

OnTheLand

Wetland recovery push

Landholders sought to take part in restoration effort

A WETLAND restoration program is underway on private land in the South East and South West Victoria with a call to landowners to participate.

The not-for-profit environmental organisation Nature Glenelg Trust manager Mark Bachmann has announced the program, stressing the importance of restoring wetlands that have been drained over time.

"Drained wetlands have an amazing capacity to recover once their water is restored, with aquatic plants, fish, frogs, waterbugs and waterfowl usually returning in a relatively short time," Mr Bachmann said.

"They also assist with recharging our regional aquifers, they remove excess nutrients from water, provide habitat for threatened species and are enjoyable places for people to experience."

Mr Bachmann has called on landowners that may be interested in restoring wetlands on their properties to contact Lachlan Farrington, who has been appointed to coordinate the wetland restoration program.

In the next 12 months, Mr Farrington will visit interested landowners and discuss the planning of on-ground restoration works, with major works expected to start in the 2013/14 financial year.



RESTORING NATURE: Lachlan Farrington has been appointed to coordinate a wetland restoration program on private land in the region.

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Mr Bachmann said Mr Farrington had the right skills to undertake the program.

"Lachlan has great practi-

cal experience with wetlands across the breadth of our region in South Australia and Victoria," Mr Bachmann said.

"His excellent technical skills, easy-going nature and passion for wetlands will ensure that people have a really positive experience when they get in contact with him to discuss their potential wetland restoration projects."

Mr Farrington may be contacted by phone on 0401 208 717 or by email to lachlan.farrington@natureglenelg.org.au.

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1070 cattle yarded at Glenburnie this week with the day beginning with a heavy frost and ending up being an excellent fine day. There were more cattle yarded this week in prime condition with bullocks selling between 170c and 205c, grass fed yearling steers 195c to 215c, grass fed yearling heifers 185c to 205c, milk vealers 225c, beef cows 142c to 162c and dairy cows to 146c. Miller Whan & John recommend producers to mouth their under 2 year old cattle to obtain a premium price at auction.

BULLS: Sold at 9am Auctioneer Liam Durcan. A larger yarding of 74 bulls. Miller Whan & John had a very good run of 26 bulls of all classes that sold to increased rates. Strong demand from five processors led to increased prices of 5-10c a kilo with heavy sound bulls making from 150c to a top of 172c. Bulls in working condition sold from 140c to 150c. A/c Patanga Past Co 1 SH bull 165c 1060kg \$1749, A/c E & K Prelc 1 Ang bull 170c 1035kg \$1759.50, A/c V & I Ross 1 Her bull 165c 870kg \$1435.50, A/c Mount Schank Estate 4 Her bulls 154c 865kg \$1332.10.

BULLOCKS & STEERS: Drafted and Presented by Auctioneer Andrew Whan & Liam Durcan. 293 bullocks and steers yarded this week that sold to solid export competition from South Australian and Victorian processors with prices maintaining the highs of last week. Young 0-2 tooth bullocks sold to a top of 205c.

Quotations: A/c the Pearson family M/Grey bullocks made 204c \$981.24, A/c KJ & MJ Mountford, Penola 14 dehorned Her bullocks made 193c \$1142.84.

YOUNG CATTLE: Drafted and Presented by Auctioneer Peter Creek & Scott Miller. 380 yearlings and vealers sold to a full gallery of enthusiastic buyers. Grass fed steer yearlings remained fully firm while the female portion sold up to 7c dearer in a very strong sale. Milk vealers were very scarce selling up to 225c.

Quotations: A/c GW & DM Hancock, Dartmoor a run of 16 Ang heifers made 200c \$981.11, A/c G & H Monsborough 11 Ang x heifers made 200c \$933.64, A/c EM & MR Peucker & Sons, Mingbool 197c \$740.20, A/c PC Wilson Lim steer vealers made 192c \$880, A/c Torrens Park milk vealers made 225c \$753.75.

COWS: Drafted and Presented by Auctioneer Liam Durcan & Peter Creek. 322 cows again sold to strong export competition to sell at unchanged levels with most beef producers marking calves. Returns for dry cows are excellent. Beef cows sold between 122c to 162c, dairy choppers 90c to 125c, good prime dairy cows 130c to 146c.

Producers - It is an excellent time to cull non-producing cows

Quotations: A/c PC Wilson, Tantanoola Frs x cows made 128c \$649.60, A/c Borderlands Sim cows made 157c returning \$1109.47 market top, A/c Wavehills Partnership 10 Ang cows in prime condition made 160c \$910.40, A/c JK & MJ Cleaver 11 clean fresh Ang cows made 162c \$866.70, A/c E & K Prelc, Penola Ang x cows made 155c \$919.67, A/c NJ & ME Wombwell, Casterton medium frame Her cows made 144c \$644.40.

REMINDER DAIRY FARMERS - YOU MUST PUT YOUR SA JD SCORE ON CATTLE NVD'S IN QUESTION 9 "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION"

CALVES: Sold at 11am Auctioneer Liam Durcan.

****Please have calves in by 10.30am****

SHEEP & LAMBS: Drafted and Presented by Auctioneer Scott Miller and Pat Woolston. 1538 sheep sold, 883 less than last week. The much smaller yarding comprised of a mix run of heavy trade and trade lambs, some with big skins. Competition was limited and no exporters operated which left the wholesale and trade operators to battle it out. The best they could offer were from 22-24kg lambs from \$85 to \$98, 20-22kg trades \$78 to \$92 being \$3-5 cheaper, medium trade lambs 18-20kg took a big hit from \$78 to \$85 or \$7-8 cheaper, 16-18kg light trades tumbled from last weeks heights at \$64 to \$80 or \$10-12 cheaper.

Quotations: A/c Reichelt 49L from \$70 to \$84, A/c Wilson, Westgarth and Goodman 20L @ \$86.

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Sheep



MOUNT GAMBIER

1538 (-883)

IT WAS a smaller, mixed quality yarding containing old shorn and woolly mainly trade weight crossbred lambs on Wednesday.

They sold at a cheaper trend to limited competition from a small number of regular South Australian and Victorian trade and export buyers together with some local butcher inquiry.

The light one and two score crossbred lambs sold from \$30 to \$66 at prices \$4/head cheaper as most sales slipped back below 400c/kg cwt.

The trade weight two and three score crossbred lambs sold from \$64 to \$92, to be averaging \$6/head less and generally 355c to 415c/kg cwt.

The few heavy three and four score crossbred lambs sold between \$95 and \$100/head, and were averaging around 380c/kg cwt.

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