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Winter Environmental Events 2013

South East South Australia and South West Victoria

Highlighted events are a part of the 2013 'Biodiversity Up Close' series brought to you by Nature Glenelg Trust in conjunction with a range of partners and supporters. All events are FREE unless stated.

June

Monthly working bee: Planting Day for the Glenelg Spiny Cray

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Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks

Sat 1 June, Spencers Pond, Galpin's Rd, Eight Mile Creek

Meet at rear carpark of the State Government Offices, 11 Helen St, Mt Gambier at 9:00am OR contact for directions. Bring planting tools, gloves, morning tea & lunch.

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

Hunt for the endangered Forked Spyridium

Department of Environment & Primary Industries

Saturday 1 June, 9:30am *(Vic time)*

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Meet at the Nurcoung Community Hall, Wimmera

Lunch provided & GPS/survey equipment. Bring good walking shoes, camera, water, snacks, hat, sunscreen.

RSVP Thurs 30 May (for catering)

Contact: g2ldb@hotmail.com.au or Pauline Rudolph- 0437 463 378 or Ellie Clark - 0477 299 848

Visual soils assessment workshop: Apsley

Kowree Farm Tree Group,

Department of Environment & Primary Industries

Monday 3 June, 12:30pm-4:30pm *(Vic time)*

Rokebrand property, Apsley

Participant cost: $10.00

Contact: Angela Wait 0423 662 179 or kftglandcare@gmail.com

Visual Soils Assessment Method & Soil Health Farmer Demonstration

GHCMA

Tuesday 4 June

Chetwynd area (contact organiser for exact location)

Contact: 0423 662 179 or (03) 5585 1133

Portland World Environment Day Planting Event

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Wednesday 5 June

Nuns Beach, Portland (contact organiser for details)

Lunch provided at activity's conclusion.

Contact: Holly Marsh 0437 662 783 or (03) 5523 6675

Wonderful World of Fungi Public Talk

FF

with Pam Catcheside, Adelaide Fungal Studies Group

Wednesday 5 June, 11:00am – 12 noon *(SA time)*

Multifunction room, Mount Gambier library.

Contact: Becky McCann 0409 842 471 or becky.mccann@natureglenelg.org.au

Fungi Basics

Workshop with Pam Catcheside

Wednesday 5 June, 1:00pm – 3:00pm *(SA time)*

Multifunction room, Mount Gambier library

Includes what is fungi, fungi ID, types, basic collection & preserving techniques. Bring your own fungi in to identify.

LIMITED SPACES! Max. 15 people. Lunch included.

To register: contact the Mount Gambier library in person, (08) 8721 2540 or www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

Enquiries: Becky McCann 0409 842 471 or becky.mccann@natureglenelg.org.au

Morning Fungi Foray: Penola Conservation Park

Adelaide Fungal Studies Group & Nature Glenelg Trust

Thursday 6 June, Meet 10:00am in front of Mt. Gambier library & drive to Penola CP

Finished by lunchtime. BYO snacks, lunch, water, hand lens, appropriate clothing & footwear

LIMITED SPACES! Max. 20 people

To register: Becky McCann 0409 842 471 or becky.mccann@natureglenelg.org.au

"The Crash Course" Movie (Part I): Cinema CAS

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Friday **7:00pm** *(SA time)*

Dress Circle, Main Corner, Mount Gambier

Tickets at door, donation ($3 - $10) Supper provided

Contact: Catherine Pye cas4sustainability@gmail.com

Monthly meeting

Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

Tuesday 11 June, 7:30pm or 6:30pm *(SA time)* for dinner

Meet at the Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

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

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Natural Resources South East

Government of South Australia

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

June

"Healthy soils, healthy plants and animals" two day workshop

GHCMA Soil Health Group

Thurs 13 – Fri 14 June, 9:30am – 4:00pm *(Vic time)*

Hamilton Racing Club followed by a farm walk.

With Maarten Stapper. Morning tea & lunch provided.

RSVP by June 10

Contact: Gill Fry gill.fry@networksw.com.au (03) 5573 4539

Planting Day for the Glenelg Spiny Cray

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Natural Resources SE, Youth Creating Habitat Project

Thursday 13 June, 9:00am – 4:00pm *(SA time)*

Spencers Pond, Galpin's Rd, Eight Mile Creek *(near Port Mac)*

Morning tea & lunch provided. Bring planting tools & gloves.

To register: Vanessa Freebairn (08) 8735 1108; 0477 309 353 or vanessa.freebairn@sa.gov.au

Monthly outing: Marshes Native Forest Reserve

FF

BirdLife South East SA

Saturday 15 June, 8:00am *(SA time)*

Contact: Sue Black (08) 8739 4274 or rogerblack40@hotmail.com

House of Bales- Strawbale Construction

Info session with builder Lance Kairl

Sat 15 June, 10:30am *(SA time)* **Mount Gambier library**

To register: Mount Gambier library in person, (08) 8721 2540 or www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

Working bee at Mt Monster Conservation Park

FF

Friends of Mt Monster CP

Sunday 16 June, 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

Bell Frog Community Planting Day

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Natural Resources SE, Youth Creating Habitat Project

Sunday 16 June, 10:00am – 1:00pm *(SA time)*

Naracoorte Nature Park, Moore St, Naracoorte

Morning tea & lunch provided. Bring planting tools & gloves.

Guided tour of the Yuki (canoe tree) & bush tucker garden

To register: Vanessa Freebairn (08) 8735 1108; 0477 309 353 or vanessa.freebairn@sa.gov.au

South West Coast Action Network meeting

Wednesday 19 June, 7:00pm *(Vic time)*

Nelson Community Hall

Guest speaker Jeremy Freeman

Contact: Gary Milich 0409 949 850 or g.milich@skymesh.com.au

'Making your own natural cleaning products' workshop

Permaculture Mt Gambier

Sat 22 June, 10:00am *(SA time)* **Mount Gambier library**

Contact: Sharn Lucas 0407 601 431

nrmFARM online mapping workshops

Natural Resources SE

Monday 17 June, 1:00pm – 4:00pm *(SA time)*

Millicent - TAFE, Mt Burr Rd

Tuesday 18 June, 1:00pm – 4:00pm AND **7:00pm – 10:00pm** *(SA time)* **Naracoorte - TAFE, Gordon Street**

Thursday 20 June, 1:00pm – 4:00pm *(SA time)*

Bordertown -TAFE, Naracoorte Rd

Sunday 23 June, 11:00am - 2:00pm *(SA time)*

Mt Gambier library

Monday 24 June, 9:00am - 12:00pm AND **1:00pm - 4:00pm** *(SA time)* **Mt Gambier library**

To register/contact: Alison Boomsma (08) 8735 1213 or alison.boomsma@sa.gov.au

"The Crash Course" Movie (Part 2): Cinema CAS

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CANCELLED

Friday **pm, film 7:00pm** *(SA time)*

Dress Circle, Main Corner, Mount Gambier

Tickets at door, donation ($3 - $10) Supper provided

Contact: Catherine Pye cas4sustainability@gmail.com

Life in the Deadwood at the Mount Gambier Library

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Sunday 23 June, Multifunction room, Mt Gambier library

Session 1: *Nature's recyclers, beetles, what lives in hollows & sustainable firewood options with Kris Messenger; Bugs n Slugs; Oisin Sweeney, Natural Resources SE & Peter Feast, Mimosa Farm Trees.* **11:30am** *(45 min)*

Session 2: *Minibeasts, Bugs, Beetles and more with Kris and the Bugs n Slugs team.* **1:30pm** *(45 min)*

Bookings essential for both sessions via the library either in person; ph: 08 8721 2540 or online: www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

- Bugs n Slugs display: *Get up close to Kris and the minibeasts. Various times between 11am-3pm.*

- Peter Feast from Mimosa Farm Trees *will be on hand with local native plants for sale and to talk firewood.*

Contact: Becky McCann 0409 842 471 or becky.mccann@natureglenelg.org.au

Community Nursery official opening

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Nature Glenelg Trust

Monday 24 June, Official launch 1:30 - 2:00pm *(SA time)*

Community Nursery site, Vansittart Park, Mount Gambier

Site open to the public all afternoon until 5pm.

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

Small Farm Workshops, Mt Gambier series

Natural Resources SE

Monday 24 June, 7:00pm – 9:00pm *(SA time)*

Attamurra Golf Club, Mount Gambier

Registration essential-limited numbers. Supper provided.

Contact & to register: Naomi Brick (08) 8735 1234 or naomi.brick@sa.gov.au

Plants of the Great South West Book Launch

Warrnambool & District Society for Growing Australian Plants Inc.

Friday 28 June, 8:00pm *(Vic time)* **La Bella Room, Harbour Pavilion,** opposite the Breakwater in Warrnambool.

RSVP Friday 21 June

Contact: Kevin Sparrow (03) 5562 6217 or sparrows1@hotkey.net.au

Art Exhibition- Stan Kelly: Fungi

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Hamilton Art Gallery **until 30 June**

See the works of this self-taught artist, a Victorian railway engine driver by trade who devoted his paintings to Australian native flora and fungi.

Contact: Hamilton Art Gallery on (03) 5573 0460 hamiltongallery@sthgrampians.vic.gov

July

Monthly outing: Keith Camp-out

BirdLife South East SA

Fri 5 – Sun 7 July

Contact: David Sando (08) 8755 1575 or davidsando56@hotmail.com

Monthly working bee: Planting Day for the Glenelg Spiny Cray (cont.)

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

Monthly meeting

Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

Tuesday 9 July, 7:30pm or 6:30pm *(SA time)* for dinner

Meet at the Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

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

Vic No Till conference

Vic No Till Farmers Association

Tues 16 - Wed 17 July, Ballarat Lodge, Ballarat

Contact: Kerry Grigg (03) 5382 0422

SWIFFT Video Conference: Community Conservation of Threatened Species

Department of Environment & Primary Industries

Thursday 25 July, 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

Valley Lakes Restoration Project Community Planting Days

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Sat 27 – Sun 28 July, 9:00am – 12:00pm *(SA time)*

Valley Lakes Conservation Reserve, Mount Gambier

Bring gloves, planting tools. Water provided.

Contact: Orazio Cultreri 0423 299 386 or lifemcz@internode.on.net

Orange-bellied Parrot Winter Surveys-Round 2

Sat 27 - Sun 28 July

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

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

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

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August

'Transition 2.0' Movie: Cinema CAS

Community Action for Sustainability & Transition Town Mt Gambier

Friday 2 August, Doors open 6:30pm, film 7:00pm *(SA time)*

Dress Circle, Main Corner, Mount Gambier

Tickets at door, donation ($3 - $10) Supper provided

Contact: Catherine Pye cas4sustainability@gmail.com

Monthly working bee: Piccaninnie Ponds Planting Day

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Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks

Saturday 3 August, 9:30am. Piccaninnie Ponds CP

Meet at Piccaninnie ponds carpark, near beach access point. Bring planting tools, gloves, morning tea & lunch.

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

Yarrilinks Landcare planting weekend

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August 3 and 4, Brim - Wimmera

Contact: Tim Inkster 0488 662 199 or tim@yarrilinks.org.au

National Science Week- SciWorld Sunday

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Sunday 4 August, 10:00am – 3:00pm *(SA time)*

Mount Gambier (location TBC)

Hands-on science fun inc. native wildlife, Bugs 'n' Slugs, StarDome, robotics, interactive exhibits, maths puzzles, electric circuit kits and our 'science shop'.

Contact: (08) 8302 3046 or info@sciworld.org.au

August

Monthly outing: Water valley Wetlands IBA Camp-out

BirdLife South East SA

Fri 9 – Sun 11 August

Contact: Bryan Haywood (08) 8726 8112
or brytonwood@bigpond.com

Australasian Raptor Conference

BirdLife Australia

Fri 9 – Sun 11 August, Adelaide Zoo

Registration fees apply

For details: www.birdlife.org.au/events/detail/australasian-raptor-association-conference

Perseids Meteor shower

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Sun 11 – Tues 13 August

Best time to view is late night to before dawn.

Fast and bright meteors appear in all parts of the sky, frequently leaving persistent trains.

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Project Hindmarsh planting weekend

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Sat 17- Sun 18 August, Nhill, Wimmera

Contact: Phil Falcke 0429 006 936

Working bee at Kelvin Powrie Conservation Park

Friends of Mt Monster CP

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Sunday 18 August, 1:00pm – 3:00pm *(SA time)*

Meet at main carpark. BYO afternoon tea.

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

National Tree Day Community Planting Day

Southern Grampians Shire Council

Sat 31 August, 10:00pm – 1:00pm *(Vic time)* **Grange Burn, Hamilton**. Meet at Tirrell Drive (off Charmichael St)

BBQ lunch provided. Bring gloves, gumboots, planting tools.

Contact: Skott Stark (03) 5573 0223
or sstark@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

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Ongoing

Weekly bird outing

Friends of Shorebirds South East

Every Tuesday. Location on lower South East coastline

Contact: Maureen Christie 8738 0014 on the Monday evening to find out where & when the week's activity will be or email: twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

Lake George (Beachport) monthly bird monitoring

Friends of Shorebirds South East

Extra helpers needed. For details, when & where,

Contact: Iain Stewart 8735 4269; 0428 475 627
or stewed@bigpond.com

Regular beach litter clean ups & marine debris surveys

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Southern Ocean Coastcare Group

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

Meeting place/location 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

Monthly working bee at McIntyre Reserve

Robe Coastcare Group

Generally first Sunday of the month, 10:00am *(SA time)*
Meet at McIntrye Reserve, Robe

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

Kalangadoo Farmers Market

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

Old Uniting Church Hall, Eliza St, Kalangadoo

Contact: Sandra Young (08) 87393245

Mount Gambier Farmers Market

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

Cave Gardens precinct

Contact: Sally Schultz 0428 594 306

Permaculture Mount Gambier

Join the discussion on Facebook & the email list at:
info@permaculturemg.org

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.

Does your group/organisation have an upcoming event over the spring months *(September, October, November)* ?

Contact Becky McCann, Nature Glenelg Trust on 0409 842 471, becky.mccann@natureglenelg.org.au prior to Thursday 25 July for your event to be included in the next calendar.

FF = **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.

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