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Network Notes

Summer 2019



Happy 2019! I hope everyone had a chance to slow down and savour time with family and friends over the holiday season.

We have some good news for the South Gippsland Landcare Network. First of all, Kate McKenzie has had her baby, named Gemma Bell on 20th December. The whole family is delighted with their newest member!

Another piece of good news is that SGLN has signed a contract with the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) to deliver over 3 years nearly \$1 million worth of fox and rabbit control along the Bunurong Coast. This program should deliver a significant boost to the survival of native flora and fauna living on the 1,600 Ha of coast. SGLN will be working with public and private landowners in the rollout of the program. The program is funded by the Victorian government as part of its Biodiversity Strategy.

Cassie Wright was appointed to fill a one day a week Project Officer position and commenced work on four projects in early December 2019. This position is funded from project grants.

Up and coming grants....

Community Climate Change

Adaptation (3CA) Grants Program



Board Update:

The SGLN Board has been busy actioning our Business Plan. One goal of the plan is to maintain existing partnerships and to also create several new partnerships. To this end Board members Mark Walters and Libby Anthony along with our Coordinator, Glenn, attended the WGCMA Regional Landcare meeting. WGCMA is one of our major funding partners. Also, Libby attended the Port Phillip and Western Port CMA Regional Landcare meeting. We hope to progress a written partnership agreement with PPWCMA in 2019 and explore funding opportunities for SGLN Landcare groups based in this CMA's area.

Glenn and Libby have submitting a couple of Commonwealth Smart Farms Small Grants applications

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is delivering a small grants program to build resilience to climate change impacts through community-driven adaptation activities that address identified gaps and priorities in Victoria's regions.

The 3CA Grants program will:

- identify and support practical projects focused on adaptation activities with clear community benefit;
- foster partnerships between communities, local governments and regional stakeholders on adaptation; and
- generate and share lessons on good practice approaches to community adaptation.

The 3CA Grants program is part of the Victorian Government's [Supporting our Regions to Adapt initiative](#), a three-year program providing practical support for communities to prepare for the challenges of a changing climate. It supports outcomes from [Victoria's Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020](#).

Key dates

Applications open: Wednesday 16 January 2019

which were due in early January 2019. As these grants are highly competitive, we will not hear back on the success of our applications until about June 2019.

There have been a few changes at the Board level since the AGM. Mark Uren was elected by the Board to the position of Secretary.

Congratulations, Mark! Russell Swan, who was elected to the position of Treasurer, has had to step down from the Board due to family health matters. Mark Walters, who is also an accountant, has agreed to step into the Treasurer's role for 2019. Rosemary Knox has been elected to the position of Deputy Chair. Andrea Clifford who has a background in natural resource management was appointed to the Board as a General Member.

The Board also appointed the SGLN Fund Committee comprising Mark Walters, Jean Carnell and Ray Saunders. Rosemary Knox was appointed to head up a subcommittee on Membership and Groups. The work of this subcommittee will be to first ensure accuracy and consistency of membership data between SGLN and Landcare groups; and secondly to support cluster meetings. If any Landcare members would like to help Rosemary with this subcommittee, please give her a ring or

Applications close: 11:59pm Sunday 31 March 2019

What funding is available?

In total, the available funding for the 3CA Grants program is \$1,000,000.

- Grants between \$25,000 to \$75,000 will be awarded.
- Projects must be completed no later than 31st December 2020.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

Expression of interest:

Landcare Australia raises funds to support environmental and sustainable agriculture projects through corporate and government partnerships, fundraising and donations.

For more details click [here](#)

Mentoring Program Jenny

O'Sullivan hosted a successful kick-off event for participants in the mentoring program at **Gary Wallis'** farm in Fish Creek on 12 January. Mentees will next meet for a full day permaculture training course on March 2, 2019. There are a limited number of extra spots available on the course for people who are not part of the mentoring program. The course kicks off at 9.30am at [Bob's](#)

email. Board member Alex Swan was appointed to head up a sub-committee on Communications and Promotions. Alex is well versed in Facebook, Twitter and social media. Alex would welcome members to join him especially if you have webpage skills and marketing nous.

Libby Anthony

SGLN Chair

Action on Weeds in the Western Strzeleckis

During 2018 members of the Mt Worth and Triholm Landcare Groups met to discuss the lack of any progress, despite many years of trying to persuade Agriculture Victoria to take action on landholders who had major weed problems. Click [here](#) for more details.

Action on Weeds : Notes from Kernot meeting

On the 24th January concerned community members met at Kernot to discuss some local Ragwort issues.

Chaired by David Blum, and attended by:

Jordan Crugnale, (State MP Bass)
Robbie Gray (Bass Coast Landcare)
Chris Rankin (South Gippsland Shire Council) Geoff Ellis (Westernport Ward Bass Coast Shire,) Glenn Brook-McMillan (South Gippsland

[Gardenfarm](#) at 28 Dessents Rd, Hiawatha. It is essential that you RSVP to Scott Elliott, scotte@wgcm.vic.gov.au if you would like to attend.

WHERE CAN I RECYCLE SILAGE WRAP?

Click [here](#) for more information

What's on?

Friends of Turtons Creek are running a Clean Up Australia Day event at Turtons Creek on Sunday 3rd March from 10am to 12noon, Mee at the campgrounds on Turtons Creek Road, Turtons Creek. Volunteers must wear boots or gum boots, long sleeve shirt and long pants, hat and garden gloves.

and later in March a Citizen Science Water Quality Day

GAN agroforestry [field day](#).

Date: Saturday 23rd February 2019

Time: 8:30 am – 2:30pm

Location: Glen Alvie

RSVP essential: Jon Hauser:

jon@xcheque.com 0408 872 121

Cassie's corner: SGLN Project Update

Hi everyone, I'm thrilled to be working with SGLN and look forward to meeting some of you along the

Landcare Network) Libby Anthony
(Pres SGLN) Tom Monish (Sentinel
Times)

Local Landcare members, (Arawata,
Bass Valley, Loch Nyora, Poowong)
and local concerned farmers and
citizens. (Total approx 30 people)

A commitment was given by Jordon
to raise issue in Parliament and local
reps have formed a reference group
to prepare the submission: A few to
get together and prepare a
submission to take to Parliament.

Libby Anthony, Rosemary
Knox, Geoff Ellis and Syd White.

We are looking for more people to get involved in Landcare?

With so many exciting activities going
on throughout our network we would
like to encourage you to get more
involved. This could be voluntary for as
much time that suits you. We are also
seeking people interested in part time,
small project work in a paid capacity.

So please let Glenn know of your skills
and interests and we will get you more
involved.

In particular SGLN have partnered with
the WGCMA to roll out a three year
program to manage Rabbits & Fox's in
the Bunurong Coast. Early stages has
included talking with local groups to
see how they can be more involved.
Glenn is seeking EOI's from people
wanting to be more involved. Watch

way. Here's a quick introduction to
the projects I'm working on:

1. **Corner Inlet citizen science water quality improvement project**

Libby was inspired to develop this
two year project (funded by
Coastcare Victoria and the Victorian
Government) after hearing about
recent work which showed how the
quality of the water flowing into
Corner Inlet affects seagrass, and
thereby fish and also the local fishing
industry. We will hold two community
education seminars and will be
calling for volunteers to be involved
in water quality monitoring on four
creeks entering the north western
side of Corner Inlet. More
information to come soon, but if
you're interested in volunteering feel
free to email me at .

2. **Threatened invertebrates**

SGLN is working with a range of
organisations (DELWP, Latrobe
Catchment Landcare Network,
Gippsland Water and Federation
University) on a three year project
which aims to protect and restore
habitat of 30 colonies of Giant
Gippsland Earthworm and three
threatened species of burrowing
crayfish, along with the development
of a new method for surveying
burrowing crayfish. In 2014 two

this space for more details.

Social Media Training Workshops

Coastcare Victoria has organised additional Social Media Training Workshops, which will be held at the following location:

Inverloch 5 March

Note - the same trainer (Kristen Boschma) is being used at all four workshops.

Go to the eventbrite links above for the venues' details and bookings.

demonstration sites were established in the SGLN area looking at modified revegetation techniques for sites where Giant Gippsland Earthworms are present. We'll be building on that work and looking for new sites where Giant Gippsland Earthworms are present, and offering incentives to help landholders protect these sites, plus offering a field day for everyone to come and find out more.

3. [Growing Southern Gippsland \(climate change adaptation\)](#)

This two year project (lead by Bass Coast Landcare Network and working with RMIT and Federation University) will develop 12 detailed case studies of farmers who are innovating and diversifying in a time of climate change. These will be available on a website, which will also include a decision-making portal to help landholders make decisions taking relevant information about climate change into account. Six field days will also be held across the BCLN and SGLN network areas.

4. [Demonstrating sustainable farm practices in Western Port](#)

This sustainable agriculture project (lead by Westernport Landcare Network over the Western Port, Port Phillip and Yarra catchments)

includes 5 on-farm demonstration sites, with a focus on building soil carbon. It also involves farmer discussion groups and field days. There are a number of field days coming up, we'll keep you informed!

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