

The Network



Goulburn
Murray
Landcare

SUMMER/AUTUMN 2020

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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 further. We meet monthly and welcome input from all our Landcare groups and associated membership groups.

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What a start to the year!

The start of 2020 has been horrific for much of Australia with bushfires at an unprecedented scale which have significantly impacted the environment and communities in many parts of the country. Millions of hectares of land have been devastated, with an estimated loss of more than one billion native animals, thousands of homes have been destroyed and lives tragically lost.

We must thank the amazing work of Australia's fire-fighting and emergency response services for their constant dedication and hard work.

Visit Victoria have released a new call to Arms for all Victorians to get behind the fire affected communities by visiting regional Victoria. 'A short visit goes a long way' will underpin all of Visit Victoria's marketing activities to help spread the message that everyone can make a big difference simply by taking a short break in regional Victoria. Their goal is to drive home the message that by staying a night, having a coffee or grabbing a bite to eat in regional Victoria, it will go a long way towards supporting local jobs and businesses.

Bushfires can be very traumatic even for those not directly affected. If you or anyone you know needs help, contact beyondblue on 1300 22 4636, Lifeline on 13 11 14, Headspace on 1800 650 890 or Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467.

Sadly the bushfires haven't been the only obstacle Australia is having to overcome this year with the rapidly evolving situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. With the Victorian Government declaring a State of emergency from March 16, Goulburn Murray Landcare Network staff and Executive have agreed that we should not be exposing our staff and volunteers to the potential threat of infection and will therefore be temporarily cancelling or postponing any proposed events, field days, meetings, education days and functions. This decision was made after careful consideration, with the health and safety of everyone involved remaining our top priority. We hope to be able to re-schedule all of our events in the near future.

We thank you for your understanding as we prioritise the health and wellbeing of our staff, volunteers and the community as a whole.

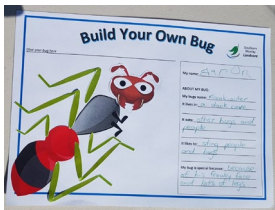
Stay safe everyone.



Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery

2019 was a very busy year which saw the team attend over 35 events which attracted over 6,000 people.

Our first school education day for 2020 was at Guthrie Street Primary school for their "Dream Big Day". The theme for this year was Hobbies and Interests and encouraged students to think outside the box. John took along his bugs and Fiona and Lanie offered a range of bug craft activities. John and his bugs were very popular with many children asking questions holding the spiders.



We are always available for school education days and other events so if you have anything in mind then please contact us at the office to discuss further. Phone 03 5821 3530 or email info@gmln.com.au

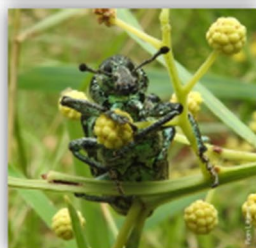
A bug's life after fire

Blogger, photographer and environmentalist Ron Litjens' Flowerdale property was burnt during the 2009 fires.

Join Ron as he shares his observations and insights on how to help wildlife, particularly plants and insects, recover and transform the landscape after devastation.

- When: Wednesday March 25
- Time: 10am – noon
- Where: North Shepparton Community & Learning Centre - 10-14 Parkside Drive Shepparton.
- The event is free. Light refreshments will be served so RSVP is essential by Friday March 20 to reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au or 5822 7700

This event is supported by RiverConnect and the Goulburn Broken CMA and is part of the 2020 year of the #lovebug campaign.



Soils News

The **Digging Deeper Course** wrapped up with the final of the 6 workshops on 14th February. The participants have learnt and developed skills giving them a high level of confidence to manage their own soils, identifying constraints and taking effective action to address soil issues that are impacting on the farm business and landscape. This course is supported by the Dept of Agriculture and Water Resources, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

A huge thank you to David Hardwick, Agroecologist from Soil Land Food who has delivered the course with practical knowledge in a way that has engaged all involved and inspired us to keep on digging & to grow our knowledge & farm business', always with the broader landscape/environment in the forefront of our minds.



Gain a solid understanding of the holistic nature of our environment by enrolling in the upcoming **Holistic Management Course** which will commence on 11-12 August 2020 and be held at Koyuga. Learn how to make decisions that are simultaneously socially, environmentally and financially sound using the Holistic Framework. Topics included are using animals as a positive tool to improve environmental health; create a Holistic Context for yourself and your business/family; create a Holistic Financial Plan and a property Holistic Grazing plan. The course covers time management and communication skills.

The 8-day course is structured as 4 two-day sessions, 4 to 6 weeks apart, allowing participants to take the information home and see how it fits in with their situations. The course is available to land managers within the GBCMA area for the 60% discounted rate of \$880 per person, with the support of Goulburn Broken CMA through funding from the Australian Governments National Landcare Program.

To enrol email your interest to jo@gmln.com

For more info on Holistic Management visit www.insideoutsidemgt.com.au

Living the Good Life

All proposed events postponed until further notice due to the Coronavirus outbreak

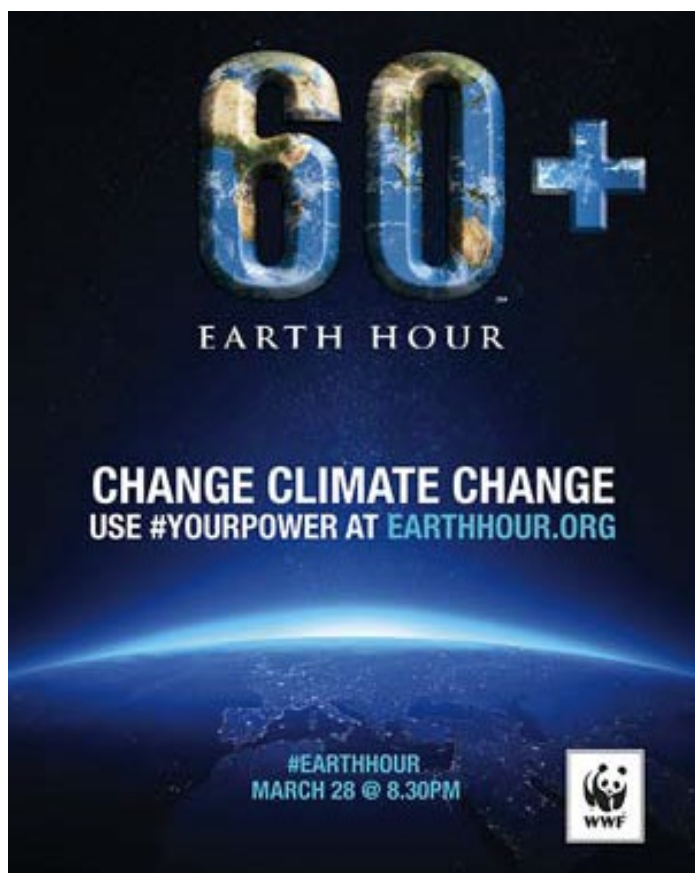


Photos courtesy of River Connect

Nurture Nature - Bushfire assistance for Wildlife

Great work to all the knitters, sewers, crocheters, cutters, designers and construction experts who made wildlife pouches and possum at Kidstown on January 21. It was fantastic to see so many members of the community get involved.

Well done to Allison and Meg at Riverconnect for organising the event, with lots of help from the Greater Shepparton City Council Environment Team, and members and staff from Animal Rescue Craft Group - Goulburn Valley, Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group, Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, Goulburn Valley Water, Into The Wild Education and Parks Victoria who all went above and beyond with volunteering their time and expertise to help others learn new skills and make sure the day was a success. Big pats on the back to everyone!



FARMING MATTERS
for our love of the land
24-25 March 2020 Albury NSW

australian
holistic
management
co-operative

POSTPONED

SAVE THE DATES FOR
THIS IMPORTANT MEETING
OF REGENERATIVE PRODUCERS

SAVORY
GLOBAL NETWORK
GATHERING

26-28 March 2020 Albury NSW



Calendar

Proposed GMLN Events:

- ◆ Sunday 10th May—Trees for Mum at the Mothers Day Classic fun run
- ◆ Sunday 5th to Sunday 12th July - Naidoc Week
- ◆ Monday 12th to Friday 16th October - Main Ecology Course at Barmah
- ◆ Friday 13th November - B...
- ◆ Farm Forum pro...
 - Session 1 ...
 - Session 2 ... 4th June
 - Session ... day 24th June
- ◆ ... management course proposed dates
 - Session 1 ... 11-12 August
 - Session 2 ... 8-9 September
 - Session 3 ... 6-7 October
 - Session 4 ... 17-18 November

All GMLN events temporarily postponed

Other Local Events

- ◆ Tuesday 31st March at 5.30pm - Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group (SMULG) Nesting Box Working Bee at the Botanical Gardens. BYO picnic to share.
- ◆ Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March—Farming Matter Conference at Albury **POSTPONED**
- ◆ Saturday 28th March—Soil Carbon seminar at Strathbogie
- ◆ Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April - Kidsfest @ Kidstown **CANCELLED**
- ◆ Sunday 26th April – River Connect River clean up
- ◆ Sunday 31st May - Australian Botanical Gardens Shepparton Open

To keep up to date with what is happening, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gmlandcare or visit the Events page on the GMLN website.

New Website for the GBCMA



The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) have updated their website and it's a good time to point you to their revegetation guides.

Choose your zone, click on your EVC (Ecological Vegetation Class) and then Click the link to print the selected species list.

A great way to get to know what is growing in your area or what you may seek to plant.

Visit <https://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/revegetation>



The Floodplain Ecology Course is a week long, high intensity learning experience to promote awareness and greater understanding of these complex ecosystems in a drying climate, their ecological importance and values, the intimate connection of floodplains with the health of their parent rivers, and how in a volatile political setting consideration of floodplains is important to the long term sustainable use of our waterways.

The 2020 course is almost full so contact the office on 03 5821 3530 or email info@gmln.com.au to request a registration form and secure your spot for this years course.

SAVE THE DATE

**2020
NATIONAL
LANDCARE
CONFERENCE**

WEDNESDAY 11 TO
FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER



Paddock Tree Guards

Last year we celebrated the 'Year of the Paddock Tree' to highlight the importance of paddock trees for livestock as well as for native birds, insects and animals.

Through the Linking Landscapes project Goulburn Broken CMA can provide landholders with guards. The guards are fabricated to withstand pressure from cattle and sheep. Each guard requires four steel pickets to ensure it remains in place. Placed around an emerging seedling in the paddock, it can remain until the tree is strong enough to withstand stock pressure, and the guard can be relocated to protect another emerging tree.

The Linking Landscapes is supported through the Goulburn Broken CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. The project aims to protect grey box woodlands across the catchment and create linkages to connect remnant vegetation for the movement of birds, animals and insects.

For more information about receiving paddock tree guards, please contact Janice Mentiplay-Smith on 03 5764 7506 or email: janicem@gbcma.vic.gov.au



Resilience Workshops

Three free one-day workshops on resilience thinking are being held across the Goulburn Broken Catchment for interested community members.

The course is open to all interested community members, including Traditional Owners, youth, business owners, farmers, tourism operators, natural resource management professionals, environmental volunteers, health professionals and government agency staff. If you're interested in change management and developing your ability to increase the resilience of your local community, environment, business and/or industry then this free one-day course will provide you with new knowledge and skills to achieve this.

Participants will learn how communities and organisations can prepare and manage change (including shocks and disasters), while creating opportunities towards a positive future.

Sessions will be held in:

Broadford	Tuesday 21 April 2020
Chesney Vale (Winton Wetlands)	Thursday 23 April 2020
Alexandra	Tuesday 28 April 2020

For further details or queries contact Ashley Rogers by emailing ashleyr@gbcma.vic.gov.au or phoning 0488 196 216. To register for one of the workshops please visit www.gbcma.vic.gov.au

The workshops are free thanks to funding from the Victorian Government's Our Catchments, Our Communities Program and the Goulburn Broken CMA.

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Moira Shire

Cobram	1300 369 996
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Campaspe Shire

Echuca	1300 666 535
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WaterWatch

Jacinta Burke	03 5832 0400
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GV Waste Resource & Recovery Group

	03 5822 1300
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Department of Economic Development,

Jobs, Transport & Resources

Tatura	03 5835 5222
Echuca	03 5482 1922

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

Shepparton	03 5820 1100
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Goulburn Broken Seedbank

www.gbseedbank.com.au

Goulburn Murray Water

Tatura	03 5833 5500
Cobram	03 5871 0100
Shepparton	03 5832 9900

Goulburn Valley Water

Shepparton	03 5832 0400
Cobram	03 5872 2526
Tatura	03 5824 2345

EPA Litter Report Line

	1800 352 555
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Parks Vic:

Nathalia	03 8427 2084
Shepparton	03 8427 2114
Yarrawonga	03 8427 2146

Landcare Victoria Inc (LVI)

Susi or Kelly	03 9207 5527
Email:	info@lvi.org.au

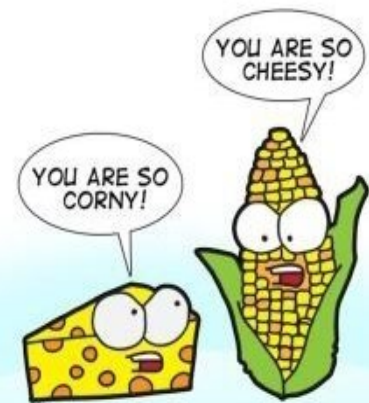
Joke corner...



I'm the part of a tree that is not in the sky or under the ground. I can move throughout the day and change shape. What am I?
Its shadow.

Why did the cow cross the road? To get to the utter side!
Why did the rooster cross the road? To prove it wasn't chicken!
Why did the horse cross the road? To visit his neighbourhood!
Why did the farmer cross the road? To get all of his animals back!

Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?
Because he was out standing in his field!



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). 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. **JOIN TODAY!**



Goulburn
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Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Membership Form 2019/2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**JOIN NOW AND BE
A MEMBER UNTIL
June 2020**

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: 133 815 845

(Use MEM followed by your name as a reference)

Please send to Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, 82 Wyndham Street, Shepparton, VIC 3630