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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

MID OCTOBER UPDATE

Welcome to our newsletter *Down to Earth*,

So many events from our local Landcare groups have occurred in the past month. Here are a few: community energy workshop and publication "Flora Survey of The Nook" with Moyston Landcare; cover cropping workshop with Concongella Landcare; roadside clean-up and Ironbarks walks with Stawell Urban Landcare; HALT mental health evening with Crowlands - Warrak Landcare; working bees with Jallukar Landcare; and several annual general meetings to boot! It is fantastic to see the many ways that Landcare are endeavouring to improve the knowledge, environmental health and productivity of the region.

I hope to report on a few of the events and Project Platypus AGM in the next issue, meanwhile have a read about our Landcare award winners and maybe even attend one or more of the events below - I recommend The Nook Walk and Talk, followed by coffee & cake at the Moyston General Store!

Cheers *Andrea*

Local Landcare Facilitator

October

Sat 19 Working bee, Jallukar Landcare at Jacqi Ridler's

Thurs 24 [Flora walk and talk 'The Nook'](#)

24 Crowlands-Warrak Landcare meeting, Crowlands hall, 7PM

24 & 25 Biochar online conference session at Stawell Town Hall, email:

michaela.crompton@ngshire.vic.gov.au

24 SWIFFT [online conference](#), Community Conservation In Action DELWP

Sat 26 [Chicks in the Sticks](#), Moonambel

Sun 27 [Lunch](#) at Pomonal Estate, Girls in Grass

November

Fri 1 Woorndoo field day, contact Jallukar Landcare for more info

Sun 10 Mystery Tour, Jallukar Landcare group

Thurs 21 Farmer dinner

Fri 29 Farm tour and BBQ, Perennial Pasture Systems

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[Landcare award winners](#) - DELWP

Jallukar Landcare Group deservedly won the Environmental Volunteer Award at the Victorian State Landcare Awards.

[Jallukar Landcare Group wins 2019 Victorian Landcare award](#) - The Ararat Advertiser

[Jallukar Landcare Group wins 2019 Victorian Landcare award](#) - The Wimmera Mail Times

John Pye was recognised with the Victorian State Award for his commitment to Landcare in the region:

[State award for Landcare champion](#) - The Weekly Advertiser

[Stawell's John Pye wins Victorian Landcare award](#) - The Wimmera Mail Times

Sourced from the Barabool Landcare online newsletter "...The winner of this section was John Pye whose contribution to Landcare and specifically Project Platypus in the Wimmera over a 30 year span, is awe inspiring and so worth the accolades he received" - an accurate summation!



Landcare Award ceremony at Government House L-R: Annette May, Terry May, Jacqueline Ridler, Ange Turrell, Anthea Nicholls, John Pye, Peter Hilbig, Joel Boyd, Leanne Jackman, Dave Brennan

Flora walk & talk at 'The Nook', Moyston

If you are interested in a casual stroll in the bush this may be for you.

Thursday 24th October

9 am

Meet at the Moyston Rec Reserve

We will be carpooling/driving to 'The Nook' which is a few kilometres out of Moyston. Neil and Wendy Marriott of White Gums Australia will be talking about the native flora, much of it flowering at this time of year, followed by coffee and cake at the gorgeous Moyston General Store. **Moyston Landcare Group** have recently published a beautiful pictorial book "**Flora Survey of 'The Nook' Moyston**" which will be on display.

RSVP Andrea mob 0419 841 834 or email llf@platypus.org.au



Flora walk & talk with
Neil and Wendy Marriott

The Nook

Thursday October 24, 2019 • 9:00 AM

Meet at Moyston Recreation Reserve
Then carpool/drive to The Nook reserve
For more information ph 0419 841 834

Afterwards at Moyston General Store for morning tea





**ONE TICKET LEFT,
FIRST IN BEST
DRESSED.**

Call Andrea 0419 841 834
I have one \$25 ticket left to purchase for the 2019 Chicks in the Sticks event. **Saturday 26th October. Moonambel Gap Olives.** Grab your gumboots, don your favourite frock and add your own native flora accessory. The theme this year is "Cultivating pathways into agriculture and the environment".

Lunch at Pomonal Estate

with Girls in Grass

Sunday 27th October

12.30 pm

Pomonal Estate

2079 Pomonal Road - Pomonal

Food & drinks at bar prices.

All Perennial Pasture Systems members & guests welcome.

Pip & Adam will tell us about their venture

Please RSVP by 23rd Oct. to Debbie mob

0418205353 or email debbiejshea@gmail.com



Great Barrier Beer

The Good Beer Co, LADBible Australia and the Australian Marine Conservation Society have teamed up to create a CITIZEN REEF edition of [Great Barrier Beer](#), to make saving the planet more refreshing than ever. Great Barrier Beer gives 10% of every sale to the Australian

Ag bags

How about supporting farmers by purchasing a shopping bag? Ag Bags is a project in response to the drought crisis affecting rural communities. They are a voluntary group raising funds by making and selling shopping bags from donated and repurposed agricultural feed sacks.

Marine Conservation Society and their Fight for Our Reef campaign to call for urgent action on climate change and pollution to save our Great Barrier Reef.



The group has quickly grown into something very unique. Not just helping farmers, but helping the environment and celebrating the community of generosity between them. [Ag Bags](#)



Climate Change perceptions - Sustainability Victoria

A dynamic data set for the survey '[Perceptions of Climate Change](#)' research is now available on the Sustainability Victoria website. 3330 people were interviewed from across the state with a minimum of 200 interviewees from each region on topics such as – support for renewable energy, support for zero emissions targets etc. There is an easy to understand visualisation on the data, just click on the link.



ALA: Interactive Serrated Tussock Maps

Have you ever wanted to see a [National Map of serrated tussock](#) infestations and how it has spread across the country over time? Ever wanted to report infestations in your region to a

national database?

The Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) is Australia's national biodiversity database. It provides free, online access to information about Australia's amazing biodiversity and invasive species, including 39,700 records of serrated tussock. It supports research, environmental monitoring, conservation planning, education, and biosecurity activities, and is a great way to learn more about the serrated tussock in your area

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