



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

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Welcome to our newsletter *Down to Earth*,

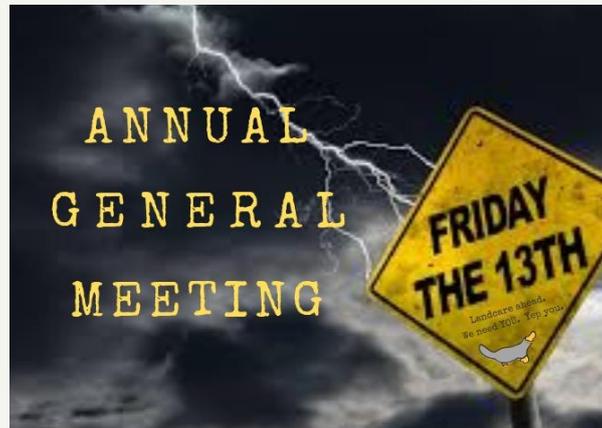
Spring is all in the action for the month of September - so many high calibre events and workshops. Project Platypus has our Annual General Meeting on Friday September 13th which will feature talks on Mt Cole Creek survey and report, and local geology - book in quick as seating is limited. One more quick plug for 'Save Your Bacon, Take a Mate to Dinner'- free meal, fantastic guest speaker and an opportunity to invite your mate out, yep, it sounds okay

and it could save a life.

See you at one of the many events this month,

Cheers Andrea

Local Landcare Facilitator



SEPTEMBER

Tues 3 Save your Bacon, Crowlands-Warrak LC, Crowlands

Thurs 5 Wimmera [Biodiversity Seminar](#), Rupanyup

Tue 10 Meeting, Stawell Urban LC

Wed 11 [Annual Conference](#), Perennial Pasture Systems, Ararat

Thurs 12 [Gardens for Wildlife](#) meeting, Pomonal

Fri 13 Project Platypus [AGM](#), Stawell

Sat 14 [Walker Swamp](#) guided walk, Friends of Grampians - Gari Werd

Wed 25 [Cover Cropping](#) 102, Concongella LC, Joel Joel hall

OCTOBER

5th & 6th Pomonal Native Gardens for Wildlife

Sun 6 Community energy workshop, Moyston LC

21 - 27 Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Sat 26 Chicks in the Sticks, Moonambel

NOVEMBER

Thurs 21 Farmer Dinner

[What motivates our volunteers to plant outs?](#)

GRANTS

[Strengthening our communities](#) Expression of interest by 6th Sept.

[PacificHydro](#) grants out in month of September

SAVE YOUR BACON - take a mate to dinner

Tuesday 3rd September

6.30 pm

Crowlands hall, 49 Wright Sr

Crowlands

Dinner included

Project Platypus, Crowlands-Warrak Landcare and Grampians Community Health invite you to an event which raises awareness of anxiety, depression and wellbeing of men in the community.

Bring a mate, have a chat, enjoy a meal (on the house) and hear from Jeremy Forbes of HALT ([Hope Assistance Local Tradies](#)) - bringing the community together to talk about the tough stuff.

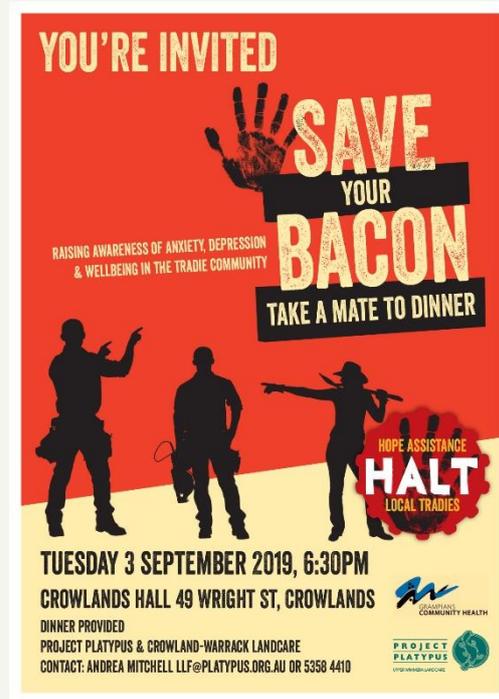
Jeremy Forbes: [TED Talk](#)

More to consider:

Farmer Health [The Ripple Effect](#)

RSVP Andrea ph 5358 4410 or

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22nd WIMMERA BIODIVERSITY SEMINAR - A Climate for Change

Thursday 5th September

Rupanyup Community Centre, Rupanyup

The seminar includes a day session, an afternoon tour and an evening session with dinner. This year's theme captures the hopefulness that positive change is happening for our environment, with speakers providing insight on *A Climate For Change* in their fields. Our

speakers will discuss the changes that they are seeing through new and innovative techniques, a look at where we have come from and how we move forward in our changing world.

Tickets [Eventbrite](#)



11th Annual PPS Conference

Wed 11th September

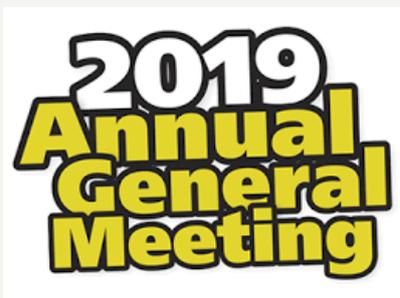
8.45 am

Gum San Great Hall, Lambert St, Ararat

Theme: Risk strategies to reap the rewards "Adaptive management to reduce risk". Speakers include researchers from the University of WA, leading consultants, MLA presenter and farmers from NSW & VIC. The bus tour to Allanvale South, Great Western will look at their systems approach to pasture & cropping. The Annual Dinner & Meeting will be held at Chalambar Golf Club but must be pre booked, meal & drinks purchased on the night.

BOOK [Trybooking](#)

More info Rob Shea – 0438 521357 yadin@netconnect.com.au



Project Platypus Upper Wimmera Landcare Network AGM

Friday 13th September

5.30 PM AGM

7.30 PM Dinner

Macs @ Magdalas, 3149 Western Hwy, Stawell

Set menu**Pay at the door \$31.50 per person****Guest speakers:**

Ross Cayley

Upper Wimmera catchment geology - a landscape 500 million years in the making

Ross Cayley is a senior structural and field geologist at the Geological Survey of Victoria (GSV). He is developing a radical new geodynamic model for the Australian continent for the Cambrian – Devonian, in conjunction with Robert Musgrave (GS NSW). An overview of this work was incorporated as the global type-locality for a new geodynamic model for continent collision developed with Monash University research collaborators. This work has fundamental implications for terrane prospectivity analysis across Australia, and globally.

Ben Hughes

Mt Cole Creek - what lies beneath and can we keep it

Joining Water Technology 2006, Ben has extensive floodplain and waterway management experience. Based in the Wimmera, Ben completes the majority of his work in regional areas for both government and private clients. Ben has lead numerous hydrologic and hydraulic studies and erosion control projects across the state. He has worked with GWMWater and also worked with Glenelg Hopkins CMA during 2013, assisting post the 2010/2011 flood events.

All welcome**Bookings essential for catering purposes****ph 5358 4410 or email manager@platypus.org.au**

BOOSTING PRODUCTIVITY - COVER CROPPING 102**Wed 25th September****3.00 PM - 5.00 PM****Joel Joel Hall**

Concongella Landcare are running a follow-up cover cropping workshop with guest speaker Jade Killoran from AGF Seeds. Boost your production through covers and make the most of a full moisture profile. Cover cropping uses multi species forages to boost production, profitability and sustainability. Covers can be used to shorten feed gaps while improving soil health, which is a win-win for the farmer.

Afternoon tea provided

For more information ph 5358 4410 OR RSVP mclean777@gmail.com



CONGELLA LANDCARE GROUP PRESENTS:

BOOSTING PRODUCTIVITY WITH COVER CROPPING 102



Boost production through summer covers and make the most of a full moisture profile.

GUEST SPEAKER: JADE KILLORAN
Sales and Research Agronomist - AGF SEEDS
Followed by walk & talk in the paddock talking summer cover options.

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2019

JOEL JOEL HALL

3.00 PM - 5.00 PM

RSVP 24TH SEPT

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

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MORE INFO PH 5358 4410

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Gardens for Wildlife Program Pilot for Ararat & Stawell

by Annie Hobby, DELWP

Gardens for Wildlife is a program that aims to make gardens a place that supports the local, native plants

and animals. This can be done through planting native species and providing habitat features such as logs, ponds and bird baths. A new group based around Stawell and Ararat will bring a pilot of this program to reinvigorate our towns for wildlife. The aim is to conduct garden visits to interested residents and offer practical advice on what species to plant and where to attract wildlife such as native birds, lizards and insects. The pilot will be run as a collective with support from Grampians Australian Plant Society, Ararat Rural City Council, Friends of Grampians Gariwerd, **Project Platypus, Stawell Urban Landcare**, Upper Hopkins Land Management Group, Yarrilinks and DELWP. The first meeting to gauge interest was held in the Project Platypus office on August 8th.

For more information [Gardens for Wildlife Victoria](#)



Walker Swamp walk and talk

Friends of Grampians - Gariwerd and Nature Glenelg Trust

Walker Swamp is a visionary project of reclaiming a wetland from a failed blue gum plantation. It is people power in action to make the best of an environment.

Saturday 14th September 2019

9.30 am - 3.00 pm

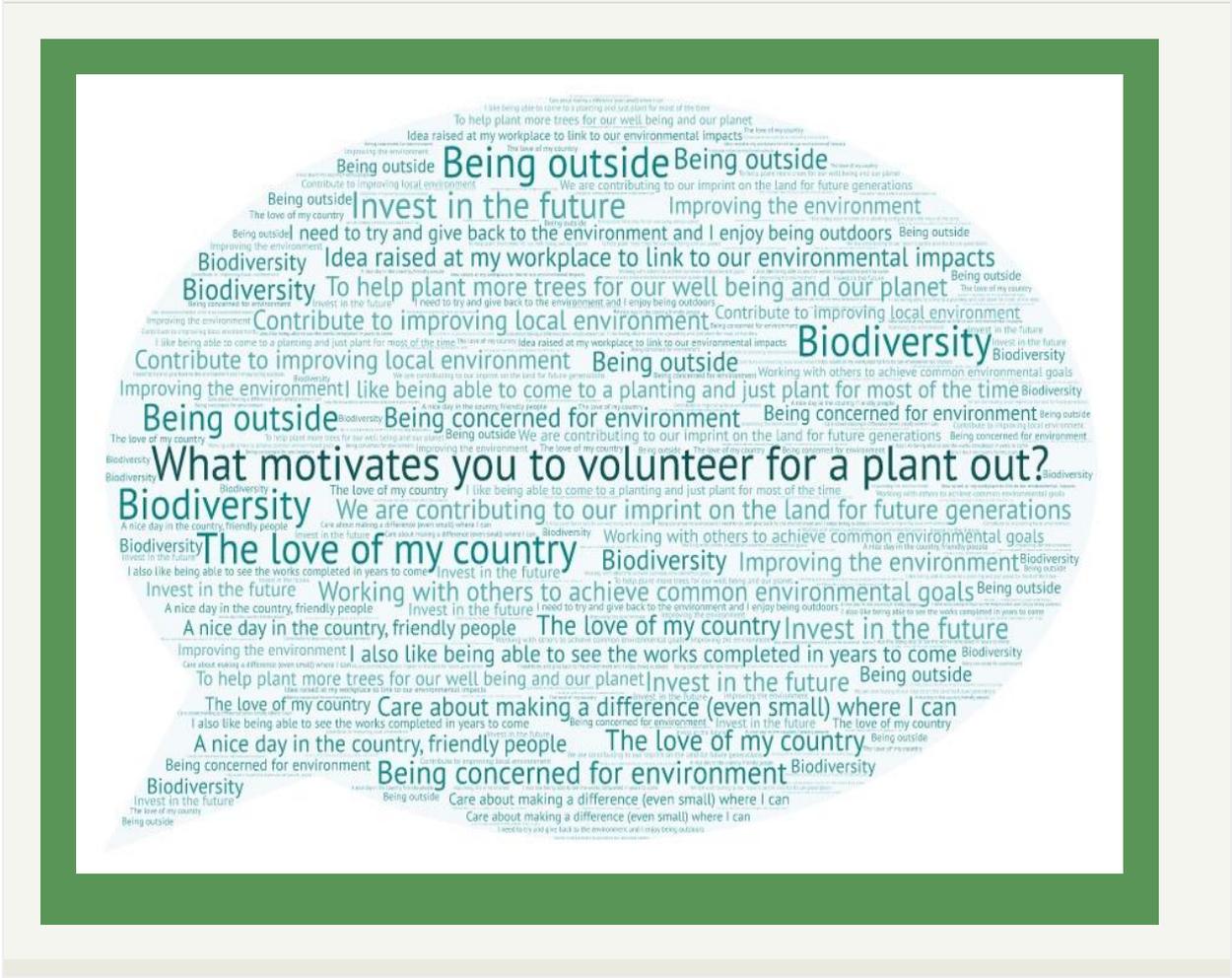
Meet at Dunkeld Tourist Information at 9.30am

Meet ecologist Greg Kerr from Nature Glenelg Trust for a guided walk of Walker Swamp to see this wetland restoration project. Walker Swamp, is part of the flood plain of the Wannon river and near the township of Dunkeld.

[Walker Swamp](#)

Bring lunch and a chair

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