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"Landcare for Everyone"

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Volunteers

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



New Rabbit Virus

The new RHDV1 K5 virus that is going to reduce rabbit populations

RHDV1K5 is a variant of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV1) that causes a fatal haemorrhagic disease in the European rabbit. It is specific to the European rabbit, and once a rabbit shows symptoms, death is rapid.

RHDV is spread by insect vectors, such as bushflies and blowflies. Direct contact between a rabbit and a rabbit carcass with RHDV is also an avenue of spread. Animals that predate on rabbit carcasses such as foxes, dogs and cats may also excrete the virus in their faeces.



RHDV1 has ever been found to cause infection in any other animal except the European rabbit. Even predatory animals that eat rabbits that have died from RHDV1 do not develop an infection. Vaccines are available for pet rabbits and will prevent mortality for RHDV1.

Money doesn't grow on trees but trees do on money!

In other words we are saying that funding is required to carry out our core projects such as purchasing, propagating and planting trees.

A much larger proportion of our time is now spent on chasing funds for projects, as government sources are drying up or are very competitive.

We continue to be supported by Origin and BHP Billiton but may not have Santos around much longer as Cooper Energy have taken over their assets in the region.

The Corangamite CMA is also seeing funding shortfalls and have enlisted our assistance to help raise corporate and philanthropic funding for us and other Landcare Networks and industry groups in their region.

The HDLN Committee have insisted we continue offering revegetation project funding and we will endeavour to do that as resources permit.

Till next time,
Geoff

Newfield Valley Photography Competition

Over the summer months Newfield Valley Landcare Group and Heytesbury



District Landcare Network held an amateur photography competitions. This competition will showcase photos from the age groups junior, intermediate and open.

We had 4 categories for the entrants to submit photos for, ranging from marine/coastal, agricultural, fauna, flora.

The competition will have a display of all the entrants and the winners will be voted on by the public. This display will be held at the Port Campbell Artspace in the main street, from March from the 11th-13th.

Princetown Development

Corangamite Shire Council have given the green light to the new proposed development of 20 rooms and 20 cabins alongside a restaurant, lookout structure, office, pool and a day spa. Currently members of the Princetown community have rallied against the development as they believe the site is an important wetland habitat and unfit for a large scale development. A VCAT application has been lodged.

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Upcoming Events

	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	RSVP/Info
Mar Sat 4th	Heytesbury Agricultural Society Show	9am-3pm	Simpson Recreation Reserve	HDLN 55983755 Heytesbury Ag Society 0429 409 983
Mar Sun 5th	Friends of Bay of Islands Group Project Day	10am-1pm	Notice Board in Mac Street Peterborough	Marg Gristede 55985293 Lynda Avery 55985456
Mar 11th- 13th	Newfield Valley Landcare Group Photography Competition	10am-4pm	Port Campbell Art Space	HDLN 5598 3755
Apr Wed 11th	HDLN AGM	7pm	HDLN Resource Centre. Shop 1, 47 Main Street Timboon	HDLN 55983755

Shipwreck Coast Master Plan

The Shipwreck Coast Master Plan developed by Parks Victoria has recently received a boost in funding to the tune of \$9.8 million that will see the coastline getting new lookouts and a boardwalk.

The funding will allow construction of new lookouts at the Twelve Apostles and The Blowhole sites, a new pedestrian bridge over Campbell's Creek in Port Campbell with connecting trails and a Wi-Fi and digital interpretation platform promoting the Twelve Apostles.

Heytesbury District Landcare Network has been in regular contact with Parks Victoria to talk about its role in creating vegetation buffers adjoining the National Park area.

We hope to develop a specific project plan soon to present to Parks Victoria that will support the representations made over the past 18 months. We have also invited the Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio to see the work done in the region and to discuss future funding.



Heytesbury Show

Heytesbury District Landcare Network will be at the Heytesbury Agricultural society's show on March 4th in Simpson. We will be focusing of weed identification and weed spotting in the region.

There will be an opportunity for the public to locate known infestations in the region on a large map. This information will be presented at a weeds meeting to be conducted on March 15th.

We will also provide information brochures and resources about local biodiversity.

Weed Contacts

If you've spotted noxious weeds in the area such as Ragwort, Blackberry or Boneseed then we encourage you to contact DEDJTR. You can reach them on 5561 9904.



Nursery Progress

The HDLN Nursery is in full swing with Tracy and Luke Edwards doing the propagation of our seedlings for the upcoming projects.



Volunteers in action at the community nursery

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