



Get up close to nature at your back door!

Autumn Environmental Events 2016

South East South Australia and South West Victoria

Late February

Shorebirds 2020 count

Friends of Shorebirds SE

Saturday February 27 and Sunday February 28

Counts of the population monitoring sites counted twice a year since 1982. Port MacDonnell area, Carpenter Rocks area and Lake George. Counting is not limited to these areas... if you would like to help with any of these areas, or to count 'your patch', contact Jeff Campbell: sarah.jeffcampbell@bigpond.com

Clean Up Australia Day

Natural Resources South East with Friends of Parks and local communities.

Multiple locations across the South East

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Sunday February 28

Visit cleanupaustraliaday.org.au for details and search 'Natural Resources South East' or by postcode for the location nearest you. All events have a free BBQ lunch or afternoon tea for helpers. BYO water, sunscreen, covered shoes and gloves.

Contact: Natural Resources South East: (08) 8735 1177.

March

Meet the Maremmas - escorted walking tours

Middle Island Maremma Project

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Until March 19

Wade across to Middle Island for a tour and meet Eudy and Tula, the Maremmas who guard the Little Penguins from foxes. Contact Flagstaff Hill on 1800 556 111 or visit flagstaffhill.com - Tours \$16/Adult, \$12/Concession, \$10/Child. Family \$42 (2 adults, 2 children).

BirdLife South East SA AGM

Lake McIntyre, Millicent

Saturday March 5, 12.30pm

Preceded by a morning birding session.

Contact Bob Green: 0407 649 909

March

Eucalypt extravaganza! 'Nuts about Gums' talk with Dean Nicolle

Nature Glenelg Trust

Friday March 4, 6:30 pm

Wehl Street Theatre, Mount Gambier

Join our guest speaker Dean Nicolle - Eucalypt expert and author of the definitive text 'Native Eucalypts of South Australia', and hear about the amazing diversity of our native gum trees including our own South East species. Free entry and followed by supper. Contact Rose (details below).

Eucalypt Exploration Ramble

Saturday March 5, 9:30 am

Clarke Park, Springs Road, Port MacDonnell

Get to know the Dingley Dell Gum on a short bushwalk with Dean. For more info and to register contact Rose: rose.thompson@natureglenelg.org.au or 0437 597 385

NRSE at the Mundulla Show

Natural Resources South East

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Saturday March 5

Visit the NRSE site to chat with an Authorised Officer about pest control, bring along a soil or water sample for testing, learn about funding opportunities for re-vegetation and talk to NRSE's Cassie Hlava about your Bush-stone Curlew sightings or questions. Cost to enter the Show. Contact: Natural Resources South East on (08) 8735 1177

Deep Creek - 8 Mile Beach Clean Up

Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

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Sunday March 6, 10am

Meet at Eight Mile Creek bridge area

BBQ lunch to follow. Please bring gloves, water, snacks, sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing. For details follow Port MacDonnell Landcare on Facebook or contact: Peter Feast 0427 388 070 or mimosa2@bigpond.com

Clean Up Australia Day - Warrnambool

Sunday March 6 10am-12pm

Help clean our beaches, waterways and parks. Get your community group or school involved.

Contact: Kate McInnes (03) 5559 4800 or kmcinn@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or visit www.cleanup.com.au

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All events are FREE unless stated



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

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Effective use of compost and organic fertilisers on-farm

Tuesday 8th March from 11am-2pm

Koroit Football Clubrooms, High Street

Speakers include: Compost consultant (Blue Environment P/L), Bill Grant; Land, Water and Carbon Consultant (Dairy Australia), Graeme Ward; DEDJTR District Veterinary Officer, Dr John Gibney; Southern Farming Systems, Research & Extension Officer, Lisa Miller.

Contact: Amanda on (03) 5557 1000 or Amanda@westvicdairy.com.au

Shorebird transmitter deployment

Friends of Shorebirds SE

March 9 til March 13

Thompson Beach

5 transmitters to deploy, with accommodation planned at Middle Beach. Contact either Jeff Campbell:

sarah.jeffcampbell@bigpond.com or Maureen Christie: twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

Talk - 'Alaska - Moose on the loose'

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Thursday March 17

Free talk from Marcel Hoogentink.

Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au

NRSE at the South East Field Days

Natural Resources South East

Friday March 18 & Saturday March 19

Site 270, Yakka Park, Lucindale

Soil and water testing, and advice from our Authorised officers. Talk to weed botanist Chris Brodie from the State Herbarium of SA and bring in a specimen for ID and treatment recommendations and plenty more. Fun for the kids with the Connies trading cards, Nature Play, electronic microscopes, Ollie our bird mascot, the Blue Yakka Trail and much more! Contact: Natural Resources South East on (08) 8735 1177.

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FOSSE - Victorian Wader Group Study visit

Friends of Shorebirds SE

Wednesday March 23 - Thursday March 31

Surveys to gauge breeding success in the 2015 breeding season, and retrieval of geolocators.

Contact either Jeff Campbell sarah.jeffcampbell@bigpond.com or Maureen Christie twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

BirdLife South East SA Keith-area campout

Friday March 25 to Monday March 28

Contact Linton Huxley: 0498 466 092 or fieldtrips@birdssa.asn.au

Meet the Maremmas at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

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Middle Island Maremma Project

Through Autumn school holidays from Saturday March 26

Standard Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village entrance fees apply. See flagstaffhill.com for more details.

April

MGAFOPS Working Bee at Carpenter Rocks

Saturday April 2, 9:30am

Track clean up time! Meeting place TBA
Contact Mark Jones: j.mark@iinet.net.au

Germein Reserve Working Bee and Wander

Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

Date TBA

Meet at Germein Reserve carpark, opposite Dingley Dell

Bring gloves, water, snacks, sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing. BYO BBQ lunch to follow. For details follow Port MacDonnell Landcare on Facebook or contact: Peter Feast on 0427 388 070 or mimosa2@bigpond.com

Glenelg Estuary Litter Clean-up Day

Nelson Coastcare

Wednesday April 6,

Meet at Estuary Beach Car Park at 9:30 AM

Help to collect the plastic and other debris that builds up along the Estuary shores and beach. Generously sponsored by Glenelg Hopkins CMA. All participants must register to be covered by insurance. All ages and abilities welcome! Sensible clothes, hats, water, etc, and gloves are a must. Lunch provided - please RSVP to Mary: nelsoncoastcare@hotmail.com

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April

2016 Lake Bolac Eel Festival

Weekend of 8 - 10 April

Lake Bolac boatshed



Including an art auction and festival dinner on the Friday, forums on Saturday featuring Bill Gammage and Bruce Pascoe, followed by plenty of music including Neil Murray and Matt Walker. Sunday features story telling and indigenous workshop. Visit eelfestival.org.au for more details.

Beripna Walk - Mt Cole area

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Sunday April 24

Meet 8.30am at the Hamilton Visitor Centre.

Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au

SWIFFT video conference - Threatened species management by local government

DELWP

Thursday April 28

Thursday February 11, 9.45am til 12pm

Various locations inc. Warrnambool, Hamilton & Heywood

See <http://swiff.net.au> for more details and upcoming events.

'Cork and Hoot' at St Mary's Winery

Nature Glenelg Trust and partners

Evening of Friday April 29

Hear from wildlife ecologist and owl expert Ed McNabb and taste St Mary's handmade estate wines. The winery contains a 300Ha bushland sanctuary, home to a large number of bird species and other fauna.

St Mary's Winery is off Penola/Robe Road, follow the signs.

RSVP essential: call the NGT Office on (08) 8797 8596

May

South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo annual count

SERTBC Recovery Team and BirdLife Australia



Saturday May 7

Help to search for Red-tails across SE SA and SW Vic - there are 60 stringybark sites to cover from Keith to Mount Gambier in SA and Nelson to Little Desert NP in Vic! Request an area or search stringybark on your own property. Training session on the morning of the count in Casterton. 4WD preferred, food and water, pencil/pens are needed and binoculars and GPS are handy. Followed by a campout at Bailey's Rock.

Contact Bronwyn Perryman: 1800 262 062 or

redtail@birdlife.org.au or visit redtail.com.au

May

Birdlife SE SA trip to Red Gum native forest reserves

May - date TBD

Birding trip to Red Gum country, north of Nangwarry.

Contact Bob Green 0407 649 909

MGAFOPS Working Bee - Pine Removal

Saturday May 7, 9:30am

Meeting place TBA

Contact Mark Jones: j.mark@iinet.net.au

South East Safari

Natural Resources South East

Friday May 13 - Saturday May 14

Tarooki Camp Site

Camp out on the South East safari for volunteers working with NRSE, and head out on a field trip on Saturday, hear from guest speakers, and join a thankyou lunch and presentation of awards for Volunteers Week.

Contact: Natural Resources South East on (08) 8735 1177

Outing to Koonongwootong Reservoir, Coleraine

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Saturday May 21

Meet 9am at the Hamilton Visitor Centre.

Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au

Hamilton Sustainable Living Expo 2016

Southern Grampians Shire Council

Sunday May 22, 10am til 3pm

HIRL, 333 North Boundary Road Hamilton

Come along and find out what's new in sustainable living - renewable energy, water efficiency, test drive an electric vehicle, nature conservation, energy efficiency, recycling, growing food at home, workshops, seminars and product displays. Gold coin entry (donation to HIRL).

For more details phone Kylie McIntyre: (03) 5573 0220

Early June

MGAFOPS Working Bee - Revegetation

Saturday June 11, 9:30am

Meeting place TBA

Contact Mark Jones: j.mark@iinet.net.au

Ongoing

Permaculture Mount Gambier

Lots of events throughout the year

Anyone from SE SA and SW Vic welcome.

Contact Sharn: 0407 601 431 or join the Facebook network at Permaculture Mt Gambier.

Monthly outing - activity

Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

Farm walks, working bees, nature outings, tree planting, beach clean ups & more.

For details follow Port MacDonnell Landcare on Facebook or contact Peter Feast 0427 388 070 or mimosa2@bigpond.com



Volunteering in Nature

Nature Glenelg Trust

Be part of on-ground environmental action in SE SA or SW Vic. Activities include seed collecting excursions, seed drying and processing, seed viability testing, propagation trials & general nursery maintenance.

Contact: 0407 776 164 or yvonne.riley@natureglenelg.org.au

Shorebird Monitoring

Friends of Shorebirds SE

Population monitoring along the lower SE coast and inland. Catching to retrieve geolocators from turnstone or deploy satellite transmitters on Bar-tailed Godwit may be organised at short notice. Also, if you find evidence of breeding shorebirds or terns let us know!

Contact: Contact sarah.jeffcampbell@bigpond.com or twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

Monthly meeting

Port MacDonnell Landcare Group

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm or 6:30pm for dinner, meet at the Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

ALL WELCOME! Follow Port MacDonnell Landcare on Facebook or contact Peter Feast 0427 388 070 or at mimosa2@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 Jonathan Tuck, Nature Glenelg Trust based on information provided by various sources. Thanks to everyone who has contributed and supported these events and calendar, and much thanks to Becky McCann for her work in establishing the cross-border calendar!

= 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.

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Ongoing

Weekly Shorebirds Outing

Friends of Shorebirds SE

Most Wednesdays - location on lower SE coastline

Call (08) 8738 0014 on the Tuesday evening to find out where and when. Many activities involving waders. If you have a particular interest please put your hand up .. Everyone is always welcome!

South East SA ReefWatch Activities

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

Port Mac: Jess Bouchier: 0438 671 356 or jbourchier@hotmail.com

Beachport: (08) 8735 8418 or lorenz.marcia@gmail.com

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

Guided walks of the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 2.30pm at Botanic Gardens (Main Gate), Cockman Street, Warrnambool

Guided 30min walk. Contact: (03) 5564 7800 or friends@wbgardens.com.au

Warrnambool Society for Growing Australian Plants meeting

4th Friday of each month (Feb to Nov)

Mozart Hall, Gilles St, Warrnambool

Visitors welcome to come along to hear speakers on a range of interesting plant-related topics. Tea/coffee & supper provided.

Contact: apswarrnambool@gmail.com

Whale Sightings

DELWP report weekly whale sightings via email and the DELWP Barwon South West Facebook page.

To join the mailing list or contribute whale sighting reports, contact Mandy Watson at mandy.watson@delwp.vic.gov.au

Does your group/organisation have an upcoming event over the Winter months (June, July August) ?

Contact Jonathan Tuck, Nature Glenelg Trust on 0402 6633 63 or jonathan.tuck@natureglenelg.org.au prior to Friday May 6 for your event to be included in the next calendar.

For more details and events, check out facebook.com/natureglenelg or visit www.natureglenelg.org.au and subscribe to the blog