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"Landcare for Everyone"

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Volunteers

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



Heytesbury receives support for fire recovery

Heytesbury District Landcare Network was fortunate to receive funding from DELWP to help support revegetation projects in areas impacted by the St. Patricks Day fires on March 17. We will be providing seedlings or direct seeding to revegetate affected sites and fencing rebates to assist with restoration of the landscape.



Safer Together funding has also allowed us to continue with our efforts to work with several organisations supporting landholders in the fire recovery effort and to establish a field day and workshop program . This is a great opportunity for fire-affected landholders to rehabilitate their property, provide shelter and promote biodiversity.

Paul Hartrick (pictured right) has been recently employed by the Network for 2 days a week to work with landholders and others in the community in the fire recovery phase. Fire-impacted landholders are welcome to contact Paul at paul@heytesburylandcare.org.au or phone 5598 3755 to enquire about a project Expression of Interest.



Biofund Projects 2019

Our annual Biofund projects are currently being finalised; we were pleased to see Expressions of Interest come in from newcomers to Landcare. We will assess these project in the next few weeks and advise successful applicants on the outcome of their applications. Biofund is the Network's flagship project that has seen the revegetation of more than 200 hectares of land in the past 10 years in the Heytesbury District. Contact Geoff on 5598 3755 for more information.



Sudells Frog
(*Neobatrachus sudellae*)

Hi Landcarers,

It has been a busy few months working with the fire recovery effort following the March 17 St Patrick's Day fires. As a result, many members of the community have rallied around over the past seven months to assist with revegetating the landscape. These groups include schools such as Cobden Primary School and Mercy Regional College and Gilson College from Melbourne. We have also joined up with ReGreen4FireAid, Deakin University, Corangamite Shire, Ag Victoria, DELWP and a range of other organisations to undertake planning and works on the ground to assist fire-affected landholders.

We welcome Paul Hartrick in his new role and also Kate Leslie, who will assist us in the HDLN Community Nursery to propagate seedlings for next year's projects.

Finally, don't forget to join us on November 29 as we team up with Elingamite Cobrico Landcare Group for a BBQ and get together at Cobrico Hall...details on the reverse page. Advisors will be on hand to assist with information including resistant species and ID sheets, revegetation/shelterbelts, direct seed projects and Expressions of Interest forms. All family and community members are welcome to attend. RSVP for catering purposes please— admin@heytesburylandcare.org.au or 5598 3755 or by 10am Thursday November 29.

Our office will be closed for January, returning Monday February 4, 2019

Till next time,

Geoff

BLAZE AID NEEDS YOU

Blaze Aid volunteers have been working tirelessly for the last 7 months assisting landholders with fencing. There are still 50 properties to complete so volunteers are needed. Call Christine Male Coordinator on 0418 745 994...your support is appreciated.

Upcoming Events

	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	RSVP/Info
29th November	LANDSCAPE RENEWAL in conjunction with Elingamite Cobrico Landcare Group	6pm onwards	Cobrico Hall Cnr Ewens Hill & Cobden-Terang Roads, Cobrico	5598 3755 or admin@heytesburylandcare.org.au
2nd December	Friends of Bay of Islands Summer Working Bee	10am	Meet at the Fire Station or Peterborough Hall	President Marg Gristede 55985293

Power Creek's Winter Fungi

With the Spring weather all sorts of strange biodiversity pops up. It's a great time to go see some fungi growing in our region.

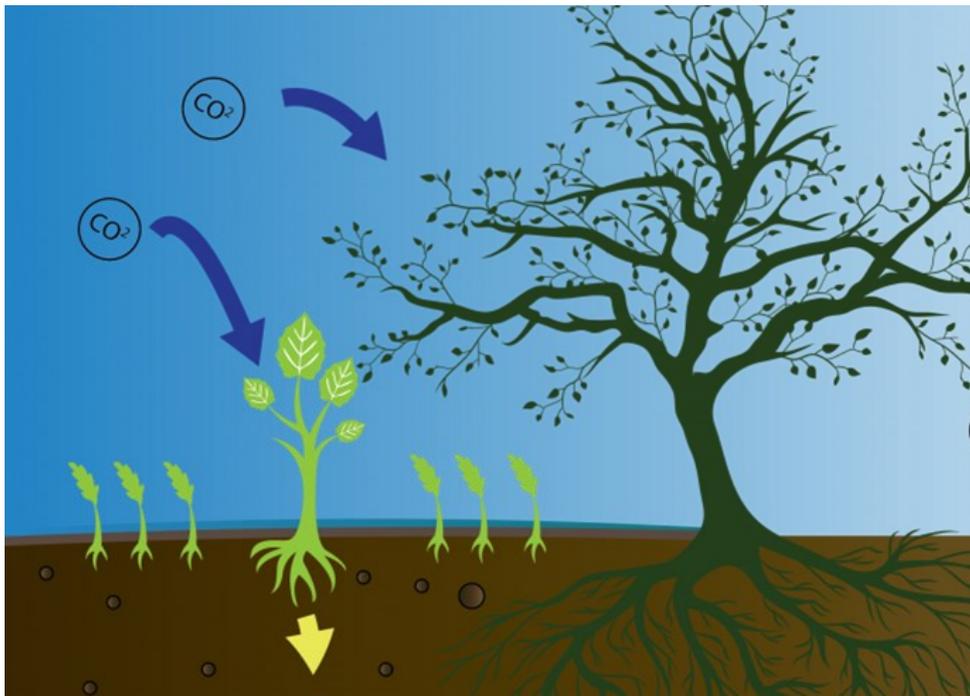


Coast Wattle Invasion

Coast Wattle is being targeted in our area by a number of organisations including HDLN. Coast Wattle is an invasive plant that dominates where it can establish and rapidly decreases the biodiversity in the impacted areas. It can be seen alongside the roads in Peterborough and Port Campbell.



Bostocks Creek & District Landcare Group along with Heytesbury District Landcare Network recently revegetated around Cobden Lake with the help of Cobden Primary and Hampden Specialist School students. Thankyou to the Cobden Lake Committee for their support of this fantastic day.



Keeping Carbon on the Farm

Keeping Carbon on the Farm is a pilot project providing a suite of activities that dairy farmers and other primary producers can undertake to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and better prepare for climate change. These activities include re-vegetation, carbon-sequestering soil amelioration trials and energy reduction strategies.

The expected outcomes of the project will be a positive increase in levels of carbon sequestration in soil profiles, a reduction in electrical energy usage and better understanding of how climate change will impact on our regional dairy farmers. It is also expected that soil health, animal health and productivity generally will improve on the project farm.

The project will be undertaken over a 2-year period on an exemplar farm in the Heytesbury District in South West Victoria. The idea is that this model can be applied elsewhere in Victoria or indeed Australia with the multiple benefits described above. Project partners include Deakin University, Camperdown Compost, Triple Biochar, Corangamite CMA, Corangamite Shire, Power for Farmers project and is funded through DELWP Victoria. For further information contact Geoff on 0427 983 755 or email geoff@heytesburylandcare.org.au.

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