

The Glider Gazette



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Volunteers

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



Can you guess the local bird species?

Australia has some unique birdlife that can often be seen in farming communities. These birds can provide benefits to the land by controlling insects. Can you guess the three species of these primarily carnivorous birds?

Answers and more information below the photos of each.



Black shouldered kite

These birds are often seen hovering near roads hunting for rodents hiding in the long grass.



Grey Shrike Thrush

These birds often mate for life! They are predominantly insectivorous foraging on the bush floor.



Cattle Egret

This is a common bird in swampy lands. They feed on insects in swamps using their long beaks.

Biofund Projects 2019

We are currently calling for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from landholders and community groups including newcomers to Landcare. Deadline for receipt of project EOIs is September 6, 2019, with assessments to be undertaken later in September. Biofund is the Network's flagship project that has seen the revegetation of more than 240 hectares of land in the past 10 years in the Heytesbury District. Contact Geoff on 5598 3755 for more information.



Hi Landcarers,

Our feature project for this edition is Keeping Carbon on the Farm, 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 is being conducted over a 2-year period on Doolans farm in Ecklin South. If you'd like further information contact Geoff Rollinson on 0427 983 755 or send an email to geoff@heytesburylandcare.org.au.

Till next time,

Geoff

HDLN Nursery

Our tree orders are well underway. The nursery has housed a huge number of plants this season due to a lot of fire recovery projects. It has been a struggle to fit all the trees in our nursery with a total of 120,000 trees being supplied to the region through a number of suppliers including ourselves.



Upcoming Events

	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	RSVP/Info
6th Aug	Port Campbell Discussion Group & Keeping Carbon on the Farm	11am—2pm	Doolans Farm Borthwicks Rd Ecklin South	Contact WestVic Dairy 5557 1000
4th Aug	National Tree Day Planting	10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Mt Leura Volcanic Education Centre	Friends of Mt Leura 0418 377 293
1st Sept	Healing and the Landscape. A community post fire recovery event for all	10am—4pm	Brucknell Scout Camp	Head to our Facebook Page or read below.

Orchid Season is upon us

Coming into late winter there are many of our native orchids flowering at this time of year. Some of them can last a long time, some such as this short-clubbed wasp orchid last under a week!



HEALING AND THE LANDSCAPE

A FAMILY DAY OUT



Come join us for a Family Day out in the Post Fire Period, a day for everyone.

Enjoy local musician's, market stalls, historic car display, hear from guest speakers and have a chat.

Guest speaker Dairy Farmer Aaron Thomas will speak about his story of rebuilding. His story has been told on DairyPod and in Dairy News Australia. A BBQ Lunch will be offered throughout the day with a Gold Coin Donation.

SUNDAY 1ST SEPT 2019

10am—4pm

Brucknell Park Scout Camp,
Nullawarre Rd, Timboon VIC

For further Information, contact
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or call 5598 3755



Coast Wattle Incursion

HDLN is undergoing survey work in preparation for removal of Coast Wattle in Crofts Bay near Peterborough. A joint effort with Beach Energy, Parks Victoria and volunteer groups will tackle the Coast Wattle problem over the coming years in an effort to reduce its impact. We have recently completed a biodiversity survey of the areas we are focusing on.



The local carnivorous plant



The Tall Sundew, *Drosera auriculata*, is a carnivorous plant that consumes insects with their sticky residue on modified leaves.

These plants are perennial and are currently found in damp areas such as bogs.

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