



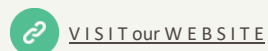
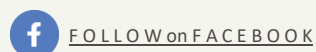
Project Platypus Upper Wimmera Landcare

MISSION

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



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Down to Earth

JULY UPDATE

Welcome to our newsletter ***Down to Earth***,

Exciting news, Project Platypus have been given substantial sponsorship for the next three years from the ***Geoff and Helen Handbury Foundation***. The sponsorship will support the manager's position, help contribute to running of the organisation and secure Project Platypus' future. The Project Platypus Board and staff welcomed Judy and Roly Patterson (foundation trustees) and Brendan Loughlin, from the Wimmera Times, with dinner and a presentation at Tuesday night's board meeting.

How about attempting Plastic Free July? There are a few tips if you scroll down. I would love to know what you do to minimise plastic use (either email llf@platypus.org.au or mob 0419 841 834)

Cheers Andrea

Local Landcare Facilitator

Ps (It would be great if you could send your plant out photos too!)

JULY

Fri 5 Let's Meet up for Farmer Health, Avoca, [GPPCP](#)

Sun 7 [Nominations](#) close - State & territories Landcare Awards

Plant outs

Sun 7 Plant out, [Pomonal](#)

Tues 9 Dinner & Guest speaker, Sue Pieters-Hawke, Great Western, [Girls in Grass](#)

Sun 14 Plant out, [Halls Gap](#)

Sun 21 Plant out, [Jallukar](#)

Wed 24 [Christmas in July](#), presentation on FARMher project, Great Western, Girls in Grass

Sun 28 Plant out, [Elmhurst](#) & NATIONAL TREE DAY

AUGUST

Thurs 15 Crowlands - Warrak meeting, guest speaker Bee Keeper, Graeme Shalders

Wed 21 Jallukar Landcare AGM

Community power workshop - Moyston Landcare (date to be confirmed)

Cover cropping - Concongella Landcare (date to be confirmed)

SEPTEMBER

2-8 Landcare week

5 Thurs 22 Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar, A Climate for Change

11 Wed Perennial Pasture Systems 11th Annual Conference

Week of 16th Ironbarks walk, Stawell Urban Landcare

OCTOBER

Sat 26 Chicks in the Sticks, Moonambel - SAVE THE DATE

FARMING

Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party, new website - www.serratedtussock.com

22-24 GRDC's Innovation Generation "Sowing Change" seminar (18 -40 yr olds). [More info](#)

GRANTS

Qantas Regional [Grants](#)

Wettenhall Environmental Trust Small Environmental [Grants](#)

PLANT OUT 2019

The Weekly Advertiser [Help wanted for Project Platypus plant-out](#)

ENVIRONMENT - our wide brown land

The Guardian [Aussie threatened plants in pictures](#)

The Conversation [Reef grief](#)

Threatened Species Art Competition - [kids](#)

[Plastic Free July](#) Choose to refuse



Project Platypus Manager Allistair Stephens

Plant out 2019

Plant out 2019 is well underway (almost 10,000 trees planted to date) and Project Platypus is looking for volunteers for any of our four Sundays of planting culminating in National Tree day at Elmhurst on Sunday 28th July.

Planting Day - Moyston Landcare & Moyston Primary School

On June 21st the annual Revegetation Planting Day was held with the Moyston Primary School staff and students and the Moyston Landcare group. Perfect planting weather and a great group of kids made for a lovely day. Four hundred trees were planted in the morning followed by a barbeque lunch.



How can you not love a picture of gorgeous kids on a day of planting?
Check out their "Moyston" beanies!

Good Governance for Women – two-day workshop

Held over two days, on consecutive weeks, the Good Governance for Women workshop brought together women from across the region to share their experiences and learn what is required to be on a committee or board. There was discourse on what constitutes a healthy community group/ organisation with topics including: purpose; structure; roles and responsibilities; risks and rules; planning, goals and evaluation.

The PURPOSE or "reason for being" of an organisation stood out as a key concept and it works best when: it is known by all stakeholders; it is broad enough to avoid excluding everything; but it also have parametres which helps the organisation maintain focus.

Feedback from the workshop was positive with one attendee writing "Thanks, great opportunity for skill development and confidence building."

Project Platypus appreciates the support of **Wimmera CMA** for funding the workshop, and **Farmher** for financial support too.



Trainer Alistair Shaw, Centre for Participation with L-R: Sarah Carter, Celia Tucker, Tina Baker, Lisa Gillard, Bianca Kilpatrick, Ayesha Burdett, Debbie Shea, Bronwyn Bant, Lynley Hoiles, Anna Gray, Andrea Mitchell, Barbara Barham. (Anna Greene taking photo!).

Let's Meat up for Farmer Health (GPPCP)

Home butchering and pasta making workshops

Avoca football & netball clubrooms.

Friday 15th July

Free social event to bring the local rural community together, learn new skills, receive health checks and be part of a delicious shared dinner!

One hour workshops run 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and 5.30 pm-6.30 pm.

All workshop attendees must **register for a 10 minute skin check**(bulk billed, please bring medicare card) **or a 15 minute hearing check.**

Ingredients from each workshop will be used for a pizza and pasta Italian dinner feast

Dinner 7.00 pm

Workshops are for years 18+

Activities for under 18's will be available including a smoothie bike! Showbags, resources and other information will be provided on the night

Bring the whole family and enjoy a fantastic night out

Bookings: [EVENTBRITE](#) RSVP Monday 1st July



Postive Aging with Sue Pieters-Hawke

Girls & Grass Advisory Group invite PPS members and guests to come along and enjoy dinner and an evening sharing Sue's story.

Tuesday 9th July, 2019

6.30 pm

Great Western Hall, Western Hwy, Great Western

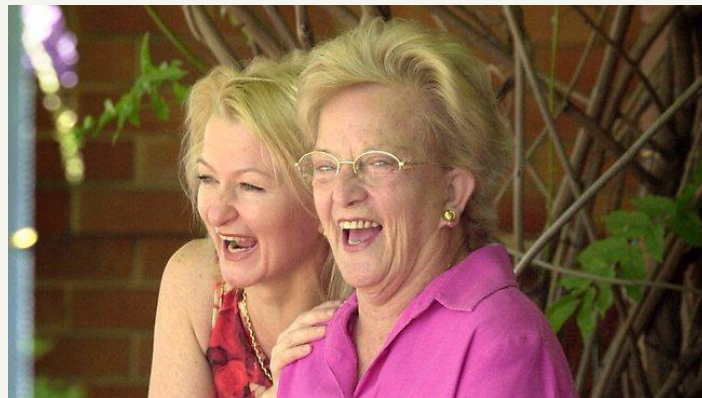
Cost: PPS members free or non members \$20

BYO drinks

RSVP: Debbie - 0418205353 by 5pm Tuesday 2nd July

POSITIVE AGEING About Sue

Sue works as a speaker, writer, advocate, educator, and consultant. She is a National Ambassador for Alzheimer's Australia and co-chairs the Federal Dementia Forum. Sue grew up in a family committed to constructive social change and community engagement. Her father Bob was a former Prime Minister; her mother Hazel was a community worker, homemaker and advocate. Observing life from such a rich and rather unique viewpoint, and lifelong participation in avenues of personal and social change, have formed the foundation of Sue's perspectives and her earthy ability to cut through to the heart of issues.



Christmas in July

Girls & Grass Advisory Committee

Ladies social dinner in the cellar at **Seppelt Winery**. The speaker will be Anne Greene, from Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnerships (GPPCP) talking about the Farmher Project.

Wednesday 24th July, 2019

6.30 pm

Cost: PPS members \$20 or non-members \$45

1892 Cellar, Seppelt, Great Western

RSVP Debbie 0418 205 353 or email debbiejshea@gmail.com by Monday 22 July

You are welcome to bring a friend.



Serrated Tussock

Loki McIntyre as a member of the Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party has sent through information:

Serrated tussock is a Weed of National Significance (WONS). It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. It can spread rapidly, invading pastures, native grasslands and urban areas, and already covers more than a million hectares across New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT.

www.serratedtussock.com

- **flora and fauna conservation**
- **threatened mammal conservation**

They are most interested in projects that use citizen science; or are about community education that leads to conservation.

[Wettenhall grant](#)

PLASTIC FREE JULY

[Plastic Free July](#)

Australian Ethical Super - [22 tips for going plastic free](#)



Threatened Species Children's Art Competition



An art competition for kids to unleash their artistic creativity while learning about the extinction crisis facing our native plants and animals. The aim to inspire and encourage the next generation of environmental leaders.

Entries open June 3

Entries close Friday August 2

Size of Artwork A3

Prizes awarded in categories 5-7 years of age, 8-10 years of age and 11-12 years of age.

Prizes will be also be awarded for:

- Most Unusual entry
- Best Plant entry
- Best Local Species entry
- Best Reflection
- Best Group-work entry
(Groupwork entry open only to schools and other educational programs)

For more information: [Art Comp](#)
[How to enter](#)

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