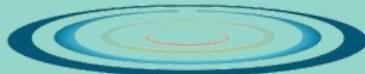




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## Project activities abound across the catchment continent this spring

Staff from the CMA were fortunate enough to present at the Australian NRM conference in Western Australia this month.

It was a great opportunity to showcase the work that the CMA, partners and landholders have been doing to restore the health of the Glenelg River over the last two decades and present the results of the fish populations that have increased in response to environmental flows and other restoration works. The CMA also presented on the partnerships with angler organisations to undertake fish habitat works right across the region.

The impacts of the recent flooding and rainfall events are still being assessed. We already have reports of several landholders that have had fences destroyed by the recent floods and in many cases it is still too wet to traverse properties to assess damage.

The CMA is leading a flood damage response (see article in this newsletter) and are still keen to find out if help is required across the impacted areas.

**Adam Bester CEO Glenelg Hopkins CMA**

# Over \$287,000 in Victorian Landcare grants received

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2022 Victorian Landcare Grants in the Glenelg Hopkins CMA region.

Environmental volunteer groups and networks are sharing \$3.22 million of funding to care for the state's natural environment, with 217 on-ground and capacity-building projects and 281 support grants funded.

Our CMA region received 18 project grants and 30 support grants totaling over \$287,000.

The Victorian Landcare Grants support Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks for on-ground works, education and capacity building projects that protect and restore our land and natural environment.

Project grants – up to \$20,000 was available for on-ground works, capacity-building activities, community education and engagement that protects, or improves natural assets such as native vegetation, native fauna, waterways, wetlands and soils.

Support grants – up to \$500 was available for assistance with costs such as insurance, incorporation and operational needs, or meetings and events or newsletters, websites, and other communication.

Successful grant recipients and projects from our region are listed on our website [HERE](#)



## FLOOD RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

IMAGE: Flood recovery, May 2019

On-farm assistance is now available to landholders to re-establish fences on properties

Contact the CMA on (03) 5571 2526

## Need help on your farm?

Do you need help fixing your fences after the floods have come and gone?

The Glenelg Hopkins CMA works crew is available to assist farmers with the manual labour required to stand up fences, remove debris from fencelines and undertake minor repairs.

We encourage landholders who have had their property impacted by floods and need this assistance to make contact with the CMA as soon as possible to allow us to begin getting the works crew out to assist where possible.

Call us on 5571 2526 or email [ghcma@ghcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:ghcma@ghcma.vic.gov.au)

## CMA NEWS:

# Come for a tour of Tae Rak with the CMA

As part of the Budj Bim Connections Flagship Waterway project, Glenelg Hopkins CMA is offering subsidised tours of Tae Rak (Lake Condah) to raise awareness and showcase the importance of this cultural landscape to the community.

Subsidised tours will cost \$20/head (RRP \$85) and will take place throughout November (tour dates remaining: November 11, 19, 24 & 26).

To be part of in the tours, participants simply need to complete a short survey before and after they attend the tour to gauge participants' understanding and awareness of the cultural landscape.



**To access a subsidised tour place, simply complete the survey to obtain the discount tour code [HERE](#)**

## Cooperative approach to landscape-sized projects

Landcare Facilitators working within the upper Wannon and Hopkins River catchment area have secured funding for two new projects under the Victorian Government's Our Catchments Our Communities program.

Funding was recently announced for two major regional projects to be delivered by four Landcare facilitators. The project will focus on improving rabbit control and precision agriculture around wetlands.

The large scale partnership projects will include participation by landholders within the Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group, the Upper Hopkins Land Management Group, and the Pannyabyr, Mirranatwa, Bunnugal, Glenthompson, Mooralla, Bulart, Beaufort, Skipton, Lake Goldsmith and Stoneleigh Landcare groups



**Find out more about these projects [HERE](#)**

**Complete the Precision Ag landholder survey [HERE](#)**

**These projects have been funded as part of the Glenelg Hopkins CMA's program, Our Catchment Our Communities Landscape Scale Grants.**

# Blackwater event in the Wannon River

Flooding in the Wannon River has led to a blackwater and fish death event.

Blackwater and low dissolved oxygen levels in the waterways are causing stress or death of native fish in several locations. These events are usually associated with large rain events and water sitting on the floodplains for extended periods.

The event is challenging but not unexpected considering recent flooding and weather conditions.

[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)



# Forgotten woodlands being replanted in the catchment

On a wet, windy day last month the Friends of the Forgotten Woodlands were out on a roadside planting banksia, sheoak and sweet bursaria plants.

As part of their planting activities, the group GPS plotted every single tree and noted the provenance of every plant.

It means there is a long term record of these now not forgotten woodland trees, including one tree which has had its roots in the soil of the catchment for literally hundreds of years.

You can find out more on the latest episode of The Pondcast, available on all streaming platforms and on our website [HERE](#)

Glenelg Hopkins CMA  
**THE PONDCAST**

**Episode 12:**  
Reinstating the forgotten woodlands

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Apple podcasts  
Spotify  
Google Podcasts  
and [ghcma.vic.gov.au](http://ghcma.vic.gov.au)

# Citizen scientists: Grab your camera and head to the beach!

The Sanderling are home from the arctic for the Summer and we'd love to know where you spot them on our beaches anywhere in Australia, but mostly in Victoria and South Australia.

Find out why it's important to know where and when the Sanderling arrive, and how you can win a monthly prize for simply snapping a photo!

Find out more on our [Sanderling Tracking Project Page](#)



## CMA NEWS:

# Want to help us plan projects that benefit your farm and our catchment?

Land, water and biodiversity are words used to describe the natural resources of the Glenelg Hopkins catchment area, but what do they mean to landholders in the catchment?

A new landholder survey being undertaken by Glenelg Hopkins CMA, with project partners, is aiming to qualify how and why landholders view and value natural resources.

Information gathered from the survey will inform project planning in the future, and help the CMA deliver projects in ways that value both landholders and natural resources.

By completing the survey, which should take no more than 5-10 minutes, participants go into the running to win one of five \$200 Coles Myer Gift Cards.

The survey closes on November 28.

## Understanding Precision Ag needs and wants

The new *Protecting Wetlands Together ... Previous Ag* project aims to provide clarity on what precision ag strategies and software is currently being used within the OCOC region and inspire a select group of cropping farmers and agronomists to consider precision ag strategies to protect and manage wetlands.

A survey is currently open - closing on November 20 - to learn about what precision ag strategies are currently being used in our catchment area.

If you are a cropping farmer, it would be appreciated if you could complete the survey, and indicate if you would be interested in being involved with the development of a new advisory group and attend the Evoke Ag conference.

## DO YOU FARM HERE?



We want to know how landholders in our catchment value natural resources on their property and local area. This helps us plan projects that benefit the catchment AND its landholders!

Complete the landholder survey at  
<http://s.alchemer-ca.com/s3/824500e65ecb>

## COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE



Be part of the landholder survey trying to find out current cropping practices and how more precision ag can be implemented in the catchment and you could be heading to the 2023 Agrifutures Evoke Ag Conference.

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/PrecAgSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PrecAgSurvey)



## CMA NEWS:

# Wet weather doesn't impede wetland visits

Despite the wet weather recently, CMA staff Jan, Liam and Charlie have still been able to have a great day on Wadawurrung Country with Wadawurrung Aboriginal Corporation staff checking out wetlands and waterways for the Our Catchments, Our Communities On-ground Stewardship project.

The project works with seasonal wetlands across 600,000ha of the Greater Gariwerd landscape in the upper Wannon and Hopkins River catchments and aims to build landholder and agricultural industry knowledge of cultural and ecological values to support management practices that improve the condition and connectivity of these vulnerable wetlands.



## Got rabbits around your wetlands?



### We can help with that!

If you want to remove rabbits from around your wetlands, get in touch with one of these Landcare facilitators and find out how a new regional project can help you on your farm.

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## CMA NEWS:

# Spring: The best time to get out on the grasslands

The grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plains are at their most spectacular in spring, and in 2022 we can return to offering the opportunity for people to join field days and bus tours to explore them in a guided way, as well as completing important project activities.

## Grassland monitoring – 17 November

### Field Day & Monitoring

#### 12.30pm for lunch followed by grasslands walk and monitoring.

Have you been wondering what's happened to those graded and scalped areas of the Penshurst - Dunkeld Road in the last couple of years?

Wonder no more because you could come and be part of the monitoring on these important project sites on November 17, 2022.

La Trobe University ecologist, Professor John Morgan, will be monitoring the newly sown sections of native grassland.

Flora and fauna monitoring will also be taking place, meaning the roof tiles placed on graded areas (RIGHT) will be checked for fauna, sweep netting will be checked for insects, and biomass recording with golf balls will be undertaken.

## Open grasslands bus tour – 24 November

### Tour of multiple grasslands sites on the VVP

10am – 4pm

Join a hosted bus tour visiting multiple sites on the Victorian Volcanic Plains including native grasslands, seasonal herbaceous wetlands, seasonally burnt grassland areas, seed production areas of the endangered Button Wrinklewort.

As part of the tour, hear from Dr Brad Farmilo, Arthur Rylah Institute, about monitoring grasslands. Brad has been part of the monitoring and recording of grasslands on the VVP for almost 10 years.

The bus tour departs and returns to the public toilet block on the Glenelg Highway at Streatham. The tour will depart at 10am sharp and return at 4pm.

***Travel by private car not possible as some sites being visited are on private property.***

**What's happening to those graded bits of the Penshurst - Dunkeld roadside?**

*Come and find out!*



RSVP essential: Aggie Stevenson 0435 537 443 or [a.stevenson@ghcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:a.stevenson@ghcma.vic.gov.au)



## Get out on the grasslands

### Join the bus tour of the VVP

10am-4pm  
Thursday 24 November

Visit the flowering grasslands, seasonal herbaceous wetlands, Button Wrinklewort seed orchard, and seasonal burning sites.

Bonus: Dr Brad Farmilo, ARI, talking about grassland monitoring



Details [www.ghcma.vic.gov.au](http://www.ghcma.vic.gov.au)

**RSVPs are essential for both these activities to**

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