

MEDIA RELEASE
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**Official opening of the Nature Glenelg Trust Community Nursery Site:
Monday 24th June at 1:30 pm – Vansittart Park, Mount Gambier**

It has now been approximately 18 months since Nature Glenelg Trust was launched as a new not-for-profit environmental organisation in the South East of SA and South West Victoria. During that time, the organisation has commenced a range of projects that are working to improve the natural environment in both Victoria and South Australia. One such project, the Cross-border Community Nursery and Seed Collections Project (funded by the Australian Government – Clean Energy Future, Biodiversity Fund) reaches an important milestone on Monday 24th June, with the official opening of the Community Nursery Site at Vansittart Park in Mount Gambier at 1:30 pm (SA time).

The Manager of the Trust, Mark Bachmann, says that the day will serve as both a celebration and a taste of things to come. “The day provides an opportunity for us to thank the cross-border regional community for their support in helping to make Nature Glenelg Trust a success, and a chance for people to learn how they can become more involved in the Community Nursery Project and other Trust initiatives that are working to improve the regional environment.”



Site progress - a week before the opening on the 24th

The official opening at 1:30pm will be followed by an informal open afternoon from 2pm to 5pm; highlighted by a regular series of short talks provided on-site by a different Nature Glenelg Trust staff member (normally based at a range of regional locations) every half hour.

Time	10 minute talk	Nature Glenelg Trust staff member (from)
2:00	Introducing Nature Glenelg Trust	Mark Bachmann (Mumbannar, Vic)
2:30	The community nursery project	Ken Baker (Mount Gambier, SA)
3:00	Wetland restoration on private land	Lachlan Farrington (Warrnambool, Vic)
3:30	The penguins of Middle Island	Lauren Kivisalu (Narrawong, Vic)
4:00	Threatened fish and crayfish	Nick Whiterod (Goolwa, SA)

An outdoor fireplace, tea or coffee and nibbles will also be provided for those people who wish to drop in, look around and have a chat and cuppa during the afternoon. Mark said, “people are welcome to pop by for 5 minutes or stay for a few hours. Either way, everyone is welcome to join us and be part of a special day for the region.”