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World's only Platycam now streaming

At the end of last month we launched the world's only livestream of platypus in their native habitat in Hamilton. Platycam was part of a wider project on the Grange Burn in Hamilton which installed habitat for the resident population of platypus in the waterway but the livestream has created unprecedented interest in this amazing animal. The launch of the habitat project and livestream camera was held in Hamilton on May 30 and immediately captured the attention of local, statewide and national media. It is great to be able to showcase a waterway and biodiversity project to such a wide audience. The project was delivered by the CMA, funded by the Victorian Government, and supported by Southern Grampians Shire Council and the Arthur Rylah Institute.

Our project work hasn't been limited to this project, with many other ground breaking projects, like the roadside native grass restoration project and the sanderling tracking project also generating significant attention.

The CMA is continuing its support to Landcare through the provision of funding to Landcare groups across the region through the Victorian Landcare Grants program and also to specific Landcare groups in the eastern Grampians region through the Our Catchments Our Communities program.

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Platycam launch - Monday May 30

The community launch of Platycam was attended by approximately 100 people in person and over 300 people via the livestream. Following a welcome to Country by Uncle Johnny Lovett, the signage, sculpture and chair were unveiled by Adam Bester CEO, Glenelg Hopkins CMA; Diane Crowther, Senior Research Scientist, Arthur Rylah Institute; and Bruach Colliton, Mayor, Southern Grampians Shire Council. Read more at www.ghcma.vic.gov.au



ABOVE LEFT: The Southern Grampians Shire Council Works Crew members who were integral to the installation of the project.

LEFT and RIGHT: Students from Hamilton Gray Street Primary School helped complete the project with planting the last of the native grasses on the banks of the Grange Burn.



Southern Farming Systems - Rural Women on Farms

Southern Farming Systems has been delivering Women on Farms Workshops in the Hamilton and Lake Bolac regions since 2018. The project is supported by Glenelg Hopkins CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

There are 4 workshops each year held specifically for Women on Farms in the Hamilton and Lake Bolac regions, each group get's the opportunity to put forward topics of interest for these advanced training workshops.

"We welcome any new participants to the sessions and are happy to grow our groups, it doesn't matter what your knowledge level is, as it is such a warm friendly environment with everyone on their own learning journey" said Lisa Miller, SFS Project Coordinator.

"GHCMA is supporting the Women on Farms advanced training session as we understand that women on farms are part of the key decision-making process" said Richard Murphy, GHCMA.

Pasture & Grazing Management 20th June (Lake Bolac Region), 21st June (Hamilton Region)

Skills based, strategic approach to manage pasture and grazing systems
Management strategies related to increasing competition for sub-clover persistence.
Feed Value and Tactics and followed by farm walk.

The 4S's of Soil 14th September (Hamilton Region), 15th September (Lake Bolac Region)

How to measure, manage and monitor your soils for: soil acidity, salinity, soil monitoring and soil trace elements.

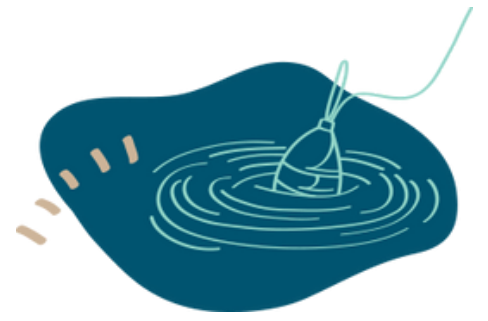


For more information
and to register
click [HERE](#)

To get involved or to be
kept informed of the
group activities you can
join our Facebook Group
Glenelg Hopkins Rural
Women
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Open for fishness

The upgrade to Pritchards Landing is complete!
The new jetty is now open for Glenelg Rivers users to access.



Work on the new floating pontoon began on May 2nd. The new landing replaced the existing small, fixed treated pine jetty (pictured) and with all-abilities accessible, gives greater tie-off area for 3 boats, and has more space for anglers wanting to fish from the new jetty.

Its pontoon construction means the new jetty adapts to changes in river height associated with estuary entrance closures and sea-levels, and the new structure extends 1.5m further into the river to provide greater access during low tide.

And better access to the Glenelg River for more people means more opportunities at more times during the year to enjoy our wonderful waterway.

The new pontoon jetty will support recreational fishing access and work was provided by Glenelg Hopkins CMA with funding through the Victorian Fisheries Authority 2020-2021 Large Grants Program

Before



After



Inspiring the next generation with STEM

How do you help get more girls in science?

Give them examples of women working with STEM in their everyday job ... and not just as a scientist or engineer.

The CMA's Water Resources Officer Noni Brislin recently spoke at a Girls as Leaders in Science event at @Deakin University about how science is used in the CMA, then used experiments to simulate river management and how people and events can impact water quality, and how to manage it.



Funding for Landcare groups of the South-East Grampians

Funding is now available to help build the local knowledge of the best ways to farm in a wetland landscape for an economic and environmental win:win situation.

Details and applications [HERE](#)



Funding of up to **\$80,000** is now available to Landcare groups in the south-east Grampians region through the Victorian Government's *Our Catchments Our Communities Program* to improve the understanding and on-farm management of our wetland landscape

For full details of funding availability, criteria and how to apply visit: www.ghcma.vic.gov.au



New closing date: June 27 2022



Look on the YEP side of life

by Erinn McNeilly, YEP Community and Media Officer

The Victorian Government's Youth Employment Program, or what we like to call YEP, was established to provide young people with the opportunity to kickstart their careers and develop skills for the future. These positions in the public service will give young Victorians, including people who have lost their jobs as a result of coronavirus, paid work that supports our community for a period of nine months. The Glenelg Hopkins CMA's nine YEP staff started in September 2021. As the YEP employees' contracts come to an end in May, and before they spread their wings for their next adventure, let's find out what they've been up to.



Liam Meredith worked as a Waterways Program Delivery Support Officer, before starting his journey with GHCMA. Liam was working as a Farmhand at a local farm. His highlight during his time at GHCMA has been the Night-time field surveys for Australasian Bitterns in wetlands across the catchment.

He has found the Youth Employment program a great opportunity to get a foot in the door to work in the public sector and is inspired to continue a career within the conservation and natural resource management industry.

Left: Liam Meredith
enjoying a planting weekend in Harrow

I started the YEP program to gain experience and professional growth. Working for Glenelg Hopkins has done so much for my professional growth and along the way I have worked with incredible individuals that have a world of knowledge and encouragement. I am now more certain where I want to apply myself in my future career.

I would encourage anyone at any stage in their life to look at working for the public sector and applying their skills to better our community, environment, professional goals and future for the next generation.

It has been a pleasure working for Glenelg Hopkins CMA, being part of the exciting project PlatyCam and writing the YEP articles in the Newsletter.

As we signed off for our next adventure on 31st of May, we would like to say a huge thank you to the organisation, our mentor, supervisors, managers and all the employees of GHCMA that have supported us throughout this journey.



Above: Erinn McNeilly
at the PlatyCam launch

**Always look on the YEP side of Life,
Sincerely,
Erinn McNeilly**

Penshurst-Dunkeld Rd grasslands are SOW excited

The bare patches of earth created on the roadside of the Penshurst Dunkeld Road in southwest Victoria in a ground breaking project have been sown down to a special mix of native grasses and herbs.

The project is based on the theory that native grasses will have the best opportunity to establish and spread seed on roadsides after the exotic species (like Phalaris) and their seedbank has been removed.

About 18 months ago areas of the roadside were scalped of vegetation and the top 150mm of soil, and last month those areas were resown with this locally collected native seed mix a special blend of seven grasses and three herbs.

It is anticipated that by spring this area should be a sea of green native grass seedlings.

While weather conditions made it boggy for the planting day, a public field day on the site showing the growth of the native grasses will be held in spring.

BELOW: Project team members (from left) Aggie Stevenson and Ben Zeeman from Glenelg Hopkins CMA and native grasslands expert, John Morgan.



ABOVE: The seed mix sown into the areas of roadside.

BELOW: The seeding operation underway which included the use of a modified combine specifically for the sowing of native seeds.



CMA NEWS - UPCOMING EVENTS

Southern Grampians Shire Business awards

Businesses with a high level of commitment to ethical, social and environmental leadership in the Southern Grampians Shire Council area.

Are you one?
Do you know one?

Business award nominations are now open.
Details [HERE](#)



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People & Culture Advisor

12 month contract role | 0.6 - 0.8 FTE
Located Hamilton | Warrnambool | Work from home flexibility

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2022 Victorian Landcare Grants - NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for the 2022 Victorian Landcare Grants.

The Victorian Government is providing \$3.35 million funding to support Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks for on-ground works, education, and capacity building projects that help protect and restore Victoria's land and natural environment.

Up to \$20,000 is available for project grants and up to \$500 for support grants.

The grants are open to all Victorian Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks that are community-based and have a focus on on-ground land and natural environment improvement work. This includes Landcare groups and networks, Friends of groups, Conservation Management Networks, Coastcare groups and Aboriginal groups and organisations working on Country.

Applications close 5pm Tuesday 26th July 2022.

For more information go to www.ghcma.vic.gov.au

