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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

JUNE 2020 UPDATE

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

Due to COVID-19 the NRM space is awash with webinars of excellent quality to be watched in the comfort of your own home. I have picked a selection to cover all interests, most need registering

and some have been uploaded. The beauty of live webinars is they're interactive and you can ask questions or comment.

The good news is one traditional Project Platypus plant out will occur on Sunday July 26 this year. The bad news is volunteer numbers will be strictly limited (names might have to be picked from a hat!).

I would like to extend a very big congratulations to Leanne Jackman elected as treasurer to LVI Committee of Management, our representative Landcare body.

Let me know of your best webinar experience,

Cheers Andrea

Local Landcare Facilitator

## CALENDAR

### JUNE

Wed 10, 6.30 pm Webinar on silage with Tess McDougall, PPS

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83158651380>

Thurs 11 Soil carbon-what is it about? [WEBINAR information](#) Goulburn Broken CMA

16 & 30 Online webinar [Drought Innovation Program](#), sheep & cropping, Wimmera CMA

Wed 17 Removing rabbits from your property long term [WEBINAR Eventbrite](#) PPWCMA

Fri 19 Designing & enhancing shelter belts for woodland bird diversity [WEBINAR Eventbrite](#) ANU

Thurs 25 Integrated Landcare networks [WEBINAR registration](#) Landcare Australia

Landcare Victoria Inc [AGM](#) outcome 2020

### JULY

Sun 26 [Plant out](#), Elmhurst

### AUGUST

3 - 9 Landcare week

### SEPTEMBER

Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar online

### UPCOMING

National Landcare Conference rescheduled 10-12 March 2021

### AG NEWS

Ag Vic new [Soil Moisture Monitoring](#) website

A Fiver for a Farmer - [11 year old shares story to USA](#)

Centre for Invasive Species Solutions - [Is shooting effective in managing pest animals?](#)

Australian Farmers - [Cows and seaweed pair up to reduce emissions](#)

CSIRO Future Feed - [ASPARAGOPSIS](#) (seaweed feed supplement with more than 99% methane reduction for cattle)

Agriculture Victoria [Commuting & accommodating seasonal/contract workers during coronavirus](#)

#### ECO-FRIENDLY PODCASTS

Sustainable Farms [WEBINAR recording](#) Enhancing farm dams

Philanthropy Australia Podcast - [Food Security for Farmers](#) Farmers, climate change and philanthropy for a sustainable future with Verity Morgan-Schmidt, Farmers for Climate Action & Professor Timothy Reeves, Melbourne University's Dookie Campus.

Little Green Podcast - [Low pawprint pets](#)

#### TO DO LIST

Weeds & Rabbits [LANDHOLDER SURVEY](#) - Ag Vic "Be heard, data matters"

Voices from the bush - [BLOG your COVID story](#) - National Rural Women's Coalition

How to build a frog hotel - [DIY Instagram](#)

Do you know your eucalypts? [QUIZ TIME](#)

#### The Annual Project Platypus plant out Sunday July 26 2020

**There is only one plant out**

**2720 native seedlings**

**Strictly limited numbers**

**Elmhurst is our destination**

**10 am - 2.30 pm**

**Can you afford to miss out?**

**COVID-19 will not stop the tradition (social distancing will be our friend)**

**For more information ph 5358 4410 or email: [manager@platypus.org.au](mailto:manager@platypus.org.au)**



## How world leading technologies can help future proof your farming operation

June 16th & 30th

Online webinar series

The Wimmera CMA Drought Innovation Program will delivered to two groups in the region:

**Group 1 - Croppers**

**Group 2 - Sheep, wool and prime lamb producers**

Climate variability has placed significant pressure on farm systems and the viability of farming businesses across Victoria. Whilst we've had some respite, there is a recognition that we are moving into a future with increased climate variability.

As a result, it is key that we gain an understanding of new technologies that might be added to our toolbox to better manage a profitable farm business. Meanwhile we have seen an explosion in the number and quality of different technologies that are being developed in Australia and globally that might be able to play a role in future proofing your farm through future climate variability events.

[REGISTER](#)

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## Landcare Victoria Inc Annual General Meeting

Dear LVI Voting Delegates & Member Group Contacts,

Over 65 delegates, members and guests joined the **Landcare Victoria Inc.'s first virtual AGM on 29th May**. The videoconferencing option proved popular with many new faces, over half attending an LVI Forum for the first time.

Good discussion was held around the [Annual Report](#) from Acting Chair Terry Hubbard, including the future of the Victorian Landcare Program and local Landcare facilitators.

LVI Elections were announced with three nominations from "the floor" for three positions being elected unopposed; Landcare Victoria welcomes Celia Tucker, Paul Foreman and Scott Elliot to the work of the LVI Committee of Management. Acting Chair also thanked and farewelled the three committee members who have left this year Asha Bannon, Christine Brooke and outgoing Chair David Clark and acknowledged their very significant contributions to the work of LVI and for Landcare in Victoria.

**The LVI Committee of Management for 2020:** Acting Chair- Terry Hubbard (Goulburn Broken); **Treasurer- Leanne Jackman (Wimmera)**; Secretary- Beth Ripper (West Gippsland); Alice Knight (Corangamite), Jenny Robertson (East Gippsland), Celia Tucker (Glenelg Hopkins), Ian Arney (Mallee), Paul Foreman (North Central), Jane Carney (North East), Marijke de Bever-Price (Port Phillip and Westernport); and Professional Landcarers Kerri Robson and Scott Elliot.

The other important business of the meeting was approving the new LVI Rules of Association – these will be circulated to all members once approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Thank-you to everyone who came along or sent their apologies. I look forward to talking to you in the near future – particularly as membership renewals will be coming your direction in the next couple of weeks!

All the best

Susi J Johnson  
LVI Executive Officer

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