



Get up close to nature at your back door!

Spring Environmental Events 2013

South East South Australia and South West Victoria

Late August

2013 Little Desert-Lowan Volunteer Forum

Parks Victoria & Wimmera CMA

Wed 28 Aug, 10am – 5pm (Vic time)

Natimuk Lake Pavilion (Natimuk Caravan Park)

Focus on landscape scale projects, research and cross tenure works. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

Contact: Bianca Gold (03) 53 890 200
bianca.gold@parks.vic.gov.au

September

2013 South West Victoria Soils Conference

Heytesbury & District Landcare Network

Wed 4 - Thurs 5 Sept

Quality Suites Deep Blue, Pertobe Road, Warrnambool.

A major regional event focusing on healthy soils and innovation in agriculture. www.swsc.com.au

Contact: HDLN (03) 5598 3755
admin@heytesburylandcare.org.au

16th Annual Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar- exploring linkages

Thurs 5 Sept. Edenhope Mechanics Institute Hall.

A popular annual event with guest speakers, field trip & dinner. All welcome. www.natureglenelg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/2013Wimmera.pdf

Contact & to register: Steffen Schultz 0457 529 924
steffen.schultz@depi.vic.gov.au or
La Vergne Lehmann 0408 121 118

Cinema CAS

Community Action for Sustainability

Fri 6 Sept, Doors open 6:30pm, film 7:00pm (SA time)

Dress Circle, Main Corner, Mount Gambier

Film to be announced. Tickets at door, donation (\$3 - \$10)
Supper provided

Contact: Catherine Pye cas4sustainability@gmail.com

September

Volcano Dreaming, Native grasses & Botanical art
Greening Australia & Red Rock Regional Theatre & Gallery

Fri 6 Sept-Sat 7 Sept, Red Rock Regional Theatre and Gallery, Cororooke, Western Victoria (near Colac)

Fri: Enid Mayfield, Geelong Botanical Gardens, will conduct botanical art and illustration workshops.

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Book early- Strictly limited places.

Fri & Sat evenings: native grass and grasslands talks/workshops, with live performances to follow.

Bookings and information: redrockarts.com.au

40th Anniversary Celebrations & Tree Planting

Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

Sat 7 Sept. 10:00am (SA time)

Meet at the Port MacDonnell council reserve- eastern side of Germein Reserve, just off Dingley-Dell Rd.

Light lunch provided afterwards at the Customs House.

Contact: Peter Feast 0427 388 070 mimosa2@bigpond.com

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Monthly working bee: Pick Swamp Planting Day

Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks

Sat 7 Sept. 9:30 am (SA time) Meet at the Pick Swamp Shearing Shed, Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park

Contact for directions. Bring planting tools, gumboots, gloves, raincoats, snacks, lunch & drinking water.

Contact: Tania Rajic 0429 161 635 fomgap@gmail.com

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Sustainable House Day

Community Action for Sustainability

Sun 8 Sept, Mount Gambier

Two houses will be open in the Mount Gambier area. Addresses posted on web two weeks before the date www.sustainablehouseday.com

Contact: Catherine Pye cas4sustainability@gmail.com

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Orange-bellied Parrot Winter Surveys Final Round

Sat 14 - Sun 15 Sept

Various- Coastal areas of South East SA and South West Victoria and beyond.

Contact: Bob Green 0407 649 909 shriketit@bigpond.com

All events are FREE unless stated

September

Annual Community Planting Day

Friends of Mt Leura

Sunday 15 Sept

Meet at Mt Leura Lower Shelter, Camperdown.

Free lunch. BYO gloves, sturdy footwear & all-weather gear

Contact: Kristie King 5593 7100

Kristie.King@corangamite.vic.gov.au

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Working bee at Mt Monster Conservation Park

Friends of Mt Monster CP

Sun 15 Sept, 1:00pm – 3:00pm (SA time)

Meet at main carpark-Mt Monster CP. BYO afternoon tea.

Contact: Jenny McInerney (08) 8756 6028

or Michelle McDonald (08) 8755 3126

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Perennial Pasture Systems annual conference

Wed 18 Sept, from 8:45am (Vic time) Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre, Ararat.

Contact & for more info: Rob Shea 0438 521 357

Bike Maintenance Courses

City of Mount Gambier

Sat 21 Sept, Multi-function room, Mount Gambier library

10am- 1pm (SA time): Basic Bike Care

1:30pm- 4:30pm (SA time): Bike Gears & Brakes.

Participants receive a free tyre repair kit and cycling leg strap. Strictly limited spaces- 10 people/ course.

Contact: Aaron Izzard (08) 8721 2528

aizzard@mounmtgambier.sa.gov.au

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Shorebirds 2020 Identification Workshop and Australasian Bittern Survey

Friends of Shorebirds SE; BirdLife Australia

Sat 21- Sun 22 Sept. 2pm start on Sat (SA time).

Bool Lagoon OR if there's no water in Bool Lagoon, Pick Swamp will be the venue. Contact organiser to confirm.

Sat: Bittern surveys. Commencing with afternoon tea at 2pm.

Sun: Waders, Wetland Birds and Optics. All day.

Register your interest: Golo Maurer 0467 444 114

shorebirds@birdlife.org.au

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World Rivers Day - Kayak the Merri River

Sun 29 Sept, 10am (Vic time)

St James Park, Wollaston Rd, Warrnambool.

Learn more about the Merri River & maybe even see a platypus. People encouraged to BYO kayak / canoe & life jackets - some extra kayaks / canoes available but must be booked well in advance to assure availability. Free BBQ lunch.

Contact & to register: Karen Wales (03) 5559 4435 (Tues only)
kwales@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

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October

Provenance and seed collector workshop/gathering

Nature Glenelg Trust, Greening Australia

& Glenelg-Hopkins CMA

Date TBC- sometime in Oct. Hamilton- venue TBA.

Guest speakers include Dr Linda Broadhurst, CSIRO (provenance discussion) and Neville Bonney, author of 'What seed is that?' plus more. More details to come.

Contact: Ken Baker 0437 597 685

ken.baker@natureglenelg.org.au

Snape Reserve Campout

BirdLife South East SA

Fri 4 - Sun 6 Oct 8:00am (SA time)

Snape Reserve, adjacent to the Little Desert National Park. Camping at Dimboola Caravan Park.

Contact: Bob Green 0407 649 909 shriketit@bigpond.com

National Walk to Work Day

City of Mount Gambier

Fri 4 Oct. Further details TBA.

www.walk.com.au/WTW/page.asp

Contact: Aaron Izzard (08) 8721 2528

aizzard@mounmtgambier.sa.gov.au

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Monthly working bee: Trail work & feral pine control

Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks

Sat 5 Oct, 9:30am (SA time) Penambol Conservation Park, meet at Butterfly Walk carpark.

Trail work & feral pine control. Some tools provided. Bring gloves, handsaw &/or loppers, morning tea & lunch.

Contact: Tania Rajic 0429 161 635 fomgap@gmail.com

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Bustrip to Cranbourne Australian Botanic Garden

Society for Growing Australian Plants Hamilton

Sun 6 Oct. Further details TBA. Leave from Hamilton

Contact & to register: hamiltonsgap@hotmail.com

Project Platypus AGM

Mon 7 Oct. Location TBC-Stawell area. All welcome!

Contact: Project Platypus office (03) 5358 4410

Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group Training Weekend

Sat 12- Sun 13 Oct

Wonga Campground, Wyperfeld National Park

Training in data collection, bush safety and monitoring nest sites in the Victorian Mallee Country.

www.malleefowlvictoria.org.au/events.html

Contact: Ross Macfarlane 0417 370 371

secretary@malleefowlvictoria.org.au

National Ride2Work Day

City of Mount Gambier

Wed 16 Oct. Further details TBA.

www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/ride2work/93176/

Contact: Aaron Izzard (08) 8721 2528

aizzard@mounmtgambier.sa.gov.au

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Hindmarsh Landcare Network AGM

Thurs 17 Oct. Location TBC-Wimmera area. All welcome!

Contact: HLN office 0429 006 936

South West Landcare Gathering

Glenelg Hopkins CMA

Sun 20 Oct, 10:00am- 3:00pm (Vic time)

Hamilton Sheepvention Conference Centre.

Contact & express your group's involvement

(presentation or display): GHCA (03) 5571 2526

Working bee at Mt Monster Conservation Park

Friends of Mt Monster CP

Sun 20 Oct, 1:00pm – 3:00pm (SA time)

Meet at main carpark-Mt Monster CP. BYO afternoon tea.

Contact: Jenny McInerney (08) 8756 6028 or Michelle

McDonald (08) 8755 3126

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South East SA 2013

National Water Week Activities

Mon 21 – Sun 27 Oct Various locations & events TBA

www.awa.asn.au/nationalwaterweek

For more details: Natural Resources SE (08) 8735 1177

www.senrm.sa.gov.au

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'Caring for our Watersheds' education program finals

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Fri 25 Oct. Little Desert Nature Lodge, Nhill.

www.caringforourwatersheds.com/australia/1242.jsp

Contact: Hannah Cooke (03) 5551 3331

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Plant ID for flora of the Wimmera workshop

Australian Network for Plant Conservation

Wed 30 & Thurs 31 Oct, Horsham CWA Hall

Contact & more info: ANPC (02) 6250 9509 www.anpc.asn.au

SWIFFT Video Conference: Conservation of remnant habitat trees in rural environments

Department of Environment & Primary Industries

Thurs 31 Oct, 9.45am (Vic time)

Various Victorian sites-including: Ballarat, Geelong, Hamilton, Heywood/Portland, Horsham, Warrnambool

Contact: Andy Arnold: (03) 5336 6720

or Andrew.Arnold@dse.vic.gov.au

November

Turnstone geolocator retrieval

Friends of Shorebirds SE

Fri 1- Wed 6 Nov. Based at Carpenter Rocks, SE SA.

Contact & more info: Maureen Christie (08) 8738 0014,

0427 380 014 twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

Monthly working bee: Rufous Bristle Bird Count & Beach clean-up

Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks

Sat 2 Nov, 7:00am. Cape Douglas Conservation Park

Meet at the small parking area between the township and the Conservation Park. Bring long handled tongs, gloves, snacks, lunch & drinking water. Clean up bags provided.

Contact: Tania Rajic 0429 161 635 fomgap@gmail.com

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8th National Stipa Native Grasslands Conference 2013

Tues 5- Fri 8 Nov, Murray Bridge, SA.

Learn & share the practical skills of recognising grassland condition and function. www.stipa.com.au

Contact: Graeme Hand 0418 532 130 graeme.hand@bigpond.com

Victorian Landcare Council meeting

Sat 9 Nov. Little Desert Nature Lodge, Nhill.

Contact & more info: Ross McDonald (03) 5392 2693

National Recycling Week 2013

City of Mount Gambier

Mon 11- Sun 17 Nov. Further details TBA.

recyclingweek.planetark.org

Contact: Aaron Izzard (08) 8721 2528

aizzard@mounmtgambier.sa.gov.au

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Friends of Mt Monster Conservation Park AGM

Sun 17 Nov, 2:00pm (SA time) Venue TBA.

Contact: Jenny McInerney (08) 8756 6028 or Michelle McDonald (08) 8755 3126

A night with Sean Dooley: Author, comedy writer, social commentator and bird watcher

BirdLife South East SA

Fri 22 Nov, Time TBA Mount Gambier Library.

Sean Dooley is a Melbourne author who has worked as a television comedy writer. He is a contributor to The Age & ABC radio, writing and talking about birds, environmental issues, sport and, well, anything, really. But his greatest claim to fame is that in 2002 he broke the Australian birdwatching record for seeing the most species in the one year. He then wrote about it in The Big Twitch, thereby publicly outing himself as a bird-nerd.

Contact: Bob Green 0407 649 909 shriketit@bigpond.com

November

Outings with Sean Dooley

BirdLife South East SA

Sat 23 Nov, Time TBA Telford Scrub Conservation Park

Sun 24 Nov, Time TBA Pick Swamp

Contact: Bob Green 0407 649 909 shriketit@bigpond.com

2013 RACV Great Victoria Bike Ride

Starts Fri 22 Nov, Hastings Cunningham Reserve, Mt Gambier.

Join 5000 other bike riders for 9 days of fun and bike riding from Mount Gambier to Geelong.

To enter & more info: 1800 639 634

www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/shop/7/

Orchid conservation symposium

Australasian Native Orchid Society

Tues 26- Wed 27 Nov Lake Fyans Holiday Park, Grampians

www.anosvic.org.au/ANOS_Vic_Symposium.html

Contact & to register: info@anosvic.org.au

Ongoing

The great SA Land Snail Survey

SA Museum

Get involved in this state-wide survey of land snails.

More information go to: www.bugsnsnugs.com.au

Monthly meeting- Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

Every second Tuesday of the month (10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov)

7:30pm or 6:30pm (SA time) for dinner

Meet at the Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

Contact: Peter Feast 0427 388 070 mimosa2@bigpond.com

Friends of Shorebirds South East weekly outing

Every Tuesday. location on lower South East coastline

Contact: Maureen Christie (08) 8738 0014 on the Monday evening to find out where & when the week's activity will be.

Email: twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

Friends of Shorebirds South East monthly Lake George (Beachport) monitoring

Extra helpers needed. For details, when & where,

Contact: Iain Stewart (08) 8735 4269; 0428 475 627 stewed@bigpond.com

Outdoor activities are weather dependant. Remember to wear appropriate footwear, clothing, hat, sunscreen and carry snacks, water and any required medication with you.

Every effort has been made to ensure dates and details in this brochure were true and correct at the time of printing. Nature Glenelg Trust strongly suggests that you contact the individual organisations/groups to confirm event details.

Compiled by Becky McCann, Nature Glenelg Trust based on information provided by various sources-thank you to everyone who has contributed and supported these events and calendar.

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= family friendly event. Children must be supervised by their parent(s)/guardian at all times. Please note more events may be family friendly - ask the appropriate contact for further details.

SE SA ReefWatch activities

Local groups hold various activities, generally monthly, including monitoring health of reefs and intertidal zones.

Further info:

Port MacDonnell ReefWatch - Jess Bouchier: 0438 671 356 jbouchier@hotmail.com

Beachport ReefWatch - Marcia Lorenz: (08) 8735-8418 lorenz.marcia@gmail.com

Robe ReefWatch - Cath Bell: 0402 901 451 cath@vk3kcj.com

Regular beach litter clean ups & marine debris surveys

Southern Ocean Coastcare Group

Mid- monthly, 9:00am – 11: 00am (SA time)

Meeting place changes monthly- between Carpenters Rocks & Brown Bay, lower South East coast

BBQ brunch provided, BYO drinks, gloves, water & tough rubbish bags.

Contact: Ken Jones or Kieran Smith (08) 8738 2131 southerncoastcare@live.com

Monthly working bee at McIntyre Reserve

Robe Coastcare Group

Generally first Sunday of the month, 10:00am (SA time).

Meet at McIntyre Reserve, Robe

Contact: Roma Guscia roma.guscia@adelaide.edu.au

Kalangadoo Farmers Market

Every Saturday, 10:00am – 1: 00pm (SA time)

Old Uniting Church Hall, Eliza St, Kalangadoo

Contact: Sandra Young (08) 8739 3245

Limestone Coast Farmers Market

Various times throughout the year on Sat or Sun,

9:00am – 1: 30pm (SA time)

Various locations throughout the Limestone Coast.

For the calendar of upcoming markets go to: www.limestonecoastfood.com.au/market_calendar.html

Contact: lcfg@bigpond.com

Mount Gambier Farmers Market

Each Saturday morning from 8:00am - 12 noon (SA time)

Cave Gardens precinct

Contact: Sally Schultz 0428 594 306

Permaculture Mount Gambier

Lots of events! Join the discussion on Facebook & the email list at: info@permaculturemg.org

Does your group/organisation have an upcoming event over the Summer months (December, January, February) ?

Contact Becky McCann, Nature Glenelg Trust on 0409 842 471, becky.mccann@natureglenelg.org.au prior to Thursday 24 October for your event to be included in the next calendar.

For more details and events, go to the Nature Glenelg Trust website www.natureglenelg.org.au and subscribe to the blog