



Get up close to nature at your back door!

# Summer Environmental Events 2013-14

South East South Australia and South West Victoria

## Late November

### *Orchid Conservation Symposium*

Australasian Native Orchid Society

Tuesday 26 - Wednesday 27 Nov

Lake Fyans Holiday Park, Grampians

For more information visit

[www.anosvic.org.au/ANOS\\_Vic\\_Symposium.html](http://www.anosvic.org.au/ANOS_Vic_Symposium.html)

Contact & to register: [info@anosvic.org.au](mailto:info@anosvic.org.au)

### *Starting from Seed - Advanced Workshops 1 & 2*

Nature Glenelg Trust

Sat Nov 30, 9.30am-2.30pm - meet at Carpenter Rock's Hall & travel to Honan's Scrub

Sun Dec 1, 9.30am-2.30pm - meet at Mount Benson Community Hall & travel to Baghdad Swamp

Neville Bonney will lead these plant/seed ID workshops focussing on harder to collect species. Ideal for those with knowledge & experience in the basics of seed collection. 20 places available - registration essential. Wear long sleeves & trousers & bring your hand lens.

Contact: Ken Baker (08) 8797 8596 or [ken.baker@natureglenelg.org.au](mailto:ken.baker@natureglenelg.org.au)

## December

### *Rufous Bristle Bird and Southern Emu Wren Field Day*

Southern Ocean Coastcare

Monday 2 December, 9am-4pm

Brown Bay

Morning birdwatching walk with local expert Bryan Haywood, and post-lunch cultural walk demonstrating a day in the life of a Boandik person. Help out with a beach litter clean up (bring gloves), marine debris surveys and seed collecting exercises (bring secateurs). Free BBQ lunch and light morning and afternoon tea.

Contact: Kieran Smith 8738 2131 or [SouthernOceanCoastcare@live.com](mailto:SouthernOceanCoastcare@live.com)



## December

### *Mt Clay Weed Removal Project*

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Wednesday 4 December

Departing from Hamilton

Develop weed identification skills while mapping and removing environmental, regionally controlled and prohibited weeds from the Mt Clay region.

Contact: Hamilton Project Officer 0417 742 311 or email [hcooke@cva.org.au](mailto:hcooke@cva.org.au).

### *Eastern Barred Bandicoots in Hamilton*

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Hamilton

December 5, 10, 12 & 17

Site survey, non-native tree removal, and setting up remote cameras to catch the bandicoots in action.

<http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/>

Contact: Hannah Cooke 0417 742 311 or [hcooke@conservationvolunteers.com.au](mailto:hcooke@conservationvolunteers.com.au)

### *Shorebird Outing to Little Dip Conservation Park*

Birdlife South East SA

Sunday 8 December 8am

Meet at Bog Lane (off Robe/Beachport Rd) by 8am.

Contact: Iain Stewart (08) 8735 4269

### *Marine Invasive Species Workshop (FF)*

Making a Difference (MAD) for the Merri /  
Friends of Merri Marine Sanctuary

Tuesday 10 December at 7.00pm

Venue TBC

Workshop aimed at divers, snorkelers and anyone with an active interest in the marine environment. The workshop is on dry land!

Contact: Karen Wales (03) 5559 4435 or [kwales@warrnambool.vic.gov.au](mailto:kwales@warrnambool.vic.gov.au)

All events are FREE unless stated



Government of  
South Australia

This project is supported by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Forestry SA, & various local community groups & organisations

# December

## *Gooseneck Swamp Restoration Trial Community Information Day & Bushwalk*

Nature Glenelg Trust

Saturday 14 December

Gooseneck Swamp - exact location TBA

Come for a short bushwalk into Gooseneck Swamp in the Grampians National Park and learn about the diverse natural values of the site, its history and see the recently completed wetland restoration trial. Light refreshments to be provided during the bushwalk.

Contact: Lauren Kivisalu 0428 977 358 or  
lauren.kivisalu@natureglenelg.org.au

## *Hamilton Farmers Market*

Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning (HIRL)

Saturday 14 December, 9am–12pm

333 North Boundary Road, Hamilton

Showcasing local produce. Sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas and much more.

Contact: 0407 412 470

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## *Aquatic Survey - Glenelg Spiny Freshwater Crayfish & Threatened Native Fish*

Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources

16-20 December

Port MacDonnell & Eight Mile Creek

Help with aquatic surveys to monitor the nationally endangered Glenelg Spiny Freshwater Crayfish and threatened Native Fish species. Early mornings pulling up nets and recording, and late afternoons setting nets

Own transport required. Meet daily at the Ewens Pond Conservation Park turn-off. Limited places - registration essential.

Contact: Nat Mistic (08) 87351234 or Natalie.Mistic@sa.gov.au

## *Launch of Friends of Cross-Border & Community Nursery*

Nature Glenelg Trust

NGT Community Nursery – Vansittart Park, Mount Gambier

Wednesday 18 December, 6.30-7pm (followed by a Workshop)

All invited to a light supper to celebrate the launch of the Friends group – a community group to grow difficult to propagate plants. Get involved, share knowledge and develop new skills. Supper and launch will immediately followed by a workshop.

Contact: Ken Baker 0437 597 685 or  
ken.baker@natureglenelg.org.au

## *Composting Workshop*

Nature Glenelg Trust

NGT Community Nursery – Vansittart Park, Mount Gambier

Wednesday 18 December, 7pm-9pm (immediately following the friends group launch)

Workshop by renowned horticultural scientist and author Kevin Handreck. Learn to make composts and potting mixes that will have your plants thriving, how to avoid plant diseases, and get the facts on worm castings as a plant nutrient.

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ken.baker@natureglenelg.org.au

# January

## *Summer by the Sea*

Coastcare Victoria

Throughout January

South-Western Victoria including Warnambool

The 20th edition of Summer by the Sea will involve around 300 free activities along the Victorian coastline, promoting awareness and stewardship of our coastal environment.

Contact: Emma Hill (03) 5561 9991 or  
sw.coastcare@depi.vic.gov.au

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## *Coastal Connections Holiday Programs*

Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources

January 2 – January 15

North of Kingston through to the SA/Vic border

A range of activities including Coastal bushtucker walks, wetland discoveries, junior ranger activities, night walks and the popular Dogs' Breakfasts. Something for everyone!

Forward your email address to receive a program in mid-December.

Contact: tania.rajic@sa.gov.au

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## *Meet the Maremmas on Middle Island*

Middle Island, Warrnambool

Dec 30, Jan 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Get up close to the Middle Island Penguin protectors – the Maremmas. Bring sturdy footwear that can get wet. Bookings essential. Adults \$10/Kids \$6 – proceeds to the Maremma Dog Project.

More info from [www.visitwarrnambool.com.au](http://www.visitwarrnambool.com.au)

Contact: Warrnambool Visitor Centre (03) 5559 4620

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Tuesday 14 January, 7.30pm, or 6.30pm for dinner.

Meet at the Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell (2nd Tuesday of each month).

Contact: Peter Feast 0427 388 070 or [mimosa2@bigpond.com](mailto:mimosa2@bigpond.com)

## *Red Tail Black Cockatoo Recovery Program*

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Depart from 7 McPhee Street, Hamilton

Tuesday 14 January, 8am

Focussing on woody weed removal from Buloke Eucalypt forest to help maintain the limited habitat for this endangered species. We may even get lucky and see some of these great birds!

Contact: 03 5551 3331

## *Environmental Day - Go Green on the Green*

Moyneyana Festival

Friday 17 January, 10.30am-2.30pm

Port Fairy Village Green

Find out how you can get involved in caring for our coast and the marine environment. Lots of fun activities including Black Snake Productions shows at 10.30am, 1pm & 3pm, Roberto the Connie, exhibitors and more.

Contact: Jackie Herrmann 0414 7704 94 or (03) 5568 2412



## *SWIFFT Video Conference: Raptors*

Department of Environment & Primary Industries

Late January/early February TBD

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

Contact: Andy Arnold: (03) 5336 6720 or [Andrew.Arnold@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Arnold@dse.vic.gov.au)

# February

## *Shorebird Population Monitoring*

Friends of Shorebirds South East

Dates TBD

Get involved with monitoring shorebirds in collaboration with the Shorebirds 2020 project. Various sites along the lower SE coast and selected inland sites.

Contact: Jeff Campbell or Maureen Christie (08) 8738 0014.

## *World Wetlands Day 2014*

Sunday 2 February

Celebrate World Wetlands Day with a range of events across the region. For event information visit <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/water/water-our-environment/wetlands/world-wetlands-day>

Contact: your local Catchment Management Authority (CMA) or check the website

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## *Indigenous Plant Propagation Workshop*

Friends of Mt Leura

Sunday 15 February, 10am-12pm

Camperdown College Nursery, Errey Street.

Learn to propagate herbs and grasses from the surrounding volcanic plains. Get involved with propagation for planting at a demonstration garden at the Mt Leura reserve in September. No experience necessary.

Contact: Graham Arkinstall 0418 377 293 or [babaarky@yahoo.com](mailto:babaarky@yahoo.com)

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# Ongoing

## Little Penguin Monitoring Program

Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group

Held every fortnight from October to March

Come along to witness the dusk arrival of the Little Penguin colony at Middle Island in Warrnambool, Vic.

Ages 16 and above.

Contact: Lauren Kivisalu 0428 977 358 or lauren.kivisalu@natureglenelg.org.au

## The great SA Land Snail Survey

SA Museum

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

More information go to: [www.bugsnslugs.com.au](http://www.bugsnslugs.com.au)

## 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](mailto:twinpeppercorns@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:jbouchier@hotmail.com)

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

**Robe ReefWatch** - Cath Bell: 0402 901 451 [cath@vk3kcj.com](mailto: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 or [southernoceancoastcare@live.com](mailto:southernoceancoastcare@live.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 Jonathan Tuck & 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.

## Kalangadoo Farmers Market

Every Saturday, 10am–1pm (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,

9am–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](http://www.limestonecoastfood.com.au/market_calendar.html)

Contact: [lcfg@bigpond.com](mailto:lcfg@bigpond.com)

## Mount Gambier Farmers Market

Each Saturday morning from 8am-12pm (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](mailto:info@permaculturemg.org)

## Sculpture competition for Mundulla's walking trail

Mundulla on the Move / Mundulla AH&F Show

Be creative these holidays—create a sculpture from metal, wood or stone suitable to enhance Mundulla's Walking Trail. Entries to be displayed at the local show on the first Saturday in March. Prizes will be awarded!

Contact: [vidamm@activ8.net.au](mailto:vidamm@activ8.net.au)

## Water Monitoring

Waterwatch Victoria

Get involved in water quality monitoring across Vic, including the Glenelg Hopkins and Portland Coast regions. See the website for more information.

Contact: <http://www.vic.waterwatch.org.au/> or Glenelg Hopkins CMA on (03) 5571 2526.

Does your group/organisation have an upcoming event over the Autumn months (March, April, May) ?

Contact Jonathan Tuck, Nature Glenelg Trust on 0409 842 471, [jonathan.tuck@natureglenelg.org.au](mailto:jonathan.tuck@natureglenelg.org.au) prior to Thursday 23 January 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](http://www.natureglenelg.org.au) and subscribe to the blog