



The Glider Gazette

"Landcare for Everyone"

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Coordinators Report

Welcome back for the first edition of The Glider Gazette of 2010. Although the Landcare Resource Centre was closed over the Christmas- New Year period, much has occurred since the last Gazette.

A fun night was had by all at the HDLN **Christmas break-up** which saw families and friends from all around the district come together for a game of bare-foot bowls at the Timboon bowling club. A balmy summers evening provided the perfect backdrop to cap off another successful year for Landcare in the Heytesbury district.

Over the summer period the Network has been very busy propagating and growing seedlings at the HDLN Community Nursery. Our efforts were greatly bolstered through a **Community Propagation Day** held in early December last year which saw 14 people propagate around five thousand seedlings in two hours (photos on website). If you would like to take part in any future nursery working bees to help the Network grow seedlings for Landcare projects, see below for more dates and details.

After putting a lot of work into submitting funding application towards the end of last year, HDLN has been successful in retaining a healthy amount of funding to continue most of our mainstay programs along with some exciting new programs. Continued support from the **Craters to Coast Alliance** will see the popular **Biofund Program** continue along with some new programs including **Coast Care, Woodland Protection** and **River Health Programs**. For more detail on what is involved and what opportunities exist for each of these program see below in the Project Report.

Thank you to all landholders and groups who expressed their interest to undertake an on-ground project in 2010. Whilst we were overwhelmed with submissions once again, we are happy to say that we were able to assist most landholders whether it be directly through one of the Networks programs or by refereeing the project onto a more suitable funding source with another agency. All successful and non- successful applicants will be notified in writing within the next two weeks if not already.

Whilst EOI's for 2011 are not due until September, landholders and community groups are encouraged to submit their EOI throughout the year as alternative funding opportunities constantly arise

Craters to Coast Alliance Update- 2010

Firstly from all of us at the Landcare Network we'd like to thank our corporate partners for their on-going support which has facilitated many fantastic community and environmental opportunities over the past five years. Without their support at a corporate and local level, such projects would not be possible. The Alliance is set to continue for another year, contributing to 8 diverse projects ranging from;

- Supporting our Community Nursery;
- The c2c Biofund Program that directly funds a range of on ground projects at a community and farm scale;
- The c2c Shelterbelt Scheme, assisting local landholders create wildlife links and farm shelter
- The c2c Schools Program creating environmental learning opportunities in local schools;
- The Community Pest Plant & Animal Program for local community groups;
- The Community Public Land Rehabilitation Program;

And of course coordination time to make sure all these great works can happen. Thanks!

HDNLN 2009

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Secretary: VACANT
Treasurer: Linda White

Our Co-ordinator

Ben Roberts

Project Officers

Lyndell Driscoll (Resource Centre)
Yonie Tiljak (Landcare Projects)
Becky McCann (Threatened Species)

Volunteers

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

Upcoming Events

Heytesbury Show

Saturday 27th February

Simpson Recreation Reserve

Cost: Adult \$10; Children

U16 \$1; Family \$15

Come see us at the HDLN

stand & the Waterways-

Woodlands stand!!

Corangamite Relay For Life

Leura Oval, Camperdown

5pm Sat 20th -11am Sun 21st Mar

Come for as long (or as short)

as you like & help raise funds

for cancer research & support.

\$15 registration (inc. free shirt)
heaps of entertainment, games,
prizes & kids activities

For further info contact: Juli Grauer
Secretary- Ph: 5593 7100

www.relayforlife.org.au

Lawrie Co Site Tour

The Newfield Valley Landcare Group extend an invitation to all members of the public to attend a site tour of the Lawrie Co manufacturing facility at Timboon to learn more about Lawrie Co's products and manufacturing process.

21st of April at 1pm @LawrieCo

Volunteer & Training Opportunities

HDLN Community Nursery working bee

After running another successful Community Propagation Day in December last year, it was agreed that an informal 'Nursery Group' be formed to assist with growing seedlings for Landcare projects. A working bee will be held every 2-3 months and will generally go for 2 hours. People that have attended so far have enjoyed learning skills in how to propagate and grow native seedlings. The working bees have proved to be a great social occasion as well. If you think that you would like to lend a hand at one of our working bees or would like to find out more information, please contact the Landcare Resource Centre.

Volunteer Action Training

Working with Landcare Volunteers in the 21st Century. The training is intended to provide Landcare and community group members and support staff with some new tips and a better understanding of attracting and retaining volunteers in the current environment.

Training will cover; Generations and change, 4 R's of volunteering, Applying for volunteer grants. Training is Free and lunch is provided. To put this training into practice, groups can apply for small grants of \$1,000- \$5,000. The course is from 10am- 4pm, March 5th at the Killara Centre, 210-212 Manifold Street, Camperdown. For more information contact Grant Godden, Victorian Landcare program, (03 9637 8190) or (grant.godden@dse.vic.gov.au)

Project Report

Gellibrand to Curdies EstuaryCare Program:

Courtesy of the Victorian Coast Care Program, the HDLN has been successful in gaining some funding to support the Princetown Landcare Group and several members of the Newfield Valley Landcare Group to undertake on ground activities to protect the integrity of the our coastal environments. The Princetown component of the program will involve undertaking Boxthorn removal on a heavily infested property adjoining the Greater Otway National Park and the Gellibrand River. The targeted infestation has acted as a seed source for the sounding farm land and public reserves over many years.

The Newfield Valley component of this program will involve working with several landholders within the Newfield Valley LG to protect and revegetate the lower reaches of Campbell's Creek. A community planting day will be held later in the year to assist with some tree planting along with creating greater awareness of the true value of protecting our coastal assets.

Woodland Protection Program: *by Becky McCann, Woodlands Project Officer*

Hi everyone-I'm back on deck 3 days a week working on this fantastic two year program, which focuses on the Brucknell, Glenfyne, Ecklin and Curdies Valley areas with the aim of protecting, enhancing and linking areas of remnant Woodlands and associated vegetation. This includes Swamp Scrub- which is great, as it continues the good work we achieved with the Swamp Scrub Project last year. Funding will be available to landowners to undertake a range of activities that will assist in protecting Woodland and associated vegetation, from weed control, fencing, direct seeding, shelterbelts and more. For Year 1 we will be working directly with landowner of high quality and connecting patches of bush, with an expression of interest process kicking into gear for Year 2. A project launched will occur later this year along with a landscape plan focusing on creating key bio-links connections between important patches of bush across the area.

Watch this space (and our website) for further info, and we're planning some workshops that will give you the opportunity to get some hands on learning-and get up close & personal with- local wildlife and plants. If you want to know more about the Program, please contact me at the Resource Centre (I'm generally in Mon, Tues & Wed) or on 0447 983 961.

Biofund Program

HDLN is glad to announce that around 25 projects will be funded to undertake on ground works through the Biofund program for 2010. Notification of successful and non- successful applicants will be in the mail within the next week if not received already. An additional 16 landholders were referred to other agencies to receive project funding.

River Health Program

For the first time this year the HDLN will be delivering part of the River Health Program on behalf of the Corangamite Catchment management Authority. The program includes providing funding to protect and restore key reaches of the Curdies River and the Scotts Creek Sub- catchment. Although funds for 2010 have been fully allocated we are always looking for projects for 2011. So if you think that you may fit within a priority reach of the above catchment and are interested in protecting you waterway please contact the Landcare Resource Centre on 55 983 755.

Upcoming Events

Farm Chemical Users Course

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

24th & 31st of March from 9am-4pm at Glenormiston College
13th, 14th & 21st of May from
10am- 3pm at SW TAFE,
Warrnambool

Register with SW TAFE on 5564 8911

1080 Endorsement Course

This short course provides accredited training in the safe and responsible use of 1080 pest animal bait products, with an emphasis on minimising the risks associated with using '1080' baits.

29th of April from 9am- 1pm at
SW TAFE, Warrnambool

7th of May from 9am- 1pm at
Glenormiston College

Register with SW TAFE on 5564 8911

Heytesbury Land

Management Handbook

This booklet has been created to bring together experiences and findings on dealing with particular land management issues that are specific to the Heytesbury district. Many of the findings documented in the Handbook have come out of the Soil and Water Dairy Action Program and the Heytesbury FOCUS Project which the HDLN has facilitated over the past four years.

To obtain a copy contact the HDLN on 55 983 755

Silage Wrap Disposal- Recycling

Residents of the Colac- Otway Shire are now able to drop off used silage wrap at the Alvie Transfer station on Sunday, Tues & Friday from 10-3 and at Western Waste Management in Marriner St, Colac from 8- 4:30 weekdays.

All silage wrap must be in a plasback liner to drop off. See www.plasback.com.au for more details.

HDLN Meetings

Venue: Landcare Resource Centre

Time: **2nd Tuesday of every 2nd month, Tuesday 13th April 2010**
8:00 pm