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## What's Sprouting

Summer 2023

**Welcome to the latest UGLN newsletter.**

**Celebrating the wonderful Landcare volunteers and their achievements throughout the seasons in the Upper Goulburn.**

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If you would like to share photos, events and projects through the UGLN Newsletter. Please email through your submissions to: [ugln.projects@ugln.net](mailto:ugln.projects@ugln.net)



## Spring Wildflower Walk

As part of our [Ribbons of Remnant Roadsides](#) Project (RRR) UGLN ran another spring wildflower walk along Clarks Road in Yea and we were treated to a brilliant display of wildflowers and orchids. The walk was led by renowned botanist Geordie Scott-Walker and attendees got to see and learn about the wildflowers and rare flora found in this significant area of roadside vegetation.

Highlights included the Green-comb Spider-orchid, Twining Fringe-lily, Blunt and Dwarf Greenhood Orchids, Musky Caladenia Orchid and Golden Moth Orchid. Masses of Sun-orchids, Milkmaids, Chocolate and Bulbine Lilies were also starting to appear.

A botanical report has been produced for Clarks Road and many other RRR Project sites in the Upper Goulburn. They can all be found [here](#).





## Yarck Night Walk - Spotlighting.



The Home Creek-Spring Creek Landcare Group recently held a night walk and spotlighting activity at the Toyota Landcruiser Clubs (TLCC) 360-acre property in Yarck.

We had a great turnout of Landcarers and 4WD Drivers, and it was a very rewarding walk. Along the way we got to see a koala, sugar glider, two Tawny Frogmouths, a Brush-tailed Possum and two Ringtail Possum, one of the Ringtail Possums had two little young ones clinging to its back.

We all finished off the night with supper around a wonderful cosy open fire in the 'Yarck Hilton', the club house of the TLCC.



## Leigh Redding – Environmental Education



From the end of Summer, Leigh Redding will join UGLN as part of the Education Projects team.

Leigh grew up in Yea and has been actively engaged in the local environment for many years - from being involved in Intrepid Landcare and forest conservation/activism to paddling from Yea to the Mouth of the River Murray and recently creating a Plastic Recycling project.

While Leigh is not away guiding young people on outdoor education programs throughout Victoria, he will work closely with Zanni to facilitate Landcare education projects with local schools and support the Kids Teaching Kids program and conference.

We are excited to have Leigh join our team and channel his diverse skill set into engaging young people with some great projects and Landcare.



Kids Teaching Kids 2022



## Local Faces in Landcare

Wendy Dare – Eildon Landcare Group



### How long have you been involved with Landcare?

Landcare and I have had a relationship for the last eighteen years.

**What has been your favourite Landcare activity/day/workshop and why?** My favourite activity is just going, I always have a buzz and a spring in my step. We either work beside the beautiful Lower Pondage, or beside the beautiful Goulburn River. What is not to like.

**What do you hope to achieve with Landcare?** In the hopes of achieving, we fly high, a weedless environment, but we are also realistic, we have small weekly goals.

**If you could be a plant/animal species, what would it be and why?** My favourite question and this has had some thought attached to it. I would like to be a duck, either a Pacific Black Duck or, an Australian Wood Duck, and as I'm short I'm often referred to as having ducks disease. Ducks get the lot, they can fly, swim and travel on land. I would spend the duck season at Eildon so as not to get shot, but then I could do some roaming around.

**What's your favourite environment-related website/book?** I have two equally favourite books. Simpson & Day "Birds of Australia" and "Weeds of the South East".

## UGLN Junior Landcare.



Congratulations to two of our local schools that were successful with their 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant applications.

Kinglake West PS received \$2300 for their Indigenous Sensory Garden-Sustainability Committee Project.

Members of the Kinglake Landcare Group recently attended the school to give advice to the students about what plants would be suitable for their sensory garden. The students and landcarers planted some of the critically endangered Round-leaf Pomaderris and other local species in the school garden.

Kinglake West PS is also now officially registered as a Junior Landcare Group.

Kinglake Primary School also received a \$1250 Junior Landcare Grant towards their Indigenous Garden.

Students from Mt Lilydale Mercy College kindly built 15 nesting boxes for us to use in our Landcare projects to provide important artificial homes for wildlife including sugar gliders, ringtail possums and brush-tailed phascogales.

The boxes will be installed by local landcarers on farms and properties across the Upper Goulburn.





## Up-coming Landcare Events



### Farm Chemical Users Course

Whittlesea Landcare are running a subsidised course for landowners who wish to learn about the safe use of pest plant and animal control chemicals on their land. The course will qualify attendees for the Agricultural Chemical Users Permit (ACUP).

**When:** 18 and 25 March

**Where:** Whittlesea Community Centre

**To register:** Emma Bennett, M 0437 345 475

E [emma.bennett@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:emma.bennett@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

### Rabbit Management Information Session

Join Landcare and the Victorian Rabbit Action Network presenter, Neil Devanney for an information session on how to manage rabbits on your property.

**When:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Where:** Homewood Hall

**To register:** Contact Chris Cobern 0413 855 490 or

[ugln.projects@ugln.net](mailto:ugln.projects@ugln.net)

### National Tree Day - 2023

Established in 1996, National Tree Day has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event.

The program is a call to action for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to their community.

**The dates for 2023 are:**

Schools Tree Day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

National Tree Day Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July

**To register:** <https://treeday.planetark.org/>



## Mt Pleasant Reserve – Nest Boxes



Landcarers from Home Creek-Spring Creek and UT Creek Landcare Groups joined Joanne and Alana from [Ecology and Restoration Australia](#) to inspect the nesting boxes at Mt Pleasant Reserve in Alexandra.

The project has been funded by [Parks Victoria's Volunteering Innovation Fund](#), and they are monitoring 500 nest boxes across Victoria to assess use by native and introduced species, and any maintenance issues.

They made a great start in Alexandra, checking 30 boxes, and identified a few maintenance issues that they'll be working with Parks Victoria to get fixed. Inhabitants included Brush-tailed Possums, Ringtail Possums and quite a few sugar glider families - like those in the picture.





## Pheasant Creek Blackberry Action Group



The Pheasant Creek Blackberry Action Group (PCBAG) is working together with landowners in the Kinglake Ranges to reduce the impact of blackberries in the region, with practical on ground solutions, education and community engagement.

Blackberry is an invasive shrub and is a threat to agriculture and the natural environment in Victoria due to its rapid growth and spread. It also helps facilitate the spread of Queensland Fruit Fly. Targeted Blackberry control efforts in this area, will benefit the many commercial fruit growers in the region, the agriculture industry more broadly and the environment.

The PCBAG Project Officer is now conducting free assessments for landowners to map and assess the extent of blackberry infestations on their property.

With the assistance of our project officer landowners will then have the option of developing a management plan that will assist them to plan the control and management of blackberry infestations on their property.

Our project officer can also provide technical advice and information on the control of blackberries and other assistance such as chemical rebates and Landcare incentives.

For more information and to arrange a property visit please contact PCBAG Project Officer Chris Cobern on 0413 855 490 or by email [ugln.projects@ugln.net](mailto:ugln.projects@ugln.net)

PCBAG is supported by the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce, Murrindindi Shire Council, Parks Victoria, and Yarra Valley Agribusiness.

### Landcare groups supported by UGLN.

- Eildon Landcare Group
- Kinglake Landcare Group
- Flowerdale Landcare Group
- Merton Landcare Group
- Molesworth Landcare Group
- Cathedral Landcare Group
- Strath Creek Landcare Group
- UT Creek Landcare Group
- Yea River Catchment Landcare Group
- Yellow Ck-Dairy Ck Landcare Group
- Home Ck-Spring-Ck Landcare Group
- Flowerdale PS Junior Landcare Group
- Upper Goulburn Intrepid Landcare
- Yea High School Junior Landcare Group
- Kinglake Scouts Junior Landcare Group
- Kinglake West PS Junior Landcare Group
- Friends of Marysville Walks
- Yea Wetlands Committee of Mgmt.
- Murrindindi Climate Network

### Your UGLN Executive Committee.

- President: Tony Jacobs (Yea River Catchment)
- Treasurer: Alan Tonkin (Cathedral)
- Secretary: Susan King (Strath Creek),
- Chairperson of Projects Subcommittee: John Stewart (Kinglake),
- General Members:
- Richard Evans (Cathedral),
- Bec Bowles (Yellow Ck-Dairy Ck),
- Judy Brookes (Yea River Catchment),
- Roger Cook (Kinglake),
- Wendy Dare (Eildon),
- Allison Spratt (Home Ck-Spring Ck),
- Ken Mival (Flowerdale),
- Rita Seethaler (MCN)
- Past President; Terry Hubbard (Strath Creek)

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## Funding Opportunities

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grant name</u>	<u>Opening on</u>	<u>Closing on</u>	<u>Details</u>
FNCV	FNCV Environment Fund	Now	17/4/23	<a href="https://www.fncv.org.au/environment-fund/">https://www.fncv.org.au/environment-fund/</a>
Planet Ark	Seedling Bank Grants	Now		<a href="https://treeday.planetark.org/seedlingbank/">https://treeday.planetark.org/seedlingbank/</a>

### Covid-Safe Landcare

***The following advice is important to include when sending information and reminders about all upcoming Landcare events and meetings:***

- ***Do not attend the activity if you are unwell, especially with cold/flu symptoms.***
- ***Do not attend if you have been in contact with someone where there is a risk you may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 7 days.***



The garden to celebrate the lives of Strath Creek Landcarers Laurie Macmillan and David Wakefield was officially opened in Strath Creek on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 by Susan King and Terry Hubbard.