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"Landcare for Everyone"

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LANDCARE NETWORK

Coordinators Report

Greetings Landcarers and welcome to the spring edition of the Glider Gazette. After receiving exceptional rainfall throughout August and September, everyone is starting to breathe a sigh of relief with the arrival of some warmer weather to dry things out. The high rainfall and river levels certainly got the grape vine running with people reciting recollections of the last time they had so much rain in a short period of time or rivers and creeks at such heights. One keen landcarer sent in a photo of the Curdies River at peak flood with the water level being only several meters below the decking of the Curdies trestle bridge. The Curdies River reached its highest recorded level at the Curdies Limeworks monitoring station since recording began in 1972.

Unfortunately the continued wet weather meant that we had to cancel the Campbell's Creek Community Planting day in August which was lining up to be a great day with lots of participating from community members. However, thanks to the help of students from the Gnurad Gundidj Campus, School for student leadership, the site was planted once the flood waters receded.

Over the past couple of months HDLN has been working hard on developing a corporate prospectus with the aim of building on the successful partnership that HDLN holds with several energy operators known as the "Craters to Coast Alliance" or c2c Alliance. HDLN has felt the need to develop a prospectus in order to grow the c2c Alliance to a level that will cater for the community demand placed on projects offered through the c2c Program. There are several other tangible projects included in the prospectus that smaller sized business can sponsor such as the Threatened Species Recovery Project, aimed at protecting the vulnerable Yellow Bellied Gliders habitat along with the Swamp Scrub vegetation community.

Over the coming weeks and months HDLN will be running several exciting workshops and events. One of which include a Microbat presentation which is running as part of the Cobden Spring Festival in October. We will also be running a seed collection and plant propagation workshop in October and December respectively. For more information see below in the **Volunteer opportunities report** or the HDLN website at www.heytesburylandcare.org.au

Another event not to be missed is the HDLN Christmas breakup which will be held on the last Friday night of November. Following on from the great success of last year, we will be again going with a bare foot bowls family night and BBQ to be held at the Timboon Bowling Club.

Craters to Coast Alliance Update- 2010

As part of the c2c Public Land Enhancement program, we were lucky enough to receive a helping hand from a group in international students for a week in August. The work crew assisted several groups such as Princetown Landcare Group and the Rail- Trail CoM to undertake several group orientated projects on public land.

HDLN 2010

Office Bearers

President: Dave Smurthwaite

Vice President: Dean Drayton

Secretary: Dominic Gorringe

Treasurer: Linda White

Our Co-ordinator

Ben Roberts

Project Officers

Lyndell Driscoll (Resource Centre)

Yonie Tiljak (Landcare Projects)

Volunteers

Conservation Volunteers Australia,
Local farmers, landholders, schools-
vou and fellow community members!

Upcoming Events

Seed Collection Workshop

This workshop organized by HDLN in partnership with Greening Australia teaches participants how to identify, collect and store Australian native seed.

Where: Timboon Bowls Club

When: 29th October

To register for the event contact Chris at Greening Australia on Ph: 53452200 -

Plant Propagation Workshop

**3rd December at the
Community Nursery
Call us for more info**

Landcare Xmas Party & Family Bowls Night

26th November from 7pm
at the Timboon Bowls Club

BBQ & nibbles provided

Bring along the family

For a fun bare foot
Bowls night RSVP

to the Landcare
Resource

Centre by 23rd of Nov.



Funding opportunities

2011 Landcare Projects-Expressions of Interests (EOIs) HDLN is currently calling for EOIs for Landcare projects to be undertaken in 2011. In 2011 the HDLN will be undertaking a River Health program focusing on the lower reaches of the Curdies and Gellibrand Rivers on behalf of the Corangamite CMA. If you are interested in undertaking any projects in 2011 we encourage you to express your interest by completing an EOI form. A site visit will follow to determine which program may best suit your project. To obtain an EOI or membership form contact the Landcare Resource Centre on 55 983 755 or visit our website www.heytesburylandcare.org.au. Closing date for EOIs is **5th of November 2010**.

Clean up & restoration grants for flood effected farmers The Clean-up and Restoration Grant of up to \$15,000 provides a one-off grant to primary producers who have suffered direct damage as a result of the September 2010 floods in Victoria, for clean-up, removal of debris, animal welfare and business restoration. These grants are now available to farmers that received flood damage during the August floods. For more information or an application form visit www.ruralfinance.com.au or call (03) 5448 2600

Corangamite Coastal Small Grants provides funding of up to \$5000 for individuals, community groups and public land managers to protect the regions coastal hotspots. Applications open 25th October 2010. Visit the Corangamite CMA website for more information www.cma.vic.gov.au.

Volunteer & Training Opportunities

Corangamite Roadside Advisory Group: The Corangamite Shire is currently seeking nominations from interested community members to fill four community representative positions available on the Corangamite Roadside Advisory Group. Nominations close Friday 29th October. For more information or a nomination form Contact Belinda Bennett on 55 937 100.

Community Planting Day: Parks Victoria, HDLN and the Brucknell Creek Landcare group will be holding a community planting day at the South Ecklin Swamp Nature Conservation Reserve (Bailey's Swamp) in November. The date is yet to be set, however if you are interested in spending a few hours in the fresh air planting trees, followed by a BBQ, please contact Trevor at Parks Victoria, Port Campbell.

Campbell's Creek water quality monitoring: Parks Victoria are seeking people interested in being involved in an ongoing water quality monitoring program on Campbell's Creek. Parks Victoria has recently purchased monitoring equipment for Campbell's Creek to assist with managing the Port Campbell harbor. Interested people should contact Meg at the Port Campbell Parks Victoria office.

Landscape Zone Asset Prioritization Document (LZAP): HDLN is currently reviewing a Corangamite CMA draft document that identifies the landscape assets, threats and priorities for funding within the Curdies and Gellibrand catchment areas. If you are interested in having input into this document please contact Ben at HDLN.

Project Report

It appears that Landcare is continuing strong and well with around 80,000 seedlings being planted by Landcare groups and individuals across the HDLN region this winter and spring. Whilst the wet conditions held works up for about three weeks, landholders are racing the clock to get their last few trees in the ground before the warm spring days zap too much moisture out of the soil. People interested in undertaking a Landcare Project in 2011 should submit an EOI before the 5th of November to be considered.

Upcoming Events

Curdies River Trestle Bridge Official Opening

The Camperdown-Timboon Rail Trail Committee will be proudly unveiling the refurbished iconic Curdies River Trestle Bridge at an official opening in November. The day will be a celebration of the natural and historical significance of the railway and trestle bridge to the area. The day will also include an electro-fishing and freshwater circus display by the CCMA along with historical commentary and displays.

When: 19th November. Stay tuned for more info.

Farm Chemical Users Course

An overview of the operational, environmental and safety issues associated with the purchase, storage, handling, use and disposal of chemicals.

21st and 28th October from 9am-4pm at SW TAFE, Warrnambool
Refresher course 18th October 10am- 3pm at SW TAFE, Glenormiston College
Register with SW TAFE on 5564 8911

Victorian Landcare Forum

19-20th October in Halls Gap see www.landcarevic.net.au for more information

Sustainable Farming Field Day

Hear about the latest science & ideas for your farm or lifestyle property- Discover funding opportunities for environment projects. For more information contact Greening Australia, Colac on 5231 6910.

Old phones more trees

Landcare Australia and MobileMuster are encouraging all Australians to round-up their old and broken mobile phones and accessories and hand them in for recycling at your local Australia Post by **31st October**. For every Kg received of mobile phone a tree will be planted in five key coastal areas across Australia.

Next HDLN Meeting

Christmas breakup party 26th of November.