



Project Platypus Upper Wimmera Landcare

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



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Down to Earth

MARCH UPDATE

G'day from *Down to Earth*,

If you can take away just one thing from this newsletter it is to book a day or weekend at the [LVI Landcare Biannual Forum](#) in Halls Gap. Well actually, if you could just remember

one more thing, join Concongella Landcare for their [Cover Cropping](#) workshop - croissants included for breakfast (fresh from Waack's Bakery).

March sees Landcare looking at new and innovative ideas with just these two events, plus there are a few other workshops, grants and other opportunities for you to peruse through.

Happy reading

Cheers Andrea

Local Landcare Facilitator

March

Sun 3 Clean-up Australia Day, Grampians

Wed 13 [Boosting Productivity with Cover Cropping](#), Joel Joel Hall

Fri 15 [Stubble Trouble](#), Navarre

29-31 [Landcare Victoria Inc Biannual Forum](#), Halls Gap

April

Mon 1 Perennial Pasture Systems [MLA Pasture Update](#), Stawell

June

18-19 Orchid Conservation Symposium

[Invasive pests and animals round-up](#) (Project Platypus crew)

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Riparian Landcare Grants 2019, Wimmera CMA

Health & Wellbeing Grants Round 2, Northern Grampians Shire

Boosting Productivity with Cover Cropping - Concongella Landcare

Wednesday 13th March

7.30 am – 10.00 am

Joel Joel Hall

Presenter: Jade Killoran, AGF Seeds

"I think there is a great opportunity to use tried and tested plant species in new ways to

cover/fodder crop reasonably cheaply while building profit, increasing soil health and improving sustainability" Jade

Paddock walk and talk after presentation

Breakfast – tea/coffee, croissants & fruit included

RSVP ph 5358 4410 or email: msmclean777@gmail.com

Workshop made possible with funding from the Wimmera CMA



Invasive pests & animals round-up

Nov 2018 to Jan 2019 - Loki McIntyre & crew

- Ararat and Northern Grampians roadside IPA control program (around \$50 K delivered from Nov to now)
- **Black Range LC** Victorian Landcare Grants (VLG) – spraying St John’s Wort, Pattersons Curse, Blackberry and Cape Tulip
- Biodiversity On Ground Action/Greater Grampians Threatened Flora – Ararat Hills/Trust For Nature (TfN) blocks/Halls Gap-Moyston/Devils Garden/Deep Lead. Field crews working of TfN blocks associated with Royal Botanic Gardens reintroduction program. Coordinating Landmate to remove woody weeds and treat rabbits around the Ararat Hills.
- Practical Ecology – Annual Grasses on offset block neighbouring Ironbarks NW of Stawell.
- **Stawell Urban LC** – Woody weeds around town/reserves
- **Elmhurst LC** – Spiny Rush. 5 days PP crew + 10 days Landmate
- **Great Western LC** – Spiny Rush. 4 days PP crew + 6 days Landmate
- **Project Platypus** VLG – Gibblings Bridge/Lake Fyans Spiny Rush. 3 days PP crew – now landholders have withdrawn from program
- **Moyston LC** VLG – Chilean Needle Grass



Inspiring Women of the Wimmera

Angela Turrell - Jallukar Landcare



Andrea Turrell is a member of Jallukar Landcare Group and a past representative on the Project Platypus Upper Wimmera Landcare Board.

According to Jess Gardner from Greening Australia, Angela's passion, along with her professional background, has made her an asset to Landcare.

"I first met Ange when we started the Jallukar Native Grasslands Project (JNGP) together. Her professionalism, business and marketing skills have brought so much to the project. She has a passion for wildflowers and native grasses of the area which has inspired many others to get involved," Jess said.

Angela has contributed to Jallukar Landcare Group by using her skills in writing grants, project management and report writing. She also assisted with strategic planning to help inform the group's direction. The group was keen to be proactive about sourcing grants. With Angela's input they have sourced grants for JNGP that have aligned with the group's goal – of restoring and revegetating the environment. "The JNGP has galvanised members because it intrinsically values flora and fauna. There has been a groundswell of support for the project and this can be seen in the growing membership base of the group. The group is

incredibly social and with a hell of a lot of expertise,” Angela said. Angela is recognised locally as being a model of expertise, dedication and tenacity. She is a greatly valued member of the group and her community.

Angela Turrell from Jallukar Landcare Group has always loved the environment. “It is innate; part of my spirit. I crave the Australian bush,” she said

Landcare Victoria Inc Biannual Forum

March 29 - 23

Halls Gap, Grampians - Gariwerd

Event description

Learning between landholders has always been a strength of Landcare. In this Forum we investigate what we can learn from our traditional owners. We also look at what farmers are doing to ensure productivity and sustainability. Guaranteed to be an amazing weekend of fun, learning, networking and inspiration.

Programme includes:

Friday:

In the afternoon there will be a bus tour to culturally significant sights and in the evening a bush tucker inspired meal with accompanying film to celebrate Lake Albacutya (Ramsar site) and its community.

Saturday:

Workshop - Sustainable Agriculture panel, Q & A session

Bus tour with packed picnic lunch visiting: Jack and Celia Tucker - farm revegetation and bandicoots; Christine and Peter Foster - carbon and biodiversity farming; Jallukar Landcare Group - indigenous grasslands and restoration project.

Evening guest speaker Tim Reeves (Dookie Ag college)

Sunday:

The best of the Grampians and surrounds promotional display, showcasing a diversity of people, produce and projects that make the region distinctive.

Q and A Session - includes a roundup of the event and packed lunch

*This is only a summary of events so head to the links to find out more information

More information - [Landcare Vic Gateway](#)

Bookings - [get Tickets](#)

Cost: \$10 per day of \$60 full weekend (including accommodation)

Where: UC Camping - Norval

204-232 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap VIC 3381, Australia



MLA Pasture Update

Stawell Town Hall

Monday 1st April 2019

Perennial Pasture Systems & Grassland Society of Southern Australia are again conducting an MLA Pasture Update in Autumn. Topics include:

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The dry season; what did we learn? What to do next time with Steve Cotton, Dynamic Ag

Fertiliser advisor panel facilitated by PPS member Charlie de Fegely
Shane Dellavedova from Dellavedova Fertilisers, Andrew Speirs from Meridian Ag plus others to be announced

1. Fertiliser strategies after a dry year
2. Potash responses
3. Molybdenum
4. Lime or Phosphorus or both
5. Your fertiliser questions answered
6. 3 Other sessions TBA

4.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Dinner & smoko included \$25 per person

Stubble Trouble

Friday 15 March 2019

Navarre Recreation Reserve, 47 Cambridge Street, Navarre, VIC 3384

Growers and advisers are invited to a stubble management workshop with local agronomist, Ash de Clifford and Agriculture Victoria soil experts, Rebecca Mitchel and Murray Hart.

- Soil pit inspection with discussion and testing of soil properties
- Soil health and constraints
- The value of retained stubble (Moisture retention and nutrients) & stubble management
- Windrow burning, straw baling and chaff lining
- Row spacing and guidance
- Disc vs tyne seeders
- Herbicide resistant weed management
- Pest and disease management

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: FREE. Please RSVP for catering on the link below

[Tickets](#)

Or phone **Heather Drendel 0427 868 705**.

GRANTS

Riparian Landcare Grants 2019, Wimmera CMA

The Wimmera CMA is proud to support our local Landcare communities through delivery of Riparian Landcare Grants.

Grants of up to \$12,000 (GST exclusive) will assist Wimmera community groups to undertake on ground works along waterways to protect and restore their local environment and preserve the diversity of native flora and fauna in the Wimmera landscape, contributing to outcomes in Victoria's interest.

Applications close 4 pm Monday 25th March 2019

More info email: boydj@wcma.vic.gov.au or phone 03 5382 9919

***note Andrea (LLF) can email guidelines and application form llf@platypus.org.au**

Health & Wellbeing Grants Round 2 2019, Northern Grampians Shire

Grant Purpose:

- Enhance Active Living
- Preventing Violence & Physical Injury
- Healthy Eating

Application Dates Open February

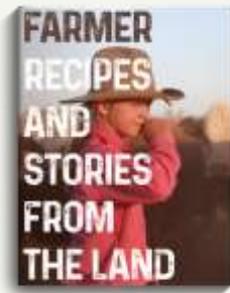
Grants of up to \$5,000

Online Application including budget

Link: [Community Grants Program](#)

More info: email community@ngshire.vic.gov.au or ph 03 5358 8700

Farmer recipes and stories from the land



[Farmer - the cook book](#)

[Farmer by Jody Vassallo](#)

It is trying times for many of our fellow farmers.

One small way of helping is by purchasing the cook book "Farmer - recipes and stories from the land". Farmer is a tribute to Australian farmers who are in the midst of one of the toughest droughts in a century.

Farmer Cookbook is a collection of recipes and stories from the heart of rural Australia, created with love by some of Australia's best loved chefs, and by farmers, families and friends in the industries that understand the importance of the food we eat and where it comes from. Farmer Cookbook is a gift of gratitude and support with all sales going towards CWA at a time of great need for rural Australians. **Release date 23rd March 2019**

Project Platypus workplace environmental credentials - the printer

Project Platypus utilise [Viatek](#) for all of our printing equipment. Through their relationship with world class partners they have a long standing commitment to environmental responsibility.

Fuji Xerox Eco Manufacturing Centre

Fuji Xerox operates a multi-award winning Eco-Remanufacturing Centre at Zetland in Sydney. This total waste management plant recycles machine parts, cartridges, metals and

paper to minimise landfill.

EA Toner (Emulsion Aggregation)

Fuji Xerox devices use organically grown “EA Toner”. EA Toner fuses at much lower temperatures, which means you will consume less energy (electricity). EA Toner generates less toner wastage, and all cartridges are recyclable.

Energy Efficient Equipment

We offer machines work hard to reduce power consumption ... this benefits the environment and our customer’s bottom line. A series of enhancements mainly around the fuser of the print engine enable lower power consumption, shorter warm-up time, toners that bond to paper at a lower temperature, and shorter recovery times from power saving modes.

Meet Energy Star Compliance

All of our machines meet or exceed the Requirements of the International Energy Star.

Emission levels

As a result of Fuji Xerox’s re-manufacturing operations, 15,500 tons of carbon emissions are avoided annually.

Sustainable and Recycled Content Paper

We source our copying and printing paper from sustainably managed plantation trees.

99% of incoming parts and components are successfully remanufactured instead of ending up as land fill.

More info: www.fujixerox.com.au/en/Sustainability/Our-Environment



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