

Glenelg Hopkins



CMA



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Celebrating nature and successes

What a great way to celebrate Biodiversity Month with the announcement of the first Australian mammal to be downlisted from extinct in the wild to endangered. The Eastern Barred Bandicoot is close to many people's hearts here in the region – given Hamilton was the last known location of this species breeding in the wild.

It was really encouraging to be able to still connect with nature despite the current restrictions across the state with the online Victoria Nature Festival. The event had over 110 events online, from podcasts to virtual National park walks, zoo experiences and a look at regional projects that bring back habitat and species. The Glenelg Hopkins CMA had six items as part of the event program and two live streamed events. You can see the videos on our website..

The CMA has had new staff additions through the Victorian Government's 'Youth Employment Program'. This program, was made available to organisations to assist young people (17-29) who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. They will be working with the CMA for the next 9 months and will gain some key skills and experience to assist them with future employment. We hope that they all enjoy their time here and can complete some great NRM work for the region!

Adam Bester, CEO Glenelg Hopkins CMA

Most genetically diverse populations of plants ever created

Finally, after three years of planning and hard work from the VVP team, our region is now the proud custodian of three new genetically rich populations of Button Wrinkleworts (*Rutidosis leptorhynchoides*).

A lot of time was spent last year 'bagging' plants and then collecting those seed-filled bags from remnant populations across Victoria – from Wickliffe across to Bannockburn. These seeds were then propagated by Chatsworth nurseryman, David Franklin. When COVID-19 restrictions eased in September planting was finally able to begin.

With four brand new populations being established Glenelg Hopkins CMA staff have created the most genetically diverse populations of this threatened daisy.

None of this would have been possible without the willingness and dedication of our new custodians, Neville Oddie and Kate Redwood, Peter and Christine Forster, Peter and Jenny Hinchliffe and Wannon Water.



This project is supported by Glenelg Hopkins CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program



Australian first as Bandicoots come back from the brink



Some incredible news - the bandicoots are back from the brink with the Victorian Minister for the Environment announcing the species have officially been downgraded from *extinct in the wild* to *endangered*.

It's amazing for a species whose last remaining members were using car bodies in the Hamilton tip for protection.

The Glenelg Hopkins CMA is proud to have been involved in this program and congratulates everyone who has been part of helping making this happen.

[READ THE FULL STORY HERE](#)

Did you see us as part of Victoria's Nature Festival?

Did you catch our online events as part of the 2021 Victoria Nature Festival?

Restrictions eased to a point which allowed us to live stream two events as part of the online festival - an evening kayak on the Glenelg River at Nelson, where the river meets the sea, and take a stroll along the beach looking for shorebirds.

Events as part of the Nature Festival can still be viewed online at: www.together.vic.gov.au/victoria-nature-festival

The Glenelg Hopkins CMA had 6 items as part of the 100-item program.



[Watch the estuary video HERE](#)



[Watch the shorebird video HERE](#)



Take a wander around Discovery Bay wetlands

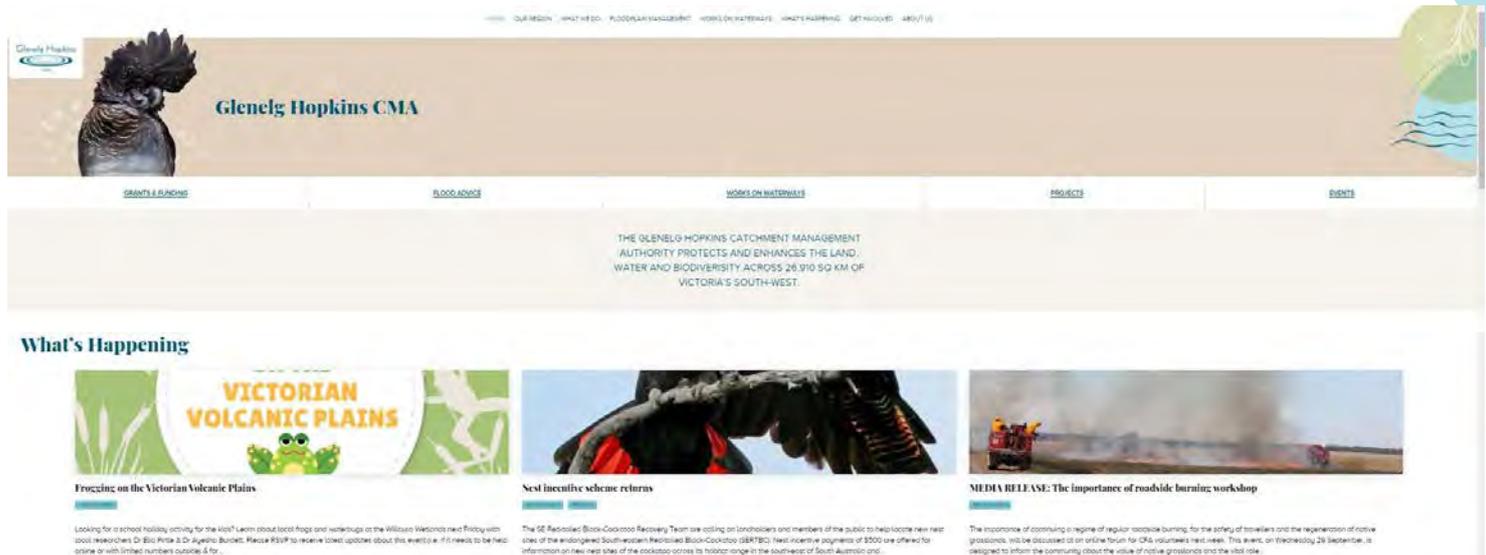
As part of the Victoria Nature Festival a new video showcasing the extraordinary dune slack wetlands of the Discovery Bay Coastal Park was created.

This casual wander through the area, hosted by Ramsar site coordinator, Gavin Prentice, premiered as part of the event.



[Watch the wetlands walk HERE](#)

GHCMA website - same location, new look



Glenelg Hopkins CMA has recently refreshed its website.

Still located at www.ghcma.vic.gov.au, the website has had a bit of an overhaul to make it more user friendly and allow everyone to find what they need more easily.

From locating projects and finding out what funding is available, to seeing what the latest news is, to accessing flooding information and works on waterways permits, the website should provide users with a more streamlined navigation experience.

Successful revegetation of stringybarks for red-tails

A key component of the Red-tails of the Glenelg Plain project is the revegetation of Red-tailed Black Cockatoo feeding habitat. Working in partnership with Greening Australia, the revegetation of 40 ha of scattered Stringybark habitat has been recently completed.

Since European arrival in the region 57% of Stringybark habitat in the species range has been cleared. The Red-tailed Black Cockatoo has a highly specialised feeding habit, restricted to Brown and Desert Stringybark in the Glenelg Hopkins region, thus habitat revegetation is a key component of the species recovery.

To date, a total of 80 ha of feeding habitat has been revegetated through the project, with plant survival in excess of 90%.



This project is managed by BirdLife Australia and supported by Glenelg Hopkins CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program

Can you spot a flock of sanderlings? We need your help!



South-west Victoria is host to an exciting migratory shorebird research project this season. The important bird area of Discovery Bay will be a focus location for a Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) capture, release and tracking project.

But we need to know where and when the Sanderlings are so researchers can come to the right place at the right time - could you help by spotting on a beach?

[REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE](#) or [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

Building farmer business skills through resilience program

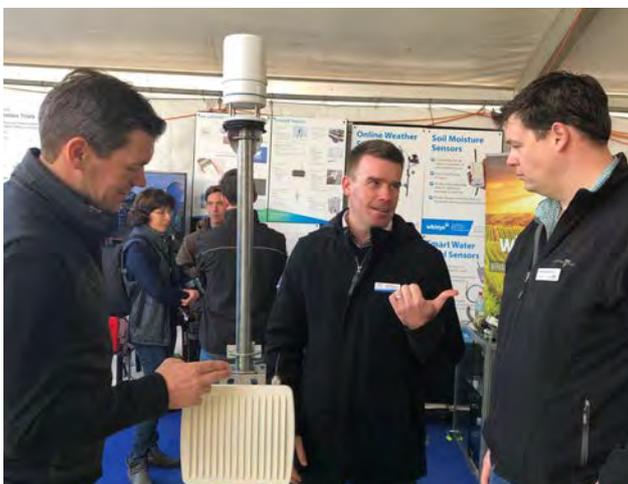


Are you a Victorian livestock, grain or mixed farmer? Do you want to develop or refresh your farm business plan to take your business to the next level? Are you interested in improving your skills in risk management, business and succession planning, and the management of natural resources for improved productivity?

Then the Agriculture Victoria's new Farm Business Resilience Program, part of the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, may be the program for you and/or the farmer groups you're involved in.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Kit Duncan-Jones on 0427 749 466 or kit.duncan-jones@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Innovation in agriculture awards open for young people



Applications are now open for the 2022 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

This competitive annual grants program supports young Australians aged 18-35 by funding projects that will benefit Australia's primary industries.

In partnership with Australia's leading research and development corporations and industry associations, there are 12 industry categories each worth up to \$22,000 (inc GST).

Applications close 1 October 2021. More information [AVAILABLE HERE](#)

NEWS:

Integrated pest management workshop in the paddock

Join the Upper Hopkins Land Management Group for a hands-on IPM workshop with Paul Horne on Friday, October 8 from 10am-12pm at Willaura

This short workshop will be a great introduction or a useful refresher about integrated pest management in our region.

The paddock-based workshop will provide updates and information about the collection and identification of insect pests, new monitoring tools and their potential impacts on crops.

Please RSVP for catering and COVID management. to: Ayesha Burdett: facilitator@UpperHopkins.org.au or phone 0429 021 500



Perennial Pasture Systems annual conference goes online

The 12th annual Perennial Pasture Systems conference *Fine tuning the farm business - Polishing what we know; shining a light on what we don't* will be held as a totally online event over three days this October.

Running from 7-9pm, the conference will take place on October 12, 14 and 19.

Link to sessions will be sent to attendees; sessions will be recorded for future viewing.



Tuesday October 12th 7pm: *Putting It Together On Farm* - Nigel Kerin, Kerin Poll Merinos; PPS President's Report & AGM

Thursday October 14th 7pm: *Fine-tuning a Grazing Business for Increased Returns* - James Whale, James Whale Consulting; *National Recovery and Resilience Agency* - Dean Jones NRRRA; *World Meat Outlook* - Simon Quilty, independent meat and livestock analyst.

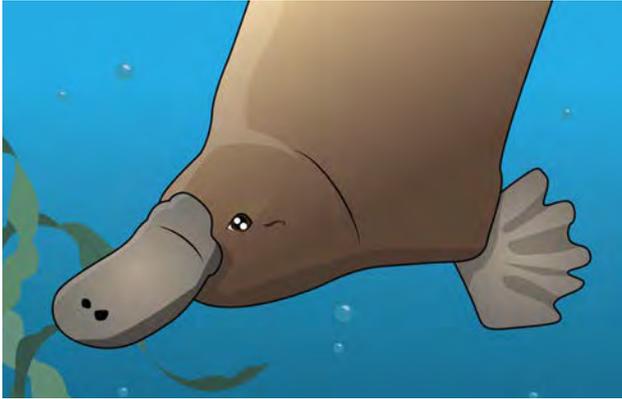
Tuesday October 19th 7pm: *Fine Tuning Pastures* - Jim Virgona, Graminus Consulting; *CO2 & Red Meat* - Margaret Jewell, MLA; *Wool & Domestic Meat Outlook* - Rob Herrmann, Mecardo.

Conference registration costs, which cover zoom session and posted conference booklet, are as follows: PPS members and sponsors and agricultural students - free; Non-members - \$66 (includes PPS Annual Membership 2021/22). RSVP to PPS Project Manager Rob Shea - 0438 521357, yadin@netconnect.com.au



CMA NEWS:

Claim a local site for the Great Australian Platypus Search



Join what might be the biggest citizen science project EVER as part of The Great Australian Platypus Search and use some super easy but totally new-age science in the process!

You can find out where sites to take samples from near you are, and register your intent to do the collection via the Platypus Search website. All the details are available at: www.thegreataustralianplatypussearch.org/

LANDCARE NEWS

A colorful event poster for 'Frogging on the Victorian Volcanic Plains'. The background is green with white silhouettes of frogs and reeds. A large white circle in the center contains the title 'FROGGING ON THE VICTORIAN VOLCANIC PLAINS' in blue, green, and orange text. Below the title is a small illustration of a green frog. To the right, an orange circle contains the date and time: 'FRIDAY OCTOBER 1, 2021 5PM - 7PM' and a note 'Online if required due to COVID 19 restrictions'. At the bottom, three circular images show a frog in a pond, a woman and child holding a jar, and a green frog on a log. The bottom section is dark blue with white text: 'LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY WATER BUGS & FROGS', 'HANDS ON WATER BUG ACTIVITY FOLLOWED BY A 'HOW TO GUIDE' ON IDENTIFYING FROGS AND RECORDING WHAT YOU FIND', 'All ages welcome, presented by trained local researchers Dr Elia Pirtle & Dr Ayesha Burdett', 'WILLAURA WETLAND RESERVE', 'MEET @ BBQ IN REC RESERVE, FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED', 'RSVP BY 29 SEPTEMBER TO JILEENA ON 042834 1869 OR EMAIL BEYONDBOLAC@OUTLOOK.COM'. Logos for 'Wettenhall ENVIRONMENT TRUST' and 'WILLAURA WETLAND RESERVE' are at the bottom.

CMA NEWS: Come work with us!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
**Regional Agriculture
Landcare Facilitator**

CONTRACT TO 30TH JUNE 2022
0.4 FTE
HAMILTON-BASED

APPLICATIONS
CLOSE: **9AM MONDAY
4TH OCTOBER
2021**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
ICT Officer

12 MONTH CONTRACT
0.6 FTE
HAMILTON OR WARRNAMBOOL-BASED

APPLICATIONS
CLOSE: **9AM MONDAY
11TH OCTOBER
2021**

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