




Project Platypus Upper Wimmera Landcare

MISSION

Support and empower community. Improve environmental health of Upper Wimmera Catchment. Maintain and improve productivity.

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Down to Earth

EASTER UPDATE

Welcome to our newsletter *Down to Earth*,

Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all of your eggs in one basket, so enjoy the extra long weekend, the chocolate and the festivities.

Best of Landcare locally, ready for your perusal.

Cheers Project Platypus team

March

Wed 28 **FIRST AID** at Project Platypus office

Wed 28 [WEBINAR MLA](#) **To lime or not to lime** (just click on link to [register](#))

April

Mon 9 Urban **RABBIT CONTROL** workshop - Elmhurst Landcare

Thur 12 **PASTURE UPDATE** - Perennial Pastures Systems

Tue 17 **SEED COLLECTION** workshop - Project Platypus

Sat 21 **SOCIAL MEDIA** workshop - Stawell Urban Landcare

Sun 22 **MANAGING WASTE** workshop - Moyston Landcare

SAVE THE DATES

May

Sun 13 **TREES FOR MUM** - Stawell Urban Landcare

June

Wed 6 **Communication Skills for Leadership** 1 day workshop

Thur 7 **ABC of Communication Success** 1/2 day workshop

SOIL SURVEY - Without getting your hands dirty, complete an online survey about SOIL - our most precious resource. See more details below.

RABBIT CONTROL workshop with Elmhurst Landcare & Ag Victoria.

Monday 9 April

Elmhurst Golf club

3 pm - 6.30 pm followed by complimentary BBQ

Afternoon will include demonstration of warren ripping and fumigation. There will also be a discussion on the effectiveness of the Calicivirus introduced earlier in the month.

For more details phone Michael 0459 637 146

PASTURE UPDATE - Perennial Pasture Systems

Thursday 12 April

4 pm - 8.30 pm

Stawell Town Hall

MLA & the Grassland Society of Southern Australia have partnered with Perennial Pasture Systems to bring a range of speakers to present up-to-date research topics at the MLA Pasture Update.

\$25 members \$50 non-members

RSVP office@grasslands.org.au or ph 1300 137 550



SEED COLLECTION FIELD DAY April 17

2018, 10 am - 3 pm.

Where, when, how to collect, provenance & more with Dan Frost from Seeding Victoria. Seed will be collected for PLANTOUTS in 2019. Discussion to include benefits of direct seeding too. Funding from Eucalypt Australia.

Bookings mob 0491 220 386

Email: llf@platypus.org.au

Stawell Urban Landcare will be hosting **SOCIAL MEDIA FREE** workshop

Saturday 21 April

10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Project Platypus office, 11A Ararat Road, Stawell

Run by: Noelene Gration, director of Ascend Public Relations and Communications

<http://ascendpr.com.au>

RSVP: Veronica 5358 2535 or stawellurban@gmail.com

Moyston Landcare present **MANAGING WASTE FREE** workshop

Sunday April 22 2018

9 am - 12.30 pm

Moyston Recreation Reserve

Alternatives to reduce waste & discussion morning - La Vergne Lehmann & her team from Grampians Central West Waste & Resource Recovery Group will present 4 areas of waste management:

1. household waste
2. garden waste
3. energy waste
4. disposing of larger waste items

RSVP kyandracottage@gmail.com or ph 0429 006 731



SECRET LIVES OF GLIDERS

Check out the [Secret footage - nest boxes in the Ironbarks](#) on Project Platypus's facebook page. Filmed in 2017/2018, footage shows gliders using nest boxes that were installed in 2014 at Deep Lead Nature Reserve. Stawell Urban Landcare have been helping with the monitoring. Funding for this project originally came from the Mazda Foundation.



TREE TAX FACTS

The Australian Tax Office has produced a fact sheet on the tax incentives for primary producers for establishing shelterbelts entitled [“Establishing shelterbelts on land used in primary production business: Can I claim a tax deduction? What you need to know”](#). This was developed in a partnership between the ATO and the Basalt to Bay Landcare Network, and provides primary producers with useful information on the taxation, productivity and biodiversity benefits that can result from the establishment of shelterbelts.



GRANTS

Biodiversity On-ground Action - 2018 Community & Volunteer Action grants

The 2018 Community & Volunteer Action grants:

- are offering funding for projects between **\$5,000** and **\$50,000**,
- include the option of single or multi-year projects, and
- have a broad biodiversity focus.

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations primarily focused on environmental projects, such as biodiversity conservation or habitat protection and restoration projects, are encouraged to apply.

Projects can be on either public or private land.

Applications close: Tuesday 3 April 2018.

For more [information](#)



**SOIL - Performance through
collaboration [SURVEY](#) Federation University Australia**

Farmers understand the role of soils in agriculture and the Fed Uni would like you to be involved and to provide insights into soil issues. Your input will help this research project to understand why some indicators might be more useful than others, and more importantly, what would or would not work on-farm.

SURVEY 15 questions, 15 minutes.

Results available June 2018 www.soilerc.com.au

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