

Southern Bent-wing Bat. IMAGE: Lindy Lumsden

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Great engagement at Sheepvention

Earlier in August, the CMA attended what is our largest engagement event – Sheepvention. Sheepvention was a really great time to meet a lot of people we work with and our new site in the innovation hub was busy with activities.

We had a really fantastic waterbug activity where we had trays of water bugs and little fish that were collected each morning from Lake Hamilton that children and adults could sort through and ID. It was fantastic to see so many school groups participate in this activity to learn about our rivers.

We also caught up with a lot of people who have current Victorian Landcare Grants and CMA Partnership Projects on their farms - so it was fabulous to get updates on project progress.

Soil and weeds seemed to be really hot topics this year. We gave away more soil books this year, and had so many conversations about what's under our feet. For anyone who missed picking up any resources from our site, all our guide books, and resource information is available at our French Street office in Hamilton. Just pop in between 9 and 4.30 Monday to Friday. And if you left your name or address with our staff, they should be in touch or post out what you're looking for.

Adam Bester CEO Glenelg Hopkins CMA

Monitoring moths to help make fat little bats

Moths and fat bats are not often words used together, but a community information session in Portland on 6 September will highlight how members of the public can help a critically endangered microbat survive.

Moths are a major food source for the critically endangered Southern Bent-wing Bat. These microbats, which measure only five centimetres and weigh just 17 grams, live and forage in the Portland area.

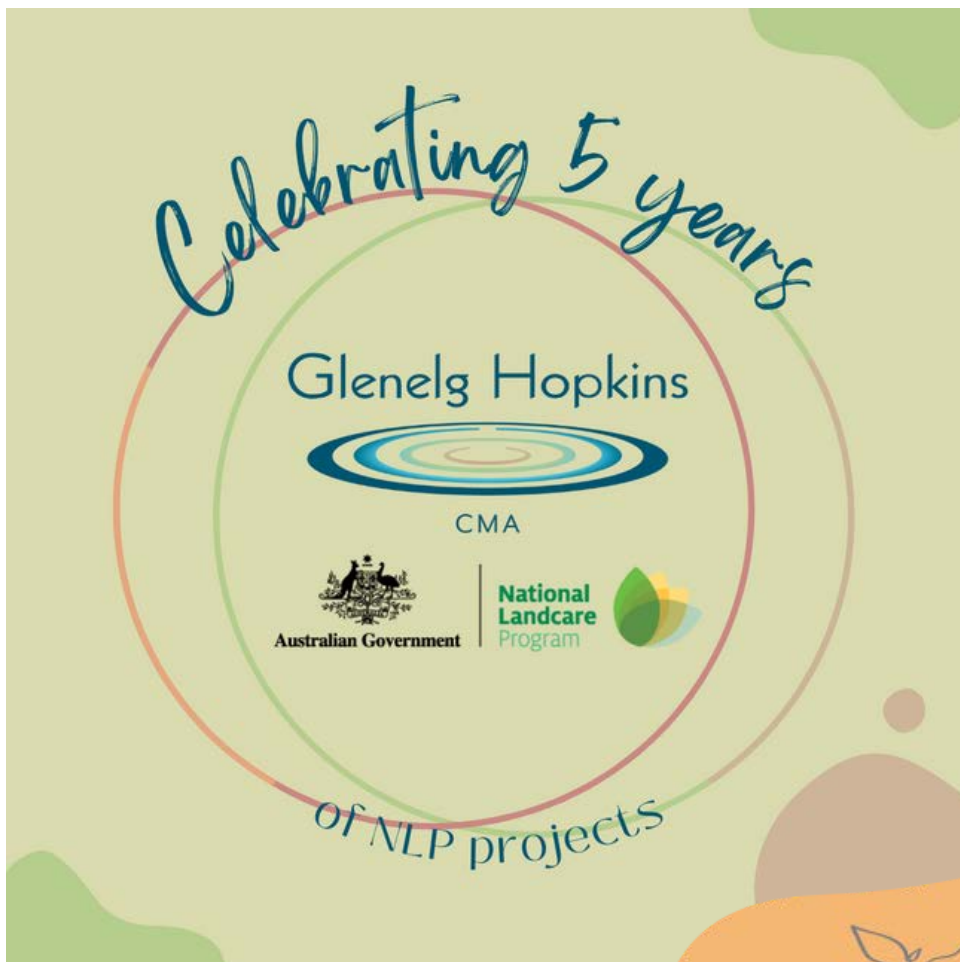
Check out our project videos on our social media channels or check out the project page on our website [HERE](#)



Information session

Location: Portland Library
Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Date: Wednesday 6 September

Celebrating 5 years of NLP projects



For the last 5 years, the Glenelg Hopkins CMA has been working with partners to deliver Regional Land Partnership projects under the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

These projects brought in excess of \$14.5million of dollars of investment into our catchment to deliver natural resource management at a regional scale.

See the project outputs on [FACEBOOK](#) and [INSTAGRAM](#)



CMA NEWS:

Platypus refuge demonstration site for Warrnambool

Warrnambool's Merri River will become a demonstration site for platypus with a new project being delivered by Glenelg Hopkins CMA.

The project will install habitat such as logs and rocks into the waterway to promote invertebrates like yabbies and waterbugs which are important food for platypus.

The project will help highlight the importance of platypus in Victoria and the need for appropriate management of our urban rivers and is funded through the Victorian Government's investment in restoration works at key platypus habitat sites.



Getting out and about in the paddocks with Landcare groups

Our Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitators have been out talking revegetation and regenerative ag on farm with Landcare groups recently.

With spring just around the corner, discussions about how to best support pasture growth for livestock, as well as soils, has been a topic of discussion, along with how revegetation within paddocks can help with livestock welfare.



Mapping seagrass meadows in southwest Victoria

The seagrass meadows of Victoria's southwest estuaries will be the focus of a new research project being undertaken by Glenelg Hopkins CMA in conjunction with Deakin University.

Estuarine seagrass meadows provide habitat for a wide variety of marine animals such as fish, crustaceans, and molluscs.

Estuarine seagrass is an important carbon sink, meaning it absorbs and stores atmospheric carbon in its tissues and sequesters carbon into estuarine sediments; and, the variety of economic benefits Estuarine seagrass meadows provide by supporting commercial and recreational fishing and diving, improved water quality and protecting coastal communities from storms and erosion.



To find out more about the project, visit www.ghcma.vic.gov.au

Ridding the rivers of carp kilogram by kilogram



Mount Emu Creek near Skipton has a lighter load of carp after 370kg of carp was removed during fish sampling and surveying activities on waterways recently.

All of the fish removed were big adults, except 3 ... which were still 20-25cm in size.

Removing these introduced pest species from our waterways is always a good news story!

Carp removed from waterways are sent off to be processed as garden fertiliser

Sheepvention

Sheepvention in Hamilton on August 6 and 7 was another fantastic opportunity to speak face to face with a lot of people we often only talk to on the phone or via email. This event is a great way for the CMA to promote the project work it undertakes and for people to meet the faces behind the work. This year's event included promotion around our soils work and celebrating the end of our five-year National Landcare Program projects. We also had some great interactive activities including finding waterbugs in trays, painting a red-tail cockatoo feather, matching the fun facts with the CMA activities.

Did you see us at Sheepvention and want to follow anything up? Just get in touch with the office on (03) 5571 2526.



Water bugs

Colour a red tail feather



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2023 Field Day

Bringing together farm business and natural capital



Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th October

Chatsworth House, Western Victoria.

2-day event for 100+ livestock and cropping farmers keen to expand their knowledge on building natural capital, farm resilience and profitability.

Evening guest speaker, Shanna Whan (Sober in the Country) Australian of the Year 2022 Local Hero.

MC: Kirsten Diprose, agriculture communicator, podcaster, farmer and former ABC journalist based in southwest Victoria.

Supported by Glenelg Hopkins CMA through funding from the Australian Government.

Tickets available via www.chatsworthhouse.com.au

Event speakers

- ◆ **Lachlan Monsborough**, Agriculture and Environment Lead, Rabobank
- ◆ **Julia Waite**, Project Manager CN30, MLA
- ◆ **Angus Gidley-Baird**, Rabobank
- ◆ **Anna Speer**, Greenstock, Woolworths
- ◆ **David Hardwick**, Soil Land Food
- ◆ **Nic Kentish**, Resource Consulting Services
- ◆ **Brooke Pettit**, Head of ESG & Sustainability, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank
- ◆ **Ashley Silver**, Founder and CEO, Atlas Carbon
- ◆ **Greg Bender**, Australian Soil Management
- ◆ **Jonathon Jenkins**, Farmer and PhD Candidate, The University of Melbourne
- ◆ **Accounting for Nature**

Farmer sessions

- ◆ **Stuart Austin**, Wilmot Cattle Co
- ◆ **Grant Sims**, Down Under Covers
- ◆ **Jack Tucker**, Rhynie Pastoral
- ◆ **Tom & Sarah Whinney**, Chatsworth House

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CMA news:

Understanding your NFP committee responsibilities events

Do you understand your obligations, risks and responsibilities when you are on a Landcare committee, NRM committee or community group?

To help people understand, funding through the Victorian Government's *Our Catchment Our Communities* program has made available FREE 3-hour workshops in Warrnambool and Hamilton in October.

There's also the chance to talk specific legalities with the providers Justice Connect if you have a specific governance issue you want to work through.

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FREE
3 hour workshops

Governing a Not-for-profit Organisation Workshops

Warrnambool | Wednesday October 11 | 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Hamilton | Tuesday October 17 | 10am - 1pm
(or via Zoom if required)

TOPICS COVERED:

- Legal roles of committee/board members as decision makers
- Differences between governance and management
- Legal structure and status of your organisation
- Importance of rules/constitution and legal purpose or objects
- Four key legal duties of committee/board members
- Potential liabilities, protecting yourself and your organisation
- Other relevant laws
- Top tips and additional resources to help in the future

Catering included. RSVP essential - limited places

REGISTER via QR code or online at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/7uL6hpT46d>
Questions?
Email: b.northeast@ghcma.vic.gov.au

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Register for the workshops online
[HERE](#)

Funding for wildlife in Portland region now available

Portland region wildlife habitat grants

Grants of up to \$10,000 now available to assist individuals and groups

Applications and information:
sealliance.org.au/wildlife-habitat-fund/

Sea Southwestern Environment Alliance
Glenelg Hopkins CMA

The Southwest Environment Alliance (SEA) is inviting landholders in the Portland area to apply for funding to benefit local wildlife.

SEA is a coalition of local Landcare groups that works with the community to protect, restore and improve biodiversity values in the Portland region.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to assist landholders to protect native vegetation, waterways or wetlands, re-establish native remnant vegetation or remove weeds that threaten wildlife.

Applications will close 31 October 2023.

HOW TO APPLY: View the funding guidelines and apply online at www.sealliance.org.au

International Day of Rural Women event



Connecting rural women on the International Day of Rural Women

Connecting rural women across the Glenelg Hopkins and Corangamite catchments.

Join the International Day of Rural Women gathering at Tae Rak for a morning of learning and networking.

Wednesday 11 October

Join a 2-hour guided cultural walk followed by lunch

Event details

Tour begins 11.30
Participants must arrive by 11.15am

Cost \$30 (includes guided tour and lunch at cafe)

RSVP to:
Mary Knight
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0417 513 724

Want to be a Landcare facilitator in the Hamilton area?

The Hamilton Landcare Regional Consortium has a position available for a Landcare Facilitator due to retirement.

The position is 32 hours per fortnight. You must have your own car but will receive a travel allowance.

For more information, contact Hamish Bailey on 0437 078 709 or email: hamishbailey147@gmail.com

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