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FROM THE OFFICE

YARRAM YARRAM LANDCARE NETWORK

By Sally-Ann Henderson

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Sally-Ann Says:

The wonderful thing about Landcare is the way it weaves its way through community, connecting and sustaining partnerships. In this edition you can read about some of the great work being done by our groups, the network and the wider community. I am delighted that we will again be able to host an art exhibition in

2018 at the Courthouse Gallery and we welcome VicRoads as a new partner with the Albert River group. It is encouraging to see the reinvigoration of this group and great work underway.

The YYLN October annual meeting was a great night with the typical friendly atmosphere that accompanies people who many not have seen each other in many months catching up on the goings on of both their groups and themselves. No elections this year as the board is elected for a two year term and Trevor Colvin was the only nomination for the casual vacancy.

Our guest speaker this year was John Ford, a sea grass researcher who has done a lot of work in Corner Inlet. We chose John as our speaker as a way of giving context to JARR and YYLN winning the Victorian

Seafood Industry Award in the Environment Category. Michael Hobson suggested we nominate for this award after seeing just how much wonderful work has gone on in the Jack and Albert Rivers' catchments with the ultimate objective of protecting seagrass ecosystems. As the winner in Victoria, we then went on to compete against the other states. Although we did not win our project was one of the three finalists.

John was able to paint a vivid picture of how what was being done on land impacts the marine environment. It is a theme we are hoping to highlight at the farmer fisher day we are holding on December 9, 2017. The event uses the theme "protecting the catchment protects the catch". We hope to get this message across to fishermen of the area and then in future work with them on a couple of little projects which will do just that.

Tawny Frogmouth returns

by David MacAulay

We have had a wonderful experience with a family of Tawny Frogmouths.

Sue found "Fluffball" (photo on cover) in the garden the other morning and we were concerned for its welfare, but as they are nocturnal and we no longer have a cat or dog we decided to leave it alone at least until evening.

However, driving along our drive I noticed something different about a log that was under the

fence: two parent birds and another fledgling.

Two days later one parent and one fledgling have moved away somewhere while the other parent and fluff-ball have been sitting on our stile.



We have not seen any frogmouths in the last few years and are delighted that this family are apparently not too concerned by our comings and goings. ■



ANOTHER BIG WIN

YARRAM YARRAM LANDCARE NETWORK



By Michael Hobson

JARR big winner at Victorian Seafood Industry awards

It was wonderful to see the dedicated work of the Jack and Albert River Restoration Committee (JARR) and partner groups rewarded earlier this year by taking out the Environment Award at the 2017 Victorian Seafood Industry Awards.

The Awards are an event held biennially and recognise excellence in many areas of the seafood industry including; Business, Safety, Promotion, Research and Development and of course Environment.

This year's event was quite a flash affair, held at the Waterfront Venues, Harbor Room in Melbourne's Docklands.

The occasion presented a great opportunity to make contact and form relationships with many business and government agencies, all eager to hear how the JARR committee operates and achieves its' goals.

For those not familiar with the work of JARR, this committee was formed more than ten years ago when two Landcare groups met to discuss how they might work together to impact the catchment as the Jack River flows into the Albert River and then into Nooramunga.

Leon Trembath, then Chair of YYLN, attended a landscape scale workshop held near Castlemaine, by the Norman Wettenhall Foundation (now the Wettenhall Environment Trust).



This interest in landscape scale change as driven by community involvement led to an ongoing partnership that continues to this day.

It is a project that provides a coordinated approach to improve the environmental health and productivity of the Jack and Albert Rivers' catchment ecosystems and their impact on Nooramunga and Corner Inlet, a listed RAMSAR site that is an important area of the Victorian fishing industry.

After receiving notification that JARR had been short listed for the Awards in the Environment category, anticipation grew and it was decided to send a representative to the event. Certainly one of the more pleasurable roles as Chair of JARR was to attend and discuss our work, of course while consuming some wonderful Victorian seafood.

The formal part of the evening began and award nominees were introduced before each

category winner announced. It was surreal to hear someone else introducing the work of JARR as our nomination was read out and even more surreal to see the JARR logo and map appear on the big screen when we were announced the winner!

It was a great pleasure to accept the award on behalf of the YYLN, our amazing JARR committee and our wonderful partners. Partners include the Albert River, Binginwarri, Wonyip, and Yarram Urban Landcare groups, Yarram Secondary College, Alberton Primary School, Waterwatch, Trust for Nature, Greening Australia, HVP, JARR Bird Group, Wettenhall Environment Trust, Yarram Scouts and Cubs, DELWP, Wellington Shire Council, Coastcare, DEDJTR and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

So too was it pleasing to make contact with the Nature Conservancy who sponsored our award category. This has the potential to be a great

relationship as there are many synergies between our groups regarding large scaled habitat restoration work.

Our big win in Victoria put us in the running for the National Seafood Industry Awards held in September at the Sydney International Convention Centre, as part of the Australian Seafood Industry National Conference.

This was also an excellent opportunity to promote the work of JARR and make contact with organisations and agencies whose relationships could prove to be very beneficial in continuing our goals.

The Master of Ceremonies for the event was none other than Peter Fitzsimmons, (husband of Lisa Wilkinson) where a who's who of the Seafood Industry gathered for the occasion.

It was gratifying when once again, we were fortunate enough to be listed as a finalist in the Environment Category but this time being recognised Australia wide.

Unfortunately, on this occasion, we were pipped at the post and the award was won by Austral Fisheries. We should all take a great deal of pride in being recognised for our work in this little corner of the world.

The exposure JARR has received in a wider context for our partnership approach to restoration work is certainly now well established and gives us a great foundation to build upon for the future. ■



LOCAL LANDCARE PROFILES

YARRAM YARRAM LANDCARE NETWORK

Story & photographs by Anne & Peter Hill

NO MORE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

As we wend our way through the southern edge of the Mullungdung forest on a Monday morning, our senses impacted by the recent rain, sunlight and close encounters with wildlife, we are reminded of the unspoilt beauty around us.

We are on a journey to locate the owners of a 324 acre property almost hidden from view in the verdant Reedy Creek valley of Woodside North.

Alison Livermore greets us with a welcoming smile and accepts our contribution to morning tea.

We enviously acknowledge a wondrous green space, and take in the vista and homestead, the origin of the latter being a school building to which several sympathetic additions have been made.

A pot of tea is made and joined by Alison's partner John Murphy our conversation begins regarding the mammoth task they have undertaken in the restoration and revegetation of their portion of Reedy Creek.

After the previous owners' 18 years of intermittent occupation and infrequent attempts at land management, Alison and John purchased the farm, naming it Winswood, almost two years ago moving from their farming property at Nar Nar Goon.

While ostensibly a move to enable John to transition to retirement from his building



ALISON LIVERMORE AND JOHN MURPHY

drafting business and Alison from her real estate involvement, the property has become far more than a retirement project. The couple breed miniature Hereford cattle, as well as running a commercial herd of Herefords and a small flock of Dorper sheep.

Looking out from the huge kitchen window, the massive scope of their endeavours is realised. Stories of blackberry thickets, ragwort and thistles smothering sections of the creek flats, and their two years of working to ensure the blackberries remain banished; using their four wheel ATV and small tractor, are interspersed with an excited discussion about the results of a recent bird count by Dallas Wyatt.

Willow removal was their first priority but quickly understood by them to be too large a project to take on individually, so in partnership with Woodside

Landcare, Yarram Yarram Landcare Network and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority a grant application was made.

The project, which has cost \$54,000 for its first two stages, has received \$15,000 from the CMA and \$25,000 from the state government's biodiversity grants scheme. John and Alison have added \$14,000 in monetary contributions and many hours of work in kind.

John and Alison explained the funding for the initial stage was entirely used in the removal of the willows, meaning they took on the cost of the willow burning & ash disposal, riparian zone fencing and stock troughs.

This first stage consisted of willow removal along approximately one kilometre of creek bank, leaving the poisoned stumps in place to assist in soil retention. Creek banks were fenced to keep stock

out and riparian areas planted with around 3560 tube stock trees.

The couple decided early on they needed large and heavy machinery to do the job of willow removal efficiently.

"Get someone to do the heavy work," is John's advice for anyone approaching such a massive task.

He and Alison were full of praise for the contractors they employed to drop the willows and for the excavator contractor/operator who heaped the willows for burning. "We could see there were many ferns along the creek and Terry Pennycuik worked around the ferns and existing native vegetation," Alison said.

The second project stage of 2.5 kms along Reedy Creek will be funded through a Victorian Biodiversity Grant programme;

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with collaboration from Woodside Landcare and Yarram Yarram Landcare Network a sum of \$45,000 will be received.

The stage of Alison and John's project and by far the most important in terms of biodiversity, is to link two sections of the Mullungdung State Forest by means of a vegetation corridor along Tom's Cap Creek to Reedy Creek. The link will enable separated populations of native wildlife to mingle and enhance genetic strength and perhaps encourage a wider range for the greater glider colony already monitored in the adjoining forest.

A linked project involving Foster and Yarram secondary Colleges will involve nesting boxes being placed in trees along the creeks to assist with this. Already the couple have noticed a significant increase in the numbers of native birds using the creek, perhaps because of their enhanced awareness of birds through Dallas' monitoring or perhaps because the smothering effect of the willows on the creek has been removed.

Alison said she knew a number of farmers could not understand why they wanted to remove the willows, but her studies in conservation and land management had made her aware of the wider benefits of an indigenous species mix on the creek banks.

"In drought the willows can provide useful stock feed and their roots do stabilise the banks. But there is a wider picture, the roots of the cut willows are left to stabilise the banks while the native vegetation is established and

the native vegetation supports a so much more diverse range of native fauna species," she said.

"But, I can understand their view point, they have to make the best use of their existing properties and see the willows as helping return a profit but I like to see the value of the bigger environmental impact," she said.

One of the couple's objectives is to ensure the creeks on their property support the habitat needed for the Martin's Toadlet but have yet to observe this reclusive and endangered amphibian. Monitoring for this and other species will continue in phase two of the project.

Their advice for other landholders who may be considering willow removal to enhance the health of waterways, or any other project on their property, is to get involved with their local Landcare group and coordinator.

"Don't do it solo, there is so much knowledge and help out there," Alison said.

Alison and John have also given some thought to the future direction of the Landcare movement, believing it can bring great benefit not only in terms of farm productivity but also in community cohesiveness. Alison said she could see the potential for Landcare networks to initiate farmer discussion groups around vegetation management and regional micro-climates, soil analysis and water conservation strategies. "Landcare needs to evolve to ensure it remains viable," she said. ■



WILLOWS BEFORE REMOVAL



EXCAVATOR HARD AT WORK



JOB NEARLY DONE



READY FOR REPLANTING



AGM REPORT

YARRAM YARRAM LANDCARE NETWORK

By Melissa Ainsworth

A fun night at the Network AGM

On Friday October 13 the Network held its annual general meeting. Organisers have always structured this event to minimise the meeting formalities so that our Landcare community can maximise their time interacting with members and enjoying each other's company.

Judging by the atmosphere, this plan was well achieved by the 44 members who attended, and demonstrated by attendees not being in any hurry to depart.

The evening was once again held in the May Pavilion at the Yarram Showgrounds. This venue is just fabulous and all the glass windows and doors certainly made the warm and green surrounds feel like we were outdoors.

The Yarram Football Club did a marvellous job providing drinks at the bar and cooking a delicious meal in the kitchen.

Our MC for the evening was Trevor Colvin who, as always, does a marvellous job keeping the proceedings flowing on time.

Acting Chair, Helga Binder thanked everyone present for attending and to the Board, who have had to pick up additional duties to help with the heavy workload. She also thanked and congratulated Sally-Ann who has had many



DR JOHN FORD PRESENTING ON THE HEALTH OF SEA GRASSES AT CORNER INLET

difficulties to endure being our sole remaining staff member, balancing the Network Coordination and project officer roles.

The formalities included the appointment of a general board member, following the retirement of our former Chair, Werner Lange. Having only received one nomination for this casual vacancy, Trevor Colvin was duly appointed. Congratulations Trevor!

The YYLN constitution states in section 15.9 that, *in the event of a casual vacancy occurring for any Board position, the Board may appoint a YYLN member to the vacant position and that member may continue in office up to and including conclusion of the next general meeting following the date of appointment.*

Therefore Helga Binder and David McAninly were endorsed

in their roles of Chair and Vice Chair respectively. We are lucky to have such a dedicated Board, each bringing a diverse range of skills to the Network.

A lovely heartfelt speech was presented by David McAninly to Werner Lange, who has served on our Board in a variety of capacities for over ten years!

Werner has acted as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair and countless other board committee roles. His commitment, dedication and experience will be sorely missed.

Werner remains an active member of the Wonyip group and he and his wife Turid, continue to be true passionate advocates for all things Landcare. Thank you again Werner!

Our guest speaker was Dr John Ford from Melbourne University.

John delivered a very informative talk on his research conducted in Corner Inlet. His presentation detailed his study on the health of seagrasses, which is the foundation for the health of these unique marine and estuarine eco-systems.

If you've never been to the Network AGM, I highly recommend it.

You will not only get to mingle with like minded members from the various groups within our network, but you will also be entertained by an interesting guest speaker, whilst enjoying a lovely meal. It is also a great opportunity to meet your Board members and discuss any Landcare issues you may have, as they also depend on those whom they represent.

I hope to see you at next years AGM! ■

INTREPID LANDCARE

YARRAM YARRAM LANDCARE NETWORK



By Kathleen Brack?

Environmentally-minded young people from across Gippsland congregated at Wilsons Prom on the May 13 and 14 as part of Victoria's first Intrepid Landcare Retreat.

The retreat brought together 20 young people to hike, work with the 'Friends of the Prom' and participate in activities to inspire and empower them to take further work in the Landcare space.

Attendees came from all of Gippsland including Yarram, Sale, the Latrobe Valley, Phillip Island, Inverloch, Mirboo North, Moe and Leongatha, as well as several people from outside Gippsland.

Kathleen Brack from the West Gippsland CMA said the retreat was a great success:

"There is a lot of talk that Landcare needs to connect with young people to ensure the movement continues for years to come, and to do this we need to make sure Landcare is relevant, accessible and appealing.

"This retreat brought incredibly bright and passionate people together and worked through tools to help them step up and lead on issues that are important to them and the local community.

"They learnt more about Landcare and how it can be a critical way of harnessing the community to get stuff done."

Participants experienced a cultural hike lead by Parks Ranger Luke Johnson, environmental activities with the Friends of the Prom, and sunrise Oberon walk, combined with unique self-discovery and leadership training which will

contribute to their growth as local leaders in the environment space.

Attendees were also supported by a range of mentors including Gippsland Unwrapped's Tammy Logan, long-time Landcare legend Paul Speirs, South Gippsland Landcare Network's Jill Vella and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's Tanya Cowell.

Although the retreat was the first of its kind in Victoria, it is one of a series of Intrepid Retreats that have been run across the country in partnership with over 40 different groups and organisations.

"It is an awesome way to bring like-minded young people together around purpose," explains co-founder of Intrepid Landcare Megan Rowlatt.

"We now have six other Intrepid Landcare networks across four states and territories driving change."

"Intrepid Landcare projects provide an outlet for young people to have outdoor adventures and give something back to the local environment at the same time, and they get to create what this looks like."

"Landcare is underrated as a volunteer opportunity, I can't explain how rewarding the journey has been for our volunteers. There's no better way to give back and meet new people if nature is your thing."

Intrepid Landcare is a program that aims to connect people between the ages of 18 to 35 to Landcare by running events that appeal and inspire this age-group. ■

This Retreat was hosted by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority with support from Victorian Landcare Program, Farms Trees and Landcare Association, Victorian Landcare Council, Bass Coast Landcare Network, South Gippsland Landcare Network, Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network and Yarram Yarram Landcare Network.

Attendees were:

Katherine Olive: Inverloch
Derek Snowden: Dalyston
Sarah Matthews: Timboon
Annemieke Enter: Stony Creek
Jordan Rowand: Sale
Lucy Simnett: Inverloch
Shannen Hayes: Newborough
Hannah Buys: Yarram
Brita Jobling: Wattle Bank

Kelsey Tong: Woolamai
Madeline Watts: Perry Bridge
Harriet Spittle: Hampton/Wonyip
Sarah Van Stokrom: Inverloch
Jem Milkins: Leongatha North
Kelsey Fraser: Mirboo North
Jemma Woodhouse: St Kilda East
Shantal Kelly: Boolarra
Jason Good: Phillip Island





AROUND THE TRAPS

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By our Landcare Groups

Woodside

The Woodside Landcare group held its AGM in August and Fergus Irving was returned to the position of chair. Jane Gordon retired from the position of long serving secretary and was replaced by Nicki Jennings. Brian Walpole continues as treasurer and the group has 38 financial members. The group has consistently well attended bi-monthly meetings with wonderful suppers provided by Kay Belcher.

Issues the group has been discussing include:

- the dry season
- salinity monitoring and results
- African Lovegrass
- Myna bird traps, and
- the future of the YYLN's direct seeding machine.

Woodside member Andrew Missen is on the YYLN Board. Member on-ground Landcare works include planting tube stock, direct seeding, rabbit control and willow removal. Guest speaker, Trevor Colvin, spoke on the interesting life of Sir John Monash at our October meeting.

On Sunday December 3 the group will celebrate the end of another successful year with lunch in Sale followed by a gentle cruise down the Sale Canal on the historic boat the "Rubeena" to the Swing Bridge and back. ■

CIBAG

Corner Inlet Blackberry Action group numbers have dwindled over the years to the point where there are only four active members to hold the fort.

Raelene Bond, (chair), Russel Bond (eloquent committee member). Arie Bos, (quiet member) and Dave Smith (scribe) are all founding members of the group.

Matt Stephenson, our very efficient and effective project officer, will continue to work for us but in a much reduced capacity since he is managing a motel in Bairnsdale.

Other members have come and gone, but Sally-Ann keeps on keeping on, as the group co-ordinator and sits in on most of our meetings.

This season we have some spare funds to use plus a \$3000 grant from West Gippsland CMA, which is earmarked for follow up work.

Blackberry, as you all know, is not a "hit it once and leave it" kind of problem. It must be treated and retreated, then monitored and treated again to keep it in check. It just never goes away! Hence, the follow up project is our key and most valuable activity areas.

We plan for Matt to visit signatories to the 3 year agreement for what will be the second year for some and third for others. This is to encourage people to actually do the follow up work, which is so essential for a successful campaign. Of course, if any new neighbours want to join the program as well, then who are we to turn them away? After all, blackberry season is upon us and it's time to get out there and at 'em once again! *All the best to everybody, for what is very rapidly becoming the Christmas season!* ■

Merriman Creek

Following a successful day of burning willow trees stockpiled after their removal earlier in the year, members planted trees at our Riparian Action Plan project site on a cold June morning.

Our August meeting included a presentation by Kathleen Brack, (WGCMA Regional Landcare Coordinator) who did a presentation on the results of the "social return on investment" study. This study was conducted on our Riparian Action Plan project, the first study of this type to look at an environmental project.



The findings were very interesting and uncovered that for every \$1 spent on a Landcare project, there is at least

a \$3.41 return in social value, in terms of increased social connectedness, well-being, increased NRM knowledge and skills, improved group dynamics, increased physical activity and participation, reduced labour and chemical costs (better weed control) and improved relationships with local community. These findings exclude the obvious environmental benefits.

If you are funding interested in getting a copy of this report entitled "Growing trees and growing

change", I'm sure Kathleen would be happy to assist.

Since the release of the RHDV1 K5 rabbit virus at Seaspray in February, members collected rabbit carcasses for analysis which were found mid year. Results of that testing has confirmed the cause of death was in fact the previous released strain of Calicivirus. Now that rabbit numbers are on the increase and with temperatures on the rise, it will be interesting to see if the K5 virus becomes active again. It's good that we now have a new tool to add to the tool bag of control methods.

Our recent AGM saw the election of Greg Avery as Spokesperson and Contact Officer, Melissa Ainsworth was re-elected.

In late November our group enjoyed a Christmas dinner meeting, thanks to the hospitality of members Jacque and Paul Harrison. We were also treated to a presentation by bird expert, Dallas Wyatt, who spoke on farm birds and monitoring revegetation sites.

Season's Greetings to all our Landcare community! ■



DALLAS WYATT TALKS BIRDS

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By our Landcare Groups

Wonyip

The Webb's planted their first batch of trees on the 16/07/16. One month later they returned to see how the trees had survived. There were around 100 surviving trees, mainly eucalypts.

Fourteen months later they recounted the trees, and discovered that forty trees had survived the local predators, leaving around 100 empty guards. They took trees, all eucalypts, from neighbour Werner's stock and planted 80 baby trees in the empty guards.

One month later they were very pleased to discover that the rate of survival of the trees was surprisingly high. From a fairly cursory walk through the corridor, they are willing to assert that approximately 80% of the new seedlings have survived so far, resulting in a very healthy looking wildlife corridor. Finally, some success.

The Stones planted approx 300 native trees in late October thanks to a landcare grant. The area replanted is on the boundary of their property where pines were removed by the same contractor who cleared the Lange property (see article on page 11).

While this was going on, the Spittles down the road were slaving away on their Wonyiaedia project (see page 12 for that report). ■

Yarram Urban

Our main focus at Yarram Urban this spring has been getting the weeds at the Bicentennial Garden under control. We've finally realised that there just aren't enough of us to get on top of them by pulling them out, so we've turned to what we probably should have been doing from the start - *mulching!* One of our enterprising members found us some free

mulch that meant that we only had to pay for transport, which we could afford. Next we got a huge load of newspapers. And magically combined the two now cover our weedy problems. Where we've done it, we've had great results, now it's just a matter of continuing to cover and smother, which we will do over the next few months.

As a promotional activity, to help the public find the gardens, we have begun a monthly produce swap at the gardens. The first one was held quite successfully with 8 people attending, 3 of which were new to the gardens and had never heard of them before. Produce and gardening chatter were exchanged to mutual benefit and enjoyment.

A Cup Day barbecue to socialise and enjoy a visit to the Reedy Creek project site was fun for all. The group was most impressed with the work achieved so far and praised John and Alison for their commitment and hospitality. Unfortunately not

many members had been able to help out with the plantings for stage one, however there were many offers of assistance to help out with phase two in the future.

Our other project in the lead up to the Yarram Show is preparing a stall for the show to keep Landcare in everyone's mind and maybe find a few more volunteers to join our merry band. ■

Alberton Junior

The Alberton Landcare Subgroup has decided to change it's name to Alberton Junior Landcare Subgroup to better reflect the membership of the group being the Alberton Primary School community. Hopefully this will also help reduce the confusion with the Albert River group.

See page 15 for details of their latest activity. ■



PETER HULL, CAMERON STONE AND WERNER LANGE READY TO GO...



...UNTIL THEY SAW A TINY BIT OF THE AREA TO BE PLANTED.



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By David McAninly

Reactivated Albert River Landcare Group

After the reinvigoration of the Albert River Landcare group in June 2017 there has been much activity at the John Crew Memorial Park, a VicRoads Reserve off the South Gippsland Highway at Alberton.

The reactivation meeting was held at the McAninly residence and then there was a meeting held on site with former local, Col Scammell, a senior officer with VicRoads, who was most impressed with what has already been built over the years and the plans we have for the future. Already the request for more mowing of the large area

has been achieved with the offer to paint toilets, improve tracks, finance signage and the erection of information boards. Col also offered some new fencing construction, to add photo points and assistance in the building of steel tables and chairs and eventually a small playground area.

Additionally, the WGCMA are also involved with funding to assist with the project, which will include repairing the wooden observation decks and a cement base for launching boats. The Albert River Landcare group are going to run working bees, with VicRoads approval, to mow, whipper snip and generally enhance the site as an attractive area to visit with toilet facilities.

A group of regular campers to Hiawatha have formed a committee to work with the Albert River Landcare group, Wellington Shire Council, the WGCMA and HVP to enhance the Hiawatha Falls MinnieHaHa reserve.

The CMA has already injected willow trees near the falls spillway and will be removed once they die. The Shire are willing to build a protective fence around the swimming area, as well as fence off an area of Jefferys' Creek, a tributary to the Albert River, and plant native shrubs along the riparian area.

A successful working bee was conducted on October 28. The group worked on the walking

track above the falls where the vegetation was in urgent need of pruning and the bridge crossings needed maintenance. Other activities included mowing, whipper snipping and general tidying up.

Land and Natural Resources Coordinator, Alan Hill, from the Wellington Shire has obligingly had the reserve mowed for pending campers. Alan is looking forward to drawing up a Management Plan and working with the various partners in improving the area of this picturesque reserve, where hundreds of people camp for long periods and many more enjoy day visits over the summer months. ■



ALBERT RIVER GROUP HAS THEIR FIRST MEETING IN A LONG TIME



OVERGROWN TRACK ALONG THE ALBERT RIVER

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by Helga Binder

What one man, his wife and a dog can do with a bit of funding

Werner Lange, his wife Turid and their dog Lulu have been exceptionally busy on their property, Valley View in Wonyip, over the last few months.

As members of the Wonyip Landcare group, they received a total of \$7,000 to go towards fencing and revegetating some three acres of land that has been under pines since the year before they purchased the property in 1987.

The intention was always to harvest the plantation and bring it back to native vegetation, but the cost was prohibitive for such a small acreage until new neighbours, Cameron and Shari Stone, wanted to get rid of a similar acreage of pines.

Finally, the dream became reality and father and son team (father being 91 years old) took on the task. They used a harvesting machine to cut the

trees down and chainsaws to individually remove branches and cut the logs to size. It took them 5 weeks to complete the job at Valley View.

Fencing commenced, thanks to the assistance of the WGCMA for providing the \$4000 grant. The intention was to section off additional area from existing pasture and to create an extensive wildlife corridor connecting with the newly cleared harvest acreage. A further 500 metres of fencing will be done around the cleared plantation area to protect the plantings from any and all vermin. This total exclusion fencing is over 6 foot in height, with a protection at the base, so that burrowing cannot occur. "This fencing, together with an access track, will cost around \$20k, so the \$4,000 is a great help" said Werner.

With the donation of 2,000 indigenous plant species Werner began planting, single-handedly, one plant at a time.

Not bad for a 79 year old. But as he says, it was nothing compared to the 91 year old who cleared the forest!

"If a 91 year old can work from 6am to 7pm wielding a chainsaw for five weeks," said Werner, "surely I must be able to plant all those trees by myself!"

And plant them he did, single-handedly while his lovely wife

and dog provided food, support and did everything else that needed to be done. *What a team!*

The grant of \$3,000 for the next stage of planting will see more plants going in next year. We can only hope that at that point there will be a team of Landcarers out there to help him.



JUST ONE SMALL SECTION OF CLEARED LAND PLANTED BY WERNER



THE HARVESTING MACHINE STARTS WORK



91 YEAR OLD FATHER AND SON WORKING AS A TEAM



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by Sally-Ann Henderson

Community Volunteer Action Grants

(with funding from DELWP)

Wonyipedia

The sounds of chainsaws removing holly, spray carts killing blackberry and post hole diggers putting up fencing are all to assist the building of the walking trail. The people of Wonyip have been working hard to complete their project with the Spittles and other volunteers clearing and cleaning up to 3kms of walking track. Fighting off the leeches as they battled the brambles.

The sounds of keys clicking on a keyboard, the scanner capturing old photographs and the kettle whistling in the background are signs that the Wonyipedia identification guide is nearing completion along with the information signs for the trail.

The guide will be a community resource that helps locals and visitors identify the threatened species that are in the local area. It has been put together to be a web resource and can be downloaded and printed. It is to be a living document and you will find the first version of it here. <http://www.yarramlandcare.org/information.html>

Wood crackling as it burns to heat up the pizza over, hammers banging, laughter rings out. It must be the community gathering to celebrate the end

of the project and build some nest boxes to put along the trail.

Can't wait for the party to celebrate their success.

Reedy Creek Phase 1

By Nicki Jennings

Plant Identification Day

On the afternoon of Monday November 6, Woodside Landcare member and botanist Jenny Wolswinkel led a walk through bush adjoining and in Alison Livermore and John Murphy's Carrajung Lower property. Through funding from the Victorian Government for threatened species habitat and riparian restoration, as well as their own investment, they have done extensive work removing willows from Reedy Creek which meanders its way through their property.

Jenny was completing a survey of three different vegetation types in the area including lowland forest and riparian vegetation. Her extensive knowledge of local plant species was evident as we wandered along Pougues Rd and across the farm paddocks. Participants included Woodside Landcare members as well as Wonyip and the Yarram Urban Group.

A great variety of Spring flowering plants were identified including orchids, climbers, and shrubs. Yellow diuris orchids were a highlight. Many of the towering eucalypts were also identified including Coast Grey Box, Manna Gum and Peppermint.

Alison and John have started the huge task of revegetating along the creek that was once choked with willows. The work done by Jenny in identifying plants will help guide the future



JENNY GIVES A BRIEFING BEFORE THE FARM WALK BEGINS



SOME OF THE WILLOWS THAT WERE CUT AND POISONED



EXAMINING PLANTS IN A PROTECTED REMNANT

revegetation works.

Along with the plant identification work there has also been extensive monitoring of the animals present at the site. Dallas Wyatt has commented that his bird surveys showed significant changes in composition since the removal of the willows.

For example removal of the dense willows means now large numbers of wood ducks are using the more open water of the creek. We witnessed this for ourselves with a family of ducklings running for the water when we all approached to get a closer look at some of the huge stumps that remain on the banks.

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Reedy Creek Phase 2

The Victorian Government have recently confirmed that they will support phase two of the Reedy Creek restoration project to provide habitat for Martin's Toadlet and other threatened species. At the end of this project the creek will be pretty much willow free and revegetated with local species. It will provide a wonderful linking corridor between patches of Mullundung Forest on either side of the creek.

The project also has a small component of funding allocated to put on a Landcare art exhibition in late 2018.

Landcare enjoys the partnership we have established with the Courthouse Gallery Yarram volunteers and are delighted to be able to host our 4th exhibition. The works will then travel to the Segue Gallery in Stratford. The theme of the exhibition has not yet been determined.

Warm Temperate Rain Forest

Both Warm and Cool Temperate Rainforest is considered a threatened Ecological Vegetation Community (EVC) in Victoria. We are lucky enough to have patches of both within our network. The largest landholder of these EVCs are HVP. In this project we have worked with them to restore the quality of remnant rainforest gullies in Hiawatha.

Works included weed control, planting of overstory species and monitoring. Typically, in these EVCs the mid and under story species will naturally re-establish through the seedbank

in the soil and distribution of seeds by birds and other animals. Therefore, replanting of the taller eucalypts, muttonwood, blackwoods, etc. is all that is needed to restore the EVC with things like cassinia, oleria and goodenia soon popping up themselves.

Our monitoring specialist have spent many hours combing through the camera footage looking for quolls, bandicoots, potoroos and other species that are hard to find. Alas, there have been no quolls but we did find a long nosed bandicoot. Unfortunately, far too many shots are of foxes and cats. Lyrebirds also seem to like having their picture taken.

National Landcare Program

Corner Inlet Connections Salt Marsh

We are now into the final year of the Corner Inlet Connections project. The funding for this project has come from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program through the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. The project has already delivered more saltmarsh protection in the previous years than was promised in the original project application. Therefore, no on ground works will be delivered this year. The work that has been done to protect saltmarsh to the east of Port Albert now means there is almost continuous protection along the coast. Gaps in our protection work are either due to areas not grazed and therefore not in need of protection, areas modified by seawalls, and the occasional site where a landholder does not wish to participate.

This Spring partial revegetation of a 400 acre site at Mann's Beach was done, including planting tubestock and for the first time we also tried some niche direct seeding. The

saltmarsh area was protected a few years back and the family have now decided to set aside the whole property for conservation. This marvellous outcome shows how attitudes to saltmarsh are changing, with landholders realising that rather than fight salinity in areas unproductive for grazing, a viable option is to rehabilitate it for conservation.

This year in preparation for what future funding may be applied for, we have been commissioned to do a study of potential sites for future saltmarsh protection along the coast to the west of Port Albert. We will be conducting land surveys and determining attitudes to protection to scope out the scale for future protection projects.

Healthy Soils

Lisa Warne presented to an appreciative audience at a field day at the Woodside Football Club and then out in the paddock to inspect the pastures. Discussed on the day were the results of the drought tolerant

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THE SPLENDOUR OF BRIGHT PINK NOON FLOWER IN THE SALTMARSH



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KANGAROOS LOVE HANGING OUT IN THE SALTMARSH AND ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

pasture work and some general soil fertility observations and recommendations.

Regional Community Grants 2017

Revegetation around a wetland, dam, ephemeral creek, and mature paddock trees (see photo on back cover) all form part of the outputs achieved for RCG. This along with multiple supplemental revegetation efforts, fencing and weed control.

At one of the RCG sites, in Seaspray, we held a community tree planting day with 15 Trees and GJ Gardner Homes. The Merriman Creek Group receive a few hundred trees each year

via a joint project with these partners. This year the trees were scattered around the district on various properties however the staff of GJ Gardner were keen to participate in a tree planting activity. So, they worked alongside a couple of Merriman LG volunteers to plant out a corridor linking two existing patches of vegetation along a saline waterway.

Erosion

As we near the end of the Australian Government Dept. of Agriculture's, Sustainable Agriculture project it is timely to have won the Seafood Industry Award for the work we have done to protect the seagrass.

The aim of the project was to do just that, with three sites being fenced and revegetated to reduce sediment into Corner Inlet. There was also some weed control including the poisoning of willows and spraying of blackberry. The sites are spread across the catchments and have all had Soil Erosion Management Plans done to give advice on the best way to tackle the site. One is a wet gully slope, one an eroding creek and the other a steep hillside. We have partnered with Agriculture Victoria, WGCMA and Recreational Fishers Victoria to achieve the work. Most of the work has been done by contractors but we have enjoyed participation by some community groups to help plant out one area.

Projects for Victorian Landcare Grants (VLG) and Regional Community Grants (RCG) are chosen via our Expression of Interest Process. This year we have delivered in partnership with the landholders a range of remnant protection and revegetation projects.

Other Victorian Government Grants

Victorian Landcare Grants 2017

As part of the VLG project delivery this year we are undertaking a baseline bird monitoring program with Dallas Wyatt. Recently he has had the opportunity to present to both Merriman and Woodside Landcare Groups. The VLG projects have been undertaken in Stradbroke along Monkey and Merriman Creeks, across multiple properties in Wonyip, a corridor in Woodside and protection of May's Bush Reserve near Yarram.

VLG 2018

Projects for the coming year have been allocated including riparian restoration and revegetation such as the work being done on the Lange property (see article on page 11)



GJ GARDNER CORPORATE TREE PLANTING DAY IN SEASPRAY



FENCING AND REVEGETATION AROUND A WETLAND AT THE ARNOLD/ODDY PROPERTY

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Landcare Support Grants

This year the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority has awarded small grants to five landcare subgroups across our network. All the groups which applied were successful.

CIBAG will use its grant to follow up landholders, conduct more weed control and recruit new participants into signing up for management plans.

As blackberry season is now in full swing their project officer has already begun following up those with management plans to see how things are going with the control efforts.

Albert River Landcare Group are going to use their grant to redevelop the Albert River Reserve on the South Gippsland Hwy.

They have held their first working bee and approached VicRoads about partnering with them. VicRoads has given a commitment for additional funding and infrastructure for the area.

Alberton Junior Landcare Group and Yarram High School are joining forces to deliver a film festival featuring films about JARR and Natural Resource Management (NRM) that have been made by the students. This will screen later next year.



ALBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PLANTING AT PORT ALBERT



YEAR 9 STUDENTS ENJOY LUNCH AT THE END OF THEIR TREE PLANTING ADVENTURE

Urban Landcare Group will work with Bug Blitz to do an excursion for all local primary schools.

The event will focus on NRM messages with a range of participant partners such as Wellington, GuniaKurnai, and naturalists.

YYLN Publications committee has been given funding to develop and print a prospectus to encourage future investment in a range of projects for the network. This prospectus is currently being developed by members of the Board. The aim is to then distribute the

prospectus to potential funding partners.

Community Plantings

Landcare always relies on a collaborative approach to making a difference for our environment. That is why it is great to have been able to involve multiple community groups this year.

Our first community planting for the year was a combined redevelopment of Rutter Park

in Port Albert. **The Wellington Shire, Port Albert Yacht Club and Alberton Primary School** all worked with Landcare to make it happen. The day was a great success with a new casuarina forest being established along with additional mixed plantings in the garden beds between the yacht club and the park. The school from the Alberton Junior Landcare Group and all the teachers and students participated, with the children enjoying a sausage sizzle and play in the park as rewards for their efforts. One of the highlights of the day was enjoying the feeling of satisfaction in seeing how well their October 2015 planting efforts were thriving.

The Yarram scouts and cubs along with some parents were able to get almost 500 trees in the ground in one evening. They worked very hard and I am sure that a spirit of competition among each little group of workers helped them achieve such high numbers. The scouts and cubs aim to do at least one Landcare activity a year and we appreciate this willing workforce and legacy they are building.

Yarram Rotary Club approached YYLN to do a community tree planting day. The Gippsland District Governor's wife has a pet project each year. This year she commissioned every member to plant a tree. The logical thing was to work with Landcare.

A range of locations were discussed, with the group finally settling on 100 plants to go on the Tarra Trail. The trail has been the site of many community plantings over the years and

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ROTARY MEMBERS PLANTING OUT A SECTION OF THE TARRA TRAIL



SCOUTS AND CUBS IN ACTION

there are now few areas left unvegetated. The group boldly decided to tackle the wet area to the east of the highway, planting species that don't mind getting wet feet. In a concerted effort, the little group of very enthusiastic workers planted more than 100 plants, only stopping when they ran out of room to plant any more.

The year 9s at Yarram Secondary College dedicate one or two Wednesdays each year to planting trees as part of ongoing Landcare projects. These plantings are usually in JARR. It was Leon Trembath's original vision for JARR, to create areas of revegetation planted by children, that they could then look back on with ownership and pride in years to come. And whilst JARR has certainly morphed into far more than that, it is great to keep the Yarram youth connected to the land in this small way.

Our first event was thwarted by a day of high wind and rain and school determined it was not safe to have the kids out in such weather. So with a commitment by all that it was vitally important to continue the

tradition we rescheduled it to early in 4th term. Unfortunately, the weather tried to get in the way again. This time sending us the opposite with a day of 31°. Despite the challenging weather two sites in Devon North were planted with about 1500 plants. Well down on previous years efforts but still a great achievement in the heat and the watermelon certainly proved popular afterwards.

Other community partnership planting days include working bees for the various groups and the tree planting day with GJ Gardner Homes (see RCG report). As mentioned, many of these days are long term partnership commitments established over many years and we value them and the legacy they leave behind. ■

Yarram Seedbank

By Anne Hill
Seedbank Committee Chair

The future of the Yarram Seedbank, currently housed within the HVP precinct, was recently sought from our

Landcare groups. In response to the call out for ideas/interest in the future of the seedbank and its assets, Woodside, Yarram Urban and the Merriman Creek groups, together with Alison Livermore and Jenny Wolswinkel, expressed concern as to the retention of the Burford seeder and current storage of collected seeds.

Whilst there were few offers to volunteer, some members from the Yarram Urban group did offer to assist and learn how to collect and store seed. A meeting of the Seedbank Committee was organised, that Jenny and an Urban volunteer also attended. The aim was to gain as much knowledge and information regarding the collection, maintenance and financial outcomes of collected seeds stored at this facility.

The meeting decided:

- to maintain the current status of the facility as there are no overheads;
- YYLN will continue to use the seed for their direct seeded projects, buying supplemental seed where needed;
- YYLN will not dispose of or destroy any of the existing seed stock;
- YYLN will not buy or collect any more seeds to store; and
- the complete inventory of the stored seed together with costs, will be placed on our network web site for prospective purchasers to peruse. Also planned for is the creation of a seed collection calendar to assist in the planning of future projects. ■



SEED IN SEEDBANK, READY FOR USE

WORDS OF WISDOM

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Cousin Wally



Where does frost come from and why does it damage plants?

It's certainly been crunchy underfoot this winter with frost on the ground. I am glad of my thick leather skin and underground burrow to keep me warm!

Frost is the formation of ice which appears on cold nights. When water gets less than 0°C it goes from a liquid to solid and becomes ice. The air around us contains between 1% and 4% water vapour, which is a gas. As gases cool down they become liquid. So after a cool night when we look outside and see dew on the grass we know the air temperature was cold enough to turn some of the gassy water vapour into liquid. If the air temperature goes below 0°C then the dew will freeze giving us frost. This type of frost appears as sheets of ice (on puddles) or as icicles on plants.

Sometimes frost will occur without dew forming. The water vapour will become liquid momentarily and then

freeze. The water molecules have frozen so quickly they appear as crystals. Due to the cold temperature of the crystals more water vapour from the air around the crystals is frozen against these crystals. Eventually these grow into a blanket of crystals, which is another form of frost.

Because cold air is heavier than warm air, frosts are often seen on river flats and in valleys but not on the hills surrounding them. This is because the cold air has settled to the bottom of the hills forcing the warm air upwards and protecting the hills from frost.

When frost occurs on plants it causes the plant's cells to shrink, forcing water out of the cells into spaces between the cells where it can freeze. As temperature rises and the water between the cells starts to thaw the water is absorbed back into the cells. If this occurs quickly there is no damage to the plant tissue, but if thawing is slow, the cells are deprived of water and become dehydrated resulting

in 'frost burn'. So washing the frost off a plant to ensure a quick thaw can help prevent damage to a plant.

Other ways of protecting plants is to ensure the soil around them is free of growth and the ground is smooth. This allows the warmth from the ground to rise upwards and warm the air. Recently cultivated soil contributes to frost damage as there are many nooks and crannies where cold air can be trapped.

Long grass or deep loose mulch can also result in forming pockets where cold air can be trapped which assists the formation of frost. Mulch however is good as it helps keep the warmth in the ground provided it is tamped down to avoid air pockets.

Do not prune in winter or spring until frosts are finished for the season. Pruning encourages increased sap flow resulting in new growth. Young growth is more susceptible to frost damage and if damaged may not regrow until the following season.

Moistening the soil around plants the evening before a frost will help maintain an elevated temperature in the soil. Covering plants or planting below the canopy of large trees assists in trapping the warmer air around a plant protecting it from the cold.

There is another form of frost known as Black Frost. This occurs when there is very little water vapour in the air. When these conditions occur water in plants can freeze and usually results in dead foliage which quickly turns "black". In



this case there may be little or no visual evidence of the frost other than the black foliage.

So next time you crunch across a frosty lawn look to see if the frost is pieces of ice or made up of lots crystals. If it is made of crystals grab your magnifying glass to see the lovely varying patterns these crystals make.

Sometimes I lick the frost as I am walking across it as it is a good source of clean pure water - what you might call a Free Range icypole!!

Email your questions to mel.ainsworth@me.com and I will try to answer them for you. ■

Until next time,

Wally 



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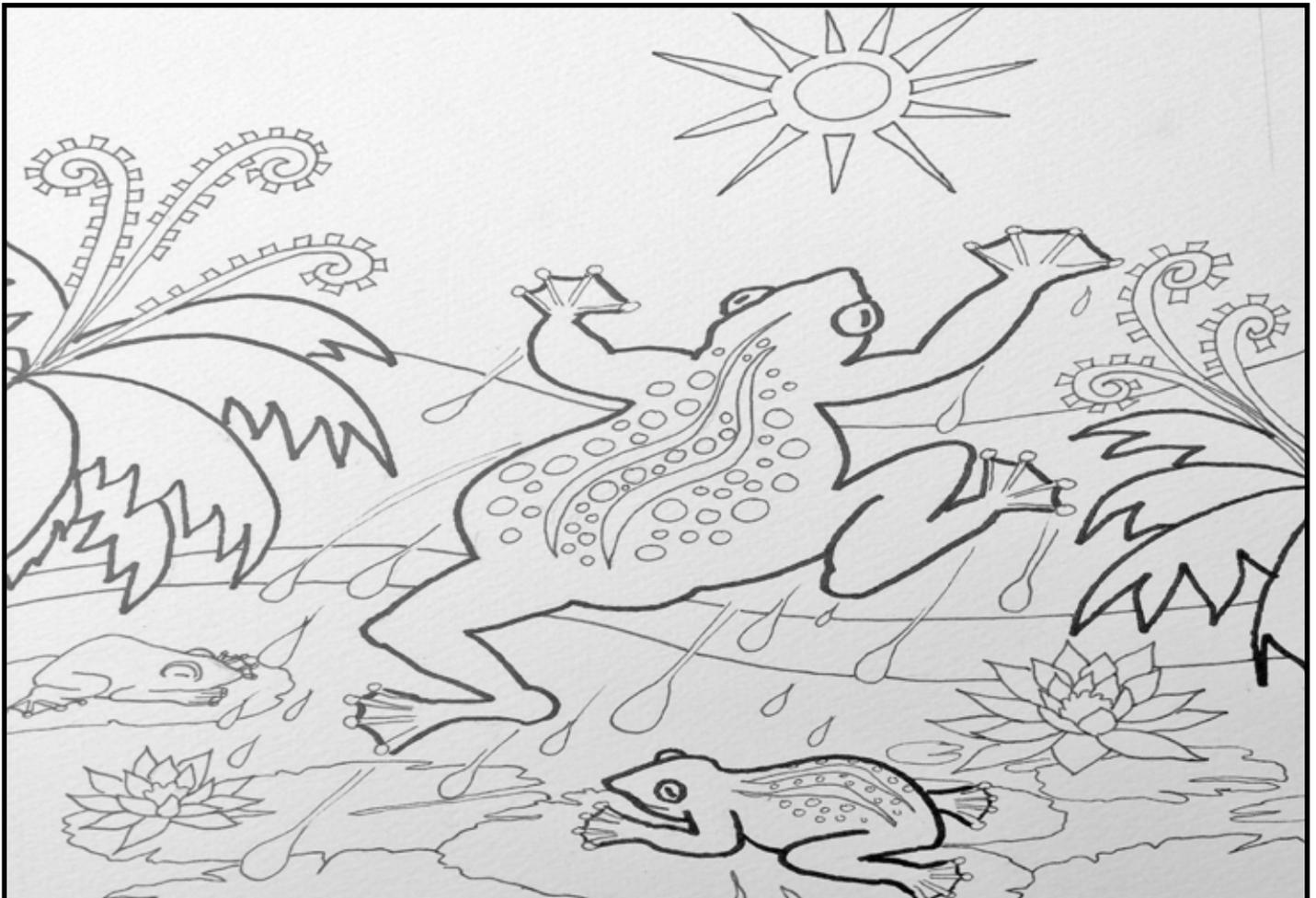
Find the following streets and roads in this giant word puzzle.

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| Church Rd | Mongomery St |
| Commercial Rd | Nicol St |
| Devon St | Nightingale St |
| Duke St | Rhoda St |
| Enid St | Station St |
| Evelyn St | Union St |
| Fairveiw Ave | Walpole Crt |
| Gipps St | Wesly St |
| Growse St | Yarram St |

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Puzzle by Anne Hill, typed by Serena Savage

Croak, croak, croak, colour my world



PARTNER ACTIVITY

YARRAM YARRAM LANDCARE NETWORK



By Rachael Millar

Celebrating 20 years of catchment management

This year West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) celebrates its 20th Anniversary and is looking forward to working with the community and partners to make a difference for many years to come.

WGCMA Chair, Angus Hume, said the organisation, staff, partners and community had a lot to be proud about over the last 20 years.

"We've definitely matured as an organisation," said Mr Hume. "We're nimble, adaptable and able to respond to community and environmental needs well.

"It is really pleasing to see how we, as an organisation, with our partners and landowners have been able to quite literally change the landscape.

"By working with landholders to remove weeds and willows, fence and revegetate rivers and creeks we are seeing huge results in water quality and bank stability."

Over the last 20 years more than 2,300 kilometres of fencing has been constructed, 5,600 hectares of weeds controlled and almost three and a half million trees planted.

WGCMA's statutory planning unit has also provided floodplain planning advice on 17,500 cases.

"The numbers paint an impressive picture, but it is when you see how a landscape has been transformed that you really see the true outcomes of the work done," continued Mr Hume.

"We have a number of amazing projects that demonstrate this, including the transformation of Heart Morass near Sale from degraded farmland to what is now a 1,800 hectare wetland complex.

"Silcocks Hill near Corner Inlet, is transforming before our very eyes as we watch the trees begin to grow. This is changing over-cleared farmland that was slipping into the rivers and ocean into a treed gully that is holding firm.

"Great tracts of land have been treated for pests high up in the catchment as part of our Alpine Peatlands project and rare wildflowers have been found and protected as part of the Red Gum Grassy Woodlands projects.

"We've run education sessions with kids, supported our Waterwatch volunteers and hundreds of Landcarers.

"Over the years, water for the environment released at key times in the Thomson, Latrobe and Macalister rivers has helped trigger fish migration, improved the condition of bankside vegetation and helped other vulnerable and endangered species.

"While we're very proud of what we've achieved with our partners and community, this is no time to sit back and believe that the job is done.

"We as a community face very real environmental challenges, including how we manage the impacts of climate change, how we can support our farming community to provide enough food for our growing populations and how we can protect Gippsland's unique natural environment now and in the future.

"We are well placed to support our community and will continue to advocate for funding and support to implement projects that improve biodiversity, protect vegetation and our waterways for years to come."

For more information on these projects and many others visit www.wgcma.vic.gov.au. WGCMA is proud to be helping ensure catchment health, productivity and liveability now and into the future.

Gorse Project

The Yarram Urban Landcare Group have funding from the Victorian Gorse Taskforce and are LOOKING FOR PROJECT SITES to undertake gorse control. The project will share control costs in a \$1 for \$1 split. Please contact the YYLN office if you know of a suitable site. The project needs to be completed by June 2018.





PROTECTING REMNANT TREES IS VITAL IF THEY ARE TO SURVIVE, HENCE NEW FENCING AS PART OF RCG 2017

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