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"Landcare for Everyone"

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Volunteers

Students, local farmers,
landholders, schools- you and
fellow community members!



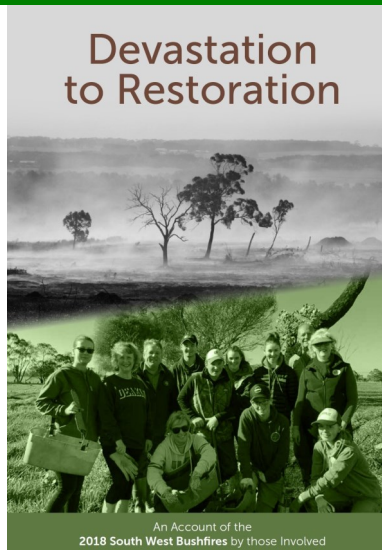
Remembering the South West Fires

Booklet launch:
Geoff and author
Kirsty Hawkes at
Glenfyne in July.

Free copies are
available from the
Timboon office.



Interesting tidbit: Geoff informed the Cobden-Timboon Times "the 2018 fires were a classic example of grassland fires and how they spread at such a rate. The value of trees is that they actually slow down the spread of fire and some species are more resistant than others to fire such as Blackwood".



Trees on Farms

In Autumn 2022 we will partner with Otway Agroforestry Network to run the Master Tree Growers course. It's an 8-day, field based course for landholders interested in planting and managing trees and shrubs for conservation and profit.

The course covers a wide range of topics that reflect the interests and aspirations of the local landholders: including establishing and managing of trees on farms for shelter, aesthetics, biodiversity, soil erosion control, high quality timber and other forest based products.

The 8 sessions is run over two months so that landholders can fit it in with work, family and farm commitments.

More information to follow in 2022.

Hello Landcarers,

Recent COVID restrictions and lockdowns have slowed down local groups, and impacted our community activities. We had to cancel a National Tree Day planting at Powers Creek and a Waterwatch event at Port Campbell, defer a strategic review of our local groups and a visit from NSW based Integrity Soils with associated farm field days.

However we've not been sitting on our hands. The Regenerative Agriculture projects 'Increasing Soil Carbon' and "Climate Resilient Farms' have kept us busy. Read more overleaf. Plus our Biofunds applications have been assessed and successful landholders notified.

Funding for my position, as Landcare Facilitator, is committed for the next 3 years. And there's more good news that Nullawarre/Naringal will be covered by another Landcare network from late 2021 on-wards.

Please don't hesitate to call me for more information on 0427 983 755 or send an email to geoff@heytesburylandcare.org.au.

Have a peaceful Christmas. As usual, the office will be closed over January. Have a safe Summer,

'til next time, Geoff

Community Nursery News

Thankyou to all those who bought excess seedlings of late.

Propagation work is well underway for the year in the nursery.





Sunflowers, grown as a cover crop at Gavin Sinclair's in Cooriemungle

Regenerative Agriculture Projects

We are working closely and running trials with 20 landholders in the **'Increasing Soil Carbon'** project, finding sustainable ways for farmers to address climate change.

Another dozen landholders have just joined the extension **'Climate Resilient Farms'** program applying practices like multi species cover cropping, revegetation, water efficiency measures and paddock management changes.

The **project team** includes Tony Evans (Camperdown Compost founder), Jade Killoran Healthy Farming Systems, Dr Jane Stanley, Dr Tim Tutt of Deakin University and Helen Phillips of Triple R Biochar.

We were happy to be a finalist in the **Premiers Sustainability Awards** for this work.

12 Covers In 12 weeks

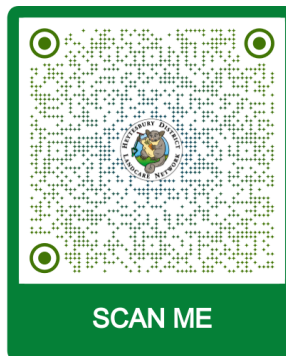
As part of our 'Regen Ag' project, we have a new series about cover crops. Four crops have already been featured, each is 3-4 pages in length, and more come every week. Visit our home-page for:

Tillage Radish - best known for its long, strong tap root

Leafy Turnip - good early grazing feed in an autumn or spring sowing

Sunn Hemp - a nitrogen fixer and soil improver in cooler climates

Sunflowers - great livestock fattening feed. Scan the QR code at right for the link to the 4 pager.



Popular Posts

Do shelterbelts significantly improve pasture growth rates and productivity? We'll let the picture answer that question.



August 12th 2021

Out of Interest

Curdies Valley member and nursery volunteer, Alan shows the long, long roots of a kangaroo apple seedling!



Local Groups Corner

Post Covid lockdowns (we hope) local groups have started to meet again.

Congratulations to **Elingamite-Cobrico**, who celebrated their 30th anniversary recently with a tree planting ceremony and family BBQ at Lake Elingamite.

Curdies Valley met on 6/12.

Newfield Valley met and decided to run three farm visits a year in lieu of meetings and at each there will be a guest speaker on topical issues.

Princetown regularly count the migrant bird Latham's Snipe in October, November and January. None could be seen in the latest count with such long grass.



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