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LANDCARE NETWORK

Coordinators Report

Although the short cool days are well and truly here to greet us, the HDLN staff has been working away over the winter months to bring you all a jammed packed events calendar for the second half to the year with lots of great activities and learning opportunities to participate in. As part of the **Woodland Restoration Project** being undertaken with the Corangamite CMA, we will be running a series of workshops and activities ranging from Yellow Bellied Glider watching to seed collecting and plant propagation. For a full list of what's on and when check out the **Upcoming Events** column or to keep up to date check out our website at www.heytesburylandcare.org.au

A very successful HDLN AGM was held in May at the Timboon Hotel which saw all office bearers and executive committee positions being filled for the first time in a number of years. Thanks to the four new members that put up their hand to help out for the coming year. Your new faces have already injected a great sense of enthusiasm into the Network. Thanks also to our excellent guest speakers Andrew Smith and Nerissa Lovric from DPI who gave us some great insights into their work on nutrient management within the Heytesbury.

With the onset of winter well and truly here, so too is the time of year when Landcare gets down to business...tree planting. In the coming weeks trees will be flying out of the Community Nursery thick and fast to keep up with the enthusiastic landholders undertaking projects this year. All landholders undertaking projects this year need to have their sites ready soon as trees will be ready for pick up at the end of July. **Read below for individual program updates.**

Craters to Coast Alliance Update- 2010

Once again the HDLN is very excited to be delivering a range of environmental and community initiatives in 2010 on behalf of the Craters to Coast Alliance.

Congratulations to both the Mercy Regional College and Timboon P-12 School for being successful in receiving funding through the **c2c Schools Program**. Both schools are to be commended on the quality of applications they submitted which will see both schools focus their efforts on sustainable kitchen gardens based on principles promoted through the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program along with several other environmental projects.

A new initiative to the c2c Program for 2010 is the addition of the **c2c Public Land Enhancement Project**. This project will see a group of international volunteers work alongside community groups and local volunteers to assist with works in public reserves. This project has been made possible through the valued partnership with TRUergy and Conservation Volunteers Australia. For a full list of projects offered through the c2c Alliance in 2010 visit the Partners page on the HDLN website.

HDLN 2009

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

Biodiversity Asset Mapping

The Corangamite Shire requires your help to assist update its map records of where biodiversity assets exist within the Shire. This will be done through a series of workshops.

Where: Timboon

Community Hall

When: Tuesday 6th July
7:30- 8:30pm. For a full list of places and times visit the Corangamite shire website

Seed Collection Workshop

This workshop organised 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



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Volunteer & Training Opportunities

Campbells Creek Community Planting Day

As part of the Campbells Creek Recovery Project, HDLN along with the Newfield Valley Landcare Group will be hosting a community planting day on the last Friday of August. The rehabilitation of Campbells Creek and its tributaries has been a mainstay priority for the Newfield Valley LG since the group's inception in 1995. Members of the groups have worked tirelessly over the years to rehabilitate their patch of Campbells Creek and now the group is happy to be working with several landholders to fill in the gaps.

With the Campbells Creek Recovery Project being supported by a range of partners including the c2c Alliance, CoastCare, BHP Billiton and the Australian Government, the community planting day will provide a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the ability that Landcare has to bring partners throughout our community together to achieve great community and environmental outcomes.

Members of the community from all over are invited to come along to get your hands dirty and enjoy a fun filled day. **BBQ lunch provided.**

When: Friday August 27th 11:30- 1pm.

Where: 2590 Cobden- Port Campbell Rd (Corner Great Ocean Rd & Cobden- Port Campbell Rd- Opposite Daisy Hill Accommodation).

Note: please bring appropriate clothing for the weather and BYO tree planter if you have one.

Project Report

Gellibrand to Curdies EstuaryCare Program:

The Princetown Landcare Group has ascended to celebrity status after featuring in the Victorian CoastCare magazine for their tremendous efforts on the Princetown Boxthorn Program. During April the Gellibrand river and estuary were covered in a plume of smoke as 70 or more Boxthorn plants (some the size of a small house) were removed and burnt after being sprayed months before. Boxthorn had been on the site since early settlement and over the decades had grown so large that locals doubted whether the established bushes could ever be removed. The dedicated Princetown Landcare Group will now focus its efforts on monitoring the site for re-growth and treating the plants accordingly. The next stage of the program will see the PLG work with adjoining landholder members to remove any remaining Boxthorn plants. Well done team!!!

Plasback program- Recycling your silage wrap

The Plasback program commenced on 1 June providing the opportunity for farmers to recycle silage wrap in the south west. To recycle your silage wrap, just follow these four easy steps:

1. Purchase you TAPEX liners bags from your local rural store
2. Shake the wrap to get rid of excess moisture, silage and other debris
3. Drop your silage wrap in the TAPEX liner bags off at either Naroghid, Port Campbell, Simpson or Timboon transfer stations. See the Plasback website to learn how to receive free liner bags and bins in exchange for purchasing TAPEX brand silage wrap.

Plastic is recycled in Melbourne to make a timber replacement plywood sheeting alternative called Tuffboard.

Solar Power Rebates and Credit Scheme

Solar Shop Australia is a renewable energy solutions provider that designs and installs grid connect solar power systems. Solar Shop is currently working with communities around Australia to provide bulk purchasing discounts, via its **Solar Community Program**. Due to economies of scale, communities can gain substantial financial benefits from switching to solar as a group.

Feed in Tariffs are provided by various state governments and utility providers and serve as an additional benefit in switching to green energy. They offer a premium payment (3-4 times the retail rate) for your solar electricity as well as a bonus REC's scheme for up to 1.5 kw solar power system. To receive more information or to express your interest in the **Solar Community Program** contact Roberts Cavarsan on 0400475168. Robert will also be attending the next HDLN meeting in August.

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 fish and freshwater circus display by the CCMA along with historical commentary and displays.

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

Farm Chemical Users Refresher Course

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

10th September from 10am- 3pm
or 18th October 10am- 3pm at
SW TAFE, Glenormiston College
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.

11th of August from 9am- 1pm at
SW TAFE, 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 HDLN on 55 983 755

Next HDLN Meeting
Tuesday 10th August 2010 8:00pm