where we gave out approximately 350 plants to mothers and mother figures on the day.

We always endeavour to include a local Landcare group as the host of each activity to encourage participation from people who might not otherwise attend other Landcare activities.

This project continues to appeal to a new group of people may not have been involved in traditional landcare group activities in the past. This means the landcare message is getting further into the community and including a wider range of people.

Staff / Meetings

Staff attended a number of online meetings throughout the year including:

- Coordinators and Facilitators meetings
- Network Chairs meetings
- RiverConnect meetings
- Farm and Environment Working Group
- Shepparton Irrigation Region Project Information Committee (SIRPIC)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (Moira Shire)
- Campaspe Landcare Steering Committee

Floodplain Ecology Course 2020

This year we celebrated the 11th year of The Floodplain Ecology Course. Whilst the course is generally held in October each year, this years course was postponed due to Covid restrictions and was held in May 2021. We have been blessed with a wonderful course that consistently draws amazing presenters with great depths of knowledge and the ability to impart their information with passion and good humour.

We are grateful for the continued input and support of Keith Ward (GBCMA) (AKA Floodplain Man) and Neville Rosengren (Honorary Associate, La Trobe University) over the 11 years. These gentlemen are so generous with their time and encouragement. All of our attendees comment on how approachable and genuine our presenters are. Most of this is due to Keith and Neville making themselves available to everyone for the entire course. It is a huge commitment. Thankyou blokes! Thanks also to Steve Wilson (GBCMA) for his ongoing guidance and help.

The attendees come from such varied backgrounds and areas of expertise. All come with the hope they will gain insights into floodplain operations and management. Everyone has such great expectations when they arrive because most of our participants have booked into the course on recommendations from past attendees. All of them come prepared to be exhausted, educated, and enthralled.

Morning Glory Resort is a fantastic venue and engages them from the beginning. The staff at MG are so helpful and answer every request we have quickly and efficiently. We cannot thank them enough.

Next, we have the food!!! Doug and Kaye from Murphs Roving Roast cater for all meals during the week. Highlights are always the Bush Banquet – served out in the open air and of course “curry night”. Doug makes us all feel special with his amazing meals and generous servings. We all go home happy and perhaps with a larger size belt.

This year we received some funding for the course through the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority. They continue to support us both financially and by allowing staff members to present topics for us.

Accolades to our presenters for their generosity with both time and knowledge. We cannot run the course without them.

Instructors & presenters: Neville Rosengren (Honorary Associate, La Trobe University), Keith Ward (GBCMA), Darren Baldwin (Rivers & Wetlands), Daryl Neilsoen (CSIRO), Samuel North (DPI - NSW), Ian Rutherford (University of Melbourne), Steve Wilson (GBCMA), Katie Howard (DEWLP Arthur Rylah Institute), Lindy Lumsden (DEWLP Arthur Rylah Institute), Sonia Cooper (YYNAC), Bruce Whener (Parks Victoria), Sue Logie (Superb Parrot Project), Susan Watson (DELWP), Zeb Tonkin (Arthur Rylah Institute), Kirsten Roszak (GBCMA), Keith Chalmers (VEWH), and John Laing (GMLN Bug extraordinaire). Thanks to everyone for their continued assistance.

The 2021 course was also scheduled for October but due to current restrictions has also been postponed until May 2022, with the attendance list filling fast.

I have been fortunate to have been involved for the 11 years of this project. It is one of the highlights of my year. I am so grateful to all the presenters and attendees over the years and to my backup team at GMLN. It is an exhausting but rewarding course that continues to draw fantastic numbers.

Thankyou for trusting me to deliver this project.

Lanie Pearce
Project Coordinator

Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery Project



Our BEAD program continues to be a valuable part of environmental learning for our schools and local community, and this year we reached over 2,500 people who participated in at least one of our learning activities. Unfortunately the majority of our events were cancelled or postponed due to Covid restrictions.

We are proud to be able to present the BEAD project to schools and the local community in our area as well as to others outside our region. We continue to engage as many students and community members as possible on spending time in their local environment and appreciating their surrounds.

Developing new activities and refreshing the ones we have is now on the agenda to reinvigorate enthusiasm for the program and we are hoping to develop some activities for schools to utilize in their own time until the day comes when we are again allowed to participate in face to face events.

These are some of the events we were able to attend this year:

- **Clean Up Australia Day** – two Clean up days were held this year by the children from St Marys Primary School in Mooroopna, and Gowrie Street Primary School in Shepparton. The children were all fascinated at the types of rubbish that had been dumped and were proud to have left the area in such a clean state afterwards.
- **Nurture Nature** – RiverConnect hosted two wonderful days at the Botanic Gardens and also Kidstown during the April school holidays. We had a wonderful turnout for both days as the kids were eager to make the most of the beautiful weather and the freedom of not being in lockdown due to Covid restrictions.
- **Dharnya Day – NAIDOC Week**

We are always happy to attend NAIDOC celebrations at Barmah. This has become an annual event on our calendar and it's great to see such a wonderful turn out. The NAIDOC committee were welcoming and, as always, the tucker was warming!



Some of our loved events that we missed out on attending due to Covid restrictions included the Bush Kinder Jamboree, Water Week, Vic Fish Festival, Reedy Ramble, Careers Day, and many school activity days.

Thanks to all our support teams from Parks Vic; COGS; Moira Shire; GV Water; GBCMA; Landcare groups and individuals. Your enthusiasm and assistance is invaluable in enabling us to deliver this project.

Soils & Regenerative Agriculture Report 2020/2021

With all the challenges of the past year I think we have come out the other end okay (mostly anyway). Thankfully we managed to keep the From the Ground Up project ticking over; we ran the full Holistic Management course without too many headaches and the Regenerative Grazing demonstration site has been growing and the Colin Seis workshop on grazing & cover crops was held.

Projects 2020-2021:

- The Holistic Management course ran from Dec 2020 through to March 2021 with 18 enthusiastic land managers enrolled. The course focuses on learning how to make decisions that are simultaneously socially, environmentally & financially sound using the Holistic Framework. Topics included using animals as a positive tool to improve environmental health; create a Holistic Context for yourself & your business/family; create a Holistic Financial Plan and a property Holistic Grazing plan; time management & communication skills.



- The Regenerative Grazing demonstration site at Kyabram had been sown with a winter cover seed mix, grazed and now a summer cover mix has been sown. The site hosted a workshop with Colin Seis focusing on grazing, cover crops and building soil health.

A group of Year 9 Regenerative Agriculture students came out to get an introduction into Regen farming, they dug some holes, tested for pH and looked at water infiltration.

- The pilot Dung Beetle breeding project has been very interesting to be involved with. A spring active species called *Bubas bubalus*, has been set up in nurseries on 8 farms in our region. From August 2020 till January 2021 the nursery needed to be 'fed' with manure every 3 days as the beetles busily ate and buried broods. All went quiet until late July when feeding needed to start again as beetles emerged from underground. This time harvesting & counting was done to measure the success of the nursery. Across the 8 farms involved there was mixed success and many lessons learnt about what conditions the beetles need to breed successfully. Some learnings were: start with at least 100 beetles, nursery location needs suitable soil moisture to enable pupae development between January & July & regular monitoring to start feeding as soon as beetles emerge. This project will continue as the beetles can have a successful 2nd year breeding. The group will also help guide new farmers who are starting off nurseries in the South West Goulburn Landcare Network.



Here's to a healthy and open 2022. Thank you for your continued support of our projects.

Jo Doolan
Project Coordinator

Biodiversity Report 2020/2021

My work this year came under the funding streams, Linking Landscapes which is a federally funded incentive. Unfortunately I was absent during much of the summer period due to illness. As this is a quieter time was able to monitor and keep in contact with landholders during that time and schedule work for when I returned.

Planting and direct seeding and fencing continued at many properties throughout the catchment. Locations included Koonoomoo, Youanmite, Tatura, Kyabram, Drumanure, Waranga Shores and Cosgrove South.

Four new agreements have been approved by the facilitator committee and are being negotiated and in progress in Waranga Shores, Nanneella, Cosgrove South and Strathmerton. Expression of Interest site visits also occur on a regular basis.

I attend monthly meetings with the other facilitators and present my site visit report, images and mapping to determine if it can be taken forward. If approved, I then complete a second site visit and begin a ten year agreement between the landholder and GBCMA. These meetings have still been run via zoom with one in-person meeting and one training day.

The funding also includes running related events which were delayed due to Covid restrictions. However these have been carried over to September and November 2021 consisting of an Grass i.d event with Doug Frod at Youanmite (Blake Family Farm). And a video with James Bourchier in Koonoomoo which shows the result of Biodiversity plantings at his farm.

The work is a combination of providing education, problem solving, drawing up agreements, matrix reporting, mapping, organising contractors, materials and supplies and following-up with more detailed transect reporting and plant survival rates and evidence reporting for fencing, planting and direct seeding.

It was particularly heartening to see great success of 1km length planting site in Koonoomoo which was planted in Spring 2020 and the success seen during Spring 2021. Stay tuned for the video!

Here's an example of a 1km linkage planted and fenced in Spring 2020 through the Linking Landscapes and Communities project. What a change in one year! Fencing was completed by a contractor, tube stock planted by Woka Walla crew and it may now be time for the landholder to spray those weeds!



Carolena Helderman
Project Coordinator

Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group

President: Gerry Goonan. Minutes Secretary: Helen Jeffs. General Secretary: Wendy D'Amore

The 2020/21 covid year has given the committee a challenging year, as volunteering has become a last minute scheduling of meetings and working bees. Spontaneous seems to be the word that best describes planning at the moment.

We managed five meetings between lockdowns. SMULG ran several small, members only National Tree planting days. Several planting days at the BBR and Botanical Gardens. Wendy ran RiverConnect Spotlight walks. Most Land Managers Meetings were postponed, hopefully this year meetings will resume. Our Annual Family Day at the Boulevard Bush Reserve was cancelled due to Covid 19. SMULG members participated in several Clean up Australia Day events.

Gerry assisted RiverConnect with Vcal student nest box checking classes.

SMULG responded to the Council 'Shaping our Future' survey.

The Cranbourne Botanical gardens have been growing plants for the Care for the Rare garden, at the Botanical Gardens Shepparton, Staff from the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens delivered the plants to the Botanical Gardens Shepparton, Several SMULG members assisted FBGS members to give them a tour through the Bushland at the gardens.

Letters of support have been written in regard to signage and brochures for the Care for the Rare Garden. Letters regarding the serious state of illegal firewood theft sent to government and council.

Meeting with Environmental Justice team.

Two members, Wendy D'Amore and Mel Stagg have been appointed to the newly formed Shepparton Botanical Gardens Advisory Committee. Wendy and Mel are writing a proposal for the clay pits to become wetlands, with experimental planting.

Our media person, Alison White has been updating our Facebook page with great success in likes, followers and new members.

We have 29 members, covid, perhaps has helped with membership increase.

I have been listening to Landcare Voices pod casts. Taking notes of the questions, and sending them to SMULG members and GMLN members. So far I have had one person respond.

Helen Jeffs
SMULG

Agreements

List of Employees

GMLN

Jo Doolan Fiona Stuart Carolena Helderman

GECKO CLAN Kerri Kallady-Robson

UPPER GOULBURN LANDCARE NETWORK

Chris Cobern Cathy Olive Cat Thomas Jodie Morrison Zanni Waldstein

EAST GIPPSLAND LANDCARE NETWORK

Caroline McGuinn Matt Renshaw Matt Stephenson

Memorandum of Understanding

We have a Memorandum of Understanding with the following Networks to provide payroll services:

Gecko Clan

Upper Goulburn Network

East Gippsland Landcare Network – Memorandum of Understanding ceased on June 30, 2021.

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee Members

The names of the committee members in office at anytime during or since the end of the year are:

Raelene Pearce
John Laing
David Sutton
Graham Liersch
Helen Jeffs
Steve Jeffs
Alison White
Roisin Powles

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$15,381.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:



Raelene Pearce



John Laing

Dated: 24.11.2021

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue		575,692	623,951
Employee benefits expense		(436,232)	(399,613)
Other expenses		<u>(124,079)</u>	<u>(115,648)</u>
Profit before income tax	2	15,381	108,690
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit for the year		<u><u>15,381</u></u>	<u><u>108,690</u></u>
Profit attributable to members of the entity		<u><u>15,381</u></u>	<u><u>108,690</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Profit for the year		15,381	108,690
Other comprehensive income:			
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>15,381</u>	<u>108,690</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity		<u>15,381</u>	<u>108,690</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	3	383,928	371,070
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	15,629	7,238
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		399,557	378,308
TOTAL ASSETS		399,557	378,308
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	6	21,167	17,296
Borrowings	7	322	38
Provisions	8	13,230	11,517
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		34,719	28,851
TOTAL LIABILITIES		34,719	28,851
NET ASSETS		364,838	349,457
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		364,838	349,457
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		364,838	349,457

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2019	240,767	240,767
Comprehensive income		
Profit for the year	108,690	108,690
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association	<u>108,690</u>	<u>108,690</u>
Balance at 30 June 2020	<u>349,457</u>	<u>349,457</u>
Balance at 1 July 2020	349,457	349,457
Comprehensive income		
Profit for the year	15,381	15,381
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association	<u>15,381</u>	<u>15,381</u>
Balance at 30 June 2021	<u>364,838</u>	<u>364,838</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Grants		136,905	227,452
Management fees		331,790	332,612
Other		106,997	63,887
Payments to suppliers		<u>(562,834)</u>	<u>(508,046)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	9	<u>12,858</u>	<u>115,906</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash held		12,858	115,906
Cash on hand at beginning of financial year		<u>371,070</u>	<u>255,165</u>
Cash on hand at end of financial year	9	<u><u>383,928</u></u>	<u><u>371,070</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

(a) Income Tax

The entity is exempt from income tax expense.

Current income tax expense charged to profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income for the current period. Current tax liabilities (assets) are measured at the amounts expected to be paid to (recovered from) the relevant taxation authority using tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current and deferred income tax expense (income) is charged or credited outside profit or loss when the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss or arising from a business combination.

A deferred tax liability shall be recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that the deferred tax liability arises from:

- (a) the initial recognition of goodwill; or
- (b) the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which:
 - (i) is not a business combination; and
 - (ii) at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss).

(b) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the nominal amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus any related on-costs. Both annual leave and long service leave are recognised within the provisions liability. This is the first year of recognising employee benefits in the Financial Reports.

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
2. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		
Expenses:		
Auditors' remuneration	-	4,200
	-	4,200
3. CASH ON HAND		
Bendigo bank term deposit***039	52,713	52,268
Bendigo bank term deposit***673	51,108	50,857
Bendigo bank term deposit***681	51,358	50,959
Term Deposit 4	50,174	-
Gecko Clan - Holding Account	3,992	-
Bendigo bank cheque account	114,077	151,486
Bank savings	1,330	9,723
Bendigo bank wages	59,175	55,776
	383,928	371,070
4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS		
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	15,629	7,238
	15,629	7,238
5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
General small business pool	2,269	2,269
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,269)	(2,269)
Total property, plant and equipment	-	-
6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
Integrated client account	9,870	16,453
Trade creditors	3,498	843
Superannuation Payable	312	-
Withholding Tax Payable	7,487	-
	21,167	17,296
7. BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
Credit card	322	38
	322	38

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
8. PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Provision for holiday pay	7,839	7,239
Provision for LSL	5,391	4,278
	13,230	11,517
		2021
		\$
Provision for holiday pay:		
Opening balance at 1 July 2020		7,239
Movement		600
Balance at 30 June 2021		7,839
		2021
		\$
Provision for LSL:		
Opening balance at 1 July 2020		4,278
Movement		1,113
Balance at 30 June 2021		5,391
		2021
		\$
Total Provisions		
Opening balance at 1 July 2020		11,517
Movement		1,713
Balance at 30 June 2021		13,230
9. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash on hand at the end of financial year as included in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:		
Cash at Bank	178,575	216,986
Term deposits	205,353	154,084
	383,928	371,070

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities with net current year profit		
Current year profit after income tax	15,381	108,690
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in accounts receivable	(8,391)	22,527
Increase/(Decrease) in accounts payable	4,155	2,542
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	1,713	(17,855)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>12,858</u>	<u>115,905</u>

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes:

1. present a true and fair view of the financial position of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012; and
2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President	 _____ Raelene Pearce
Treasurer	 _____ John Laing

Dated: 24.11.2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBER OF
GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 and the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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TO THE MEMBER OF
GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

RP & RG Pty Ltd T/As Wyndham Audit
Chartered Accountant
78 Wyndham Street
Shepparton, VIC, 3630

Auditor: Russell Guppy FCA

Shepparton

Dated: