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Learning about the importance of climate change, climate action and being nature positive

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of attending the Global Nature Positive Summit at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. This was the World's first nature positive summit and there was much discussion around Australia's Nature Repair Market – which is the first of its kind in the world. Tanya Plibersek - Minister for the Environment and Water was there to open the conference.

Following this conference Glenelg Hopkins CMA Business Development Manager, Jenny Emeny and I attended the Australian Land and Conservation Alliance – Private Land Conference (Nature Now) in Sydney and presented with NRM Regions in the Natural Capital and the Landscape Scale session.

In the ALCA conference Tanya Plibersek launched Australia's plan for achieving 30 by 30. This is a global commitment that Australia has signed up to, that commits to protect 30% of the world for nature by 2030.

The Glenelg Hopkins region is well set up for future projects and private investment into nature, with biodiversity hotspots, a large agriculture sector, great partnerships and several landscape scale conservation projects already established to build on.

Adam Bester
CEO Glenelg Hopkins CMA

Grasslands putting on a show for spring on tour and on TV!

The native grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plains have begun flowering for spring and putting on an amazing display of colour and diversity.

That showcase was the focus of both a tour this month, and a television and online article.

Recently ABC television was in the region to record a story about the Saving 17 project which aims to create a nursery seedbank of 17 of the most threatened grassland plants on the VVP. Project team member Ben Zeeman, nurseryman and grassland plant guru David Franklin and Woorndoo Chatsworth Landcare Group's Susan Bosch were all interviewed for the online and television feature story,

[WATCH the ABC news story](#)

[READ the ABC online story](#)

If people want to check out the grasslands for themselves in real life, they can join the tour of the grasslands to see the work of the project team along the Peshurst-Dunkeld Road where scalping works are allowing remnant grassland areas to flourish. The tour will include discussion from Professor John Morgan and CFA representatives as to the benefits of a regular burning regime to grasslands, and what recent monitoring discovered on the grasslands.

RSVP are essential, see details at the top of this page.

Join the annual bus tour of remnant grasslands of the southwest

Venturing onto the VVP

10am - 3pm
Wednesday 13 November 2024

Prof. John Morgan will lead this trip along pristine remnant grassland on the Peshurst Dunkeld Road and Forest Lane, near Dunkeld, SW Vic. The tour will look at restoration sites and discuss how and why it is being done, and monitoring activities.

Discussion around the importance of burning to maintain grasslands and the role of volunteers will be with a CFA Vegetation management Officer.

Event details:

Bus will depart Dunkeld information centre at 10am
Bus will return by 3pm

Lunch provided

RSVP essential for catering by 12pm 11 November
RSVPs to Aggie Stevenson
a.stevenson@ghcma.vic.gov.au or 0435 537 443

This project is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by Glenelg Hopkins CMA, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.



GMA NEWS:

Sanderling return to the beaches - have you seen these tags?

DAB, DAM, DAA or DAS - These are absolutely words used by teenagers describing dance moves, but they are also leg flag codes on Sanderling we are looking for.

These codes on the lightweight bright orange leg tags identify birds that have been previously identified on our shores and we are very keen to know if anyone spots birds with these specific codes on our beaches this spring and summer.

The Sanderling are returning from their northern hemisphere summer and we are keen to know where flagged birds are - both these codes and any others you see on the shore.

Spot any birds with these codes, and give us a location (and a photo would be even better!) and win a framed print of Jimmi Buscombe's Sanderling on Plantation Teak.

Even if you can't get an image, and you spot them, if you can pop an email to glenelgramsar@ghcma.vic.gov.au we would be most appreciative.

We'd also love to see images of any flagged birds! There's information on how to get involved with our sanderling tracking project on our website.



H5N1 Bird Flu information

AVOID RECORD REPORT

AVOID: If you find dead or sick birds. Do not touch birds or attempt to move them.

RECORD: Take photos of dead and sick birds, and the surroundings. If possible, record the GPS location.

REPORT: Emergency Animal Disease Hotline
1800 675 888



WHAT DO I REPORT?

REPORT CLUSTERS:

5 or more sick or dead wild birds of any species, anywhere in Victoria.

REPORT EVEN ONE:

- sick or dead penguin or pelican.
- sick or dead seagull or wader.
- sick or dead bird of prey (e.g. hawks, owls, eagles).
- sick or dead black swan, duck or goose.
- sick or dead marine mammal (e.g. seals, sea lions, dolphins).

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Partnership to reduce impact of pests in SW Victoria

A new partnership project will strive to reduce the damage caused by pests such as rabbits, gorse, foxes and blackberry in south-west Victoria.

Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network has established Partnerships Against Pests South West Victoria with 15 community-based organisations and government agencies to work collaboratively on an education program to address regional pest plant and animal issues.



Partnership against Pests (PaP) steering committee members (l to r) David Blythe, Ag Victoria, Rhiannon Fischer, Moyne Shire, Tim Bligh, WCLN committee member, Jackie Bowe, WCLN PaP Project Officer, Justin Harzmeyer, Warrnambool City Council and Geoff Rollinson, WCLN Senior Landcare facilitator

Partnerships Against Pests South West Victoria also plans a rabbit control field day at Koroit on November 18 and will host field days on gorse and fox control in 2025.

Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network Senior Landcare Facilitator Geoff Rollinson said a coordinated and collaborative regional approach was needed to address current and emerging pest problems.

“Pest plants and animals don’t stop at lines on a map so there’s logic in forming a regional partnership to address the problems they cause,” Mr Rollinson said.

Mr Rollinson added that a wide range of pest species were negatively impacting biodiversity, cultural values and agriculture in the Warrnambool and Moyne regions, including gorse, blackberry, hemlock, ragwort, cape beach daisy, rabbits, foxes, along with emerging pest animals such as pigs and deer.

It is hoped the project leads to the formation of a regionally-based task force with a multi-disciplinary approach to pest plant and animal control and create lasting localised education material.

The project has been funded by the Victorian Government.

Project participants include Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network, Glenelg Hopkins CMA, Warrnambool City Council, Moyne Shire, Agriculture Victoria, DEECA, Parks Victoria and community-based groups Friends of Pallisters Reserve, Kurri Kurri Coop, Belfast Coastal Reserve Action Group, Friends of Tower Hill, Killarney Coastcare Group and Warrnambool Community Garden. The partnership collective will be supported by the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce, Victorian Gorse Taskforce and the Victorian Rabbit Action Network.

Further information: Geoff Rollinson, Senior Landcare Facilitator on 0409 925 772 and facilitator@wcln.org.au or Danielle Nipe, Landcare Facilitator on 0455 265 762 and facilitator2@wcln.org.au.

CMA NEWS:

Drought support for SW farmers in dry seasonal conditions

The Victorian Government has announced the \$13.53 million package to help farmers in 11 south west Local Government Areas of Glenelg, Southern Grampians, Warrnambool, Moyne, Corangamite, Colac Otway, Surf Coast, West Wimmera, Ararat, Pyrenees and Golden Plains who have experienced the lowest rainfall on record over winter, which has impacted stock and harvest and putting pressure on feed and water. Eligible farmers will receive up to \$5,000 as a co-contribution grant to support water infrastructure upgrades to pipes, tanks, troughs, dams, stock containment areas, and grain and fodder storage.



For more information on the Drought Support Package visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/dryseasons

Carbon Farming Outreach Program

Adapting your farm to thrive in a low carbon economy

FREE information workshops

**Learn about proposed changes
Tell us the training you need to adapt**

Workshop discussion topics

The low carbon economy

- GHG emissions and climate change
- Risk and Response – Industry and government
- GHG reporting and supply chains
- Managing emissions – Actions & Opportunities

Adapting your farm to thrive

- The Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme
- Emerging biodiversity markets
- Carbon (GHG) Calculators – Know your number
- **Tell us your training needs**

For more information contact:

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Carbon Farming
Outreach Program



Get the final Greenhouse Gas Emission information workshop

Hamilton November 8

10am - 2pm

H.I.R.L 335 North Boundary Road, Hamilton

Lunch provided

RSVP to Lucy Cameron, Hamilton Districts Landcare

Ph: 0403 457 999 | e: hamiltondistrictslandcare@gmail.com

Workshop for the Irrigators of Southwest Victoria

Wondering how you can get more out of your spray irrigation systems, or thinking about an upgrade?

Join us for a **free** (valued at over \$1300) interactive workshop tailored for irrigators who want to understand how your own irrigation systems can work best for you.

Whether you're eyeing off a new pivot system or seeking to fine-tune your existing setup, this workshop is your gateway to optimised performance and sustainable management.

What you'll learn:

- Designing the system for uniform application
- Financial factors - purchase and operational costs
- Planning for installation
- Energy efficiency

We'll also cover:

- Key measures and indicators of spray irrigation system performance
- Technology options - variable application rate, end guns and sprinkler packs
- Irrigation scheduling and operation for improved agronomy

Event details:

Warrnambool Session-

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th
November 2024

10am - 3pm both days

Venue: Deakin University

Hamilton Session-

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd
November 2024

10am - 3pm both days

Venue: HIRL

Further location details provided upon registration

Cost: Free (valued over \$1300)

Registration: via the QR code below



More Info: Noni Brislin

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Key trainer: Peter Smith- Sapphire Irrigation Consulting.

Peter delivers irrigation training courses nationally and has a strong commitment to building skills for a resilient irrigation sector.

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What's in your back paddock might be the grasslands we're seeking

Native grasslands are critically endangered across south-west Victoria's Volcanic Plain. Finding native grasslands on private property and assisting landholders to manage them is a priority for the Australian Government. Glenelg Hopkins CMA currently has funds available to landholders to assist in managing these areas.

Funding is available to manage native grasslands for biodiversity conservation alongside productive agriculture. Activities eligible for funding include:

- Fencing for improving grassland management
- Stock watering to support improved grassland grazing
- Pest plant and animal control
- Burning to maintain low fuel loads

The map (right and below) shows the target area in red for funding and where native volcanic plain grasslands may occur.

If you think you may have native grasslands on your property, please get in touch. For more information contact Aggie and Ben at Glenelg Hopkins CMA by phoning (03) 5571 2526 or emailing: a.stevenson@ghcma.vic.gov.au; or b.zeeman@ghcma.vic.gov.au

