

**PROJECT  
PLATYPUS**

UPPER WIMMERA LANDCARE



## Project Platypus Upper Wimmera Landcare

### MISSION

To work in partnership with the Landcare community to improve the environmental health of the Upper Wimmera Catchment while maintaining and improving productivity.



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## Down to Earth

COVID-19 changes for Project Platypus

Good afternoon from Project Platypus

The most up-to-date working arrangements, information and contacts for Project Platypus are all in this email.

In trying times the wait and weight of Coronavirus(COVID-19) I imagine is testing for many and I hope we as a community can respond effectively to this serious risk to public health.

I am available to talk anytime (via mobile), as are the rest of the team at Project Platypus. The April newsletter will be going out as usual and we plan to keep our members, partners, and Landcare community informed regularly.

**Stay safe, take care**

Andrea

Local Landcare Facilitator

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## **Project Platypus COVID-19 Response**

### **From the manager**

**Good afternoon everyone,**

With the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation escalating by the day and on State Government instructions, Project Platypus, as a non-essential businesses will close the office. Staff will be working from home as of tomorrow with the field crew stood down for the time being. I will investigate if our fee for service weed control work (which is seasonally dependent) may be classed as an essential service along similar lines to agriculture; if this is the case we may be able to keep the field crew operating. Loki, Andrea, Bron and I will work from home. I will also be looking into what we can obtain in the way of wage subsidies from State/Federal Governments to cover costs while we are shut down. Julie (Book Keeper) will still be able to process pays and accounts.

Landholders with revegetation projects will be contacted to continue preparations for planting in July as trees are ordered and paid for and we are hoping to plant them all.

**If you have any questions or need further information about Project Platypus' response to COVID-19, please contact me by email or mobile phone.**

**Al Stephens**

**Manager Project Platypus**

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#### **Other changes...**

**We have postponed all of our scheduled events,** and are investigating ways we can still deliver our environmental programs to the community.

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## How you can keep in touch with us

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