

# CDL Roundup Newsletter

## September 2023



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### ***What's been happening?***

#### **CDL Annual General Meeting (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023)**

At our recent Corowa District Landcare Annual General Meeting we were lucky enough to have Justin Clancy MP (Member for Albury) attend. Justin spoke to us about his involvement with "Parliamentary friends of Landcare". This group is a cross-party group of NSW Members of Parliament that support Landcare both at the state level and locally in suburbs, regional towns and farming communities. Justin recognised the grassroot nature of Landcare and role that we all can play in the stewardship of the land. Stewardship of the land, that can be achieved sustainability.

We also had Olivia Meredith, Business Partner Leader, Landcare NSW, join us for the AGM.

Our new committee is:

Chairperson: Brendan Christy;

Vice Chair: Bill Bott;

Secretary: Susan O'Brien;

Treasurer: Joan Palmer;

Committee: Noel Wilson, Natasha Lappin and Sally Hughes.

Congratulations to all our office bearers and committee members.

It was really great to share lunch, have a chat and celebrate our 2022/23 achievements together.



Brendan Christy presenting Jusin Clancy with a thank you gift.

After the AGM we were lucky enough to be able to show Justin Clancy and Olivia Meredith the work that we are undertaking at River Street Wetlands.



## Oaklands Diuris Orchid Threatened Species Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023)

National Threatened Species Day is held annually on 7<sup>th</sup> September. This is a day to raise awareness about the native plants and animals that are at risk of extinction.

September 7<sup>th</sup> commemorates the death of the last known Tasmanian tiger (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*), which died at the Beaumaris Zoo, Hobart, in 1936. Sadly, since then more animal and plant species in Australia have become extinct due to a number of factors, including habitat loss and introduced species. In NSW alone there are close to 1000 species currently at risk of extinction.

Within our own patch, we have the endangered Oaklands Donkey Orchid (*Diuris callitrophilia*). On threatened species day, the Oaklands community and the NSW Government's Saving our Species program came together for a morning tea to celebrate our joint efforts to save this beloved local – the endangered Oaklands donkey orchid.

We had the opportunity to from hear botanists and community members discuss the achievements of community collaborations to protect the biodiversity of the NSW Riverina and learn about Australia's largest orchid translocation which involved planting over 6,000 endangered orchids across southwest NSW.

The students from Oaklands Central School decorated cupcakes – either as the Oaklands Donkey Orchid or Sloane's froglet. Both of these species are listed as endangered.



Some of the many people that made the day possible: Meredith Mitchell, Judy Kirk, Heather Kerr, Anna Murphy, Daisee Campisi, Tracy Michael (left to right)

Oaklands Donkey Orchid in a teacup, outside the Oaklands CWA rooms





New signage installed



Blue banded bee cupcakes



Kerrie preparing cupcakes for decoration



Oaklands Central School students with their decorated cupcakes

## Landcare NSW 2023 State Gathering Video

In May this year, a cohort from the Murray region attended the Landcare State Gathering in Coffs Harbour.

A recently released video provides highlights of the event, and information about the NSW Landcare program going forward. The video features a few representatives from the Murray region too - see if you can spot them.



[Landcare NSW State Gathering Film 2023 - YouTube](#)

## Upcoming Events:

### Federation Council Community Expo (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

Corowa District Landcare will be at the Federation Community Expo. Currently 53 stalls have registered from sports and service clubs, service providers and many diverse community groups! Come down and see us and find out what your community has to offer!

The expo is being held at Bangerang Park (Edward Street, Corowa) from 5:30 to 7:30 on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.



### Corowa Public School Open Garden Event (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October)

Corowa Public School is hosting its first 'Open Garden Event' to share the successes and works of students and staff in our school gardens and outdoor environments. The garden walk and talk with school leaders and staff will be followed by morning tea provided by our P & C Association.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the school office on 6033 1606 by Thursday 19 October 2023.

#### COROWA PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN GARDEN EVENT



THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023



Thursday 26 October 2023  
10:00am

GARDEN WALK & TALK  
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

RSVP at 6033 1606  
by 19/10/2023

## Bioblitz

Great Southern Bioblitz is on from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Corowa District Landcare has created a Federation Local Government Areas project under the umbrella of the Great Southern Bioblitz for 2023. That makes us part of a simultaneous Bioblitz that is taking part right across the southern hemisphere!

In case you're wondering, a Bioblitz is an event where scientists and the community survey and document as many species as possible within 96 hours. It's a citizen science adventure, a nature-based extravaganza, and it gets a little bit competitive too!

November 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> are the survey dates, and our project will collect all local records from 12:00am on Day 1 to 11:59pm on Day 4.

The GSB is a chance for everyone to explore, learn, and contribute. No expertise needed – just curiosity and enthusiasm. This event is perfect for families, kids, and solo adventurers seeking to connect with nature.

Join in by downloading the free iNaturalist app on your smartphone or visit their website:  
<https://www.inaturalist.org/>

Capture nature - plants, animals, insects, birds, fungi – with your camera or smartphone on the GSB days, upload your photos to iNaturalist and the app does the rest! You can watch the count coming in on the Federation project page.

## **Bioblitz and Nature Walk at Redlands Hill (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November)**

Corowa District Landcare would like to invite anybody who enjoys being outdoors to join us for a Bioblitz event at the beautiful Redlands Hill Flora & Fauna Nature Reserve!

On Saturday 25th November from 9.30 am – 11.30 am we will have a nature walk and Bioblitz recording at Redland Hill Reserve (entrance on Tom Roberts Rd, Corowa). Please bring your phone with iNaturalist App downloaded (its free!) and join the Great Southern Bioblitz 2023 Federation NSW Project on iNaturalist. Also bring a hat, sunscreen, boots and mozzie repellent, water bottle and a plate of food to share

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## **Friends of River Street Wetlands**

Friends of River St Wetlands (66 Federation Ave, Corowa) have regular working bees on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 2 pm to 4pm. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring a hat, gardening gloves, and bring drink bottle.

Federation Tree Care have spent two days (16th and 22nd May) on site removing introduced woody weed species (eg figs, privets, palms) and thinning the red gums in the wetland area. The change in the area is amazing.

We have had three days where we have planted, and additional days when volunteers have dropped by. 1,500 plants are now in the ground. All have been watered and are doing well.

To date approximately 620 volunteer hours have been spent on remediation works at the River Street Wetlands site.

Corowa District Landcare has a Riparian Restoration Grant to undertake works at this wetland. The grant will fund the removal of woody weeds and the replanting with native vegetation to improve frog and bird habitat.

All welcome. If you are interested in joining or for more information, please contact Meredith on 0475 455 643 or [meredithmitchell@corowalandcare.com.au](mailto:meredithmitchell@corowalandcare.com.au)





## ***Other Events of Interest***

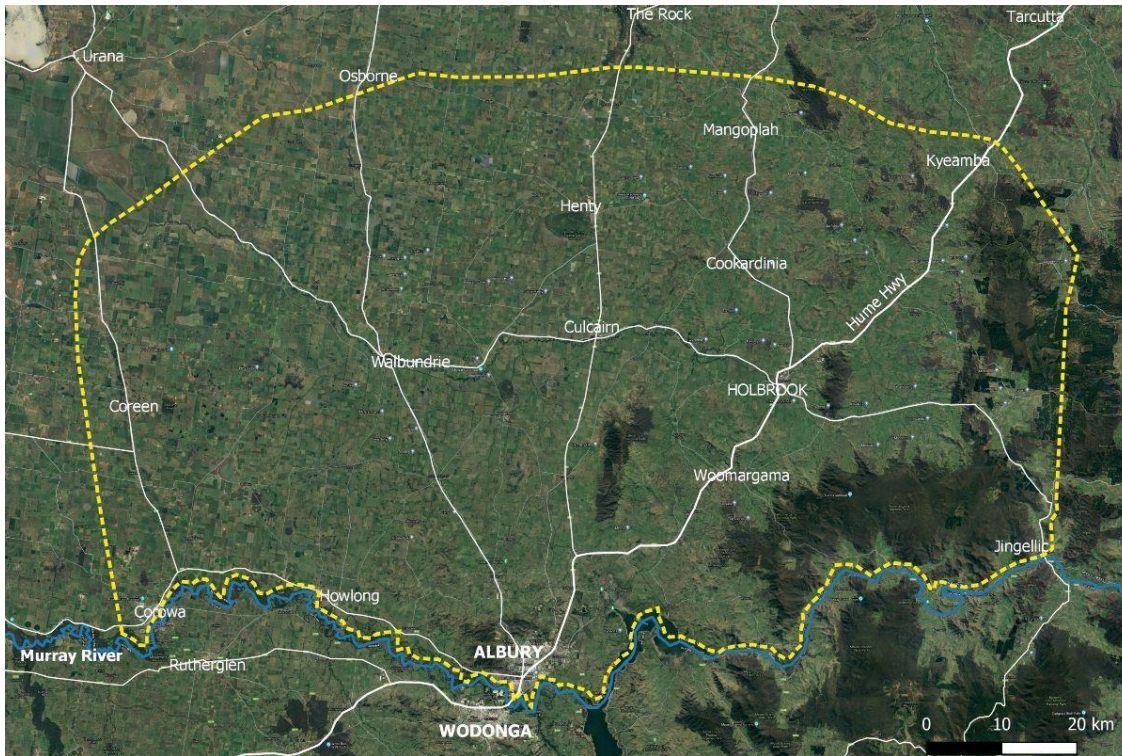
### **Birdwatchers Wanted - Southern NSW Birds on Farms Project**

The Southern NSW Birds on Farms Project is gearing up for spring bird surveys which will run from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

As the project grows in momentum, the team are meeting more passionate landholders who want to learn about the birds on their property. To encourage this enthusiasm, and maintain the current monitoring program, the Birds on Farms team need your help to attract more birdwatching volunteers across the program area (see image below).

The team will continue quarterly training to help volunteer birdwatchers build knowledge and skills in bird ecology, identification and monitoring. Find out more about the BirdLife Australia Birds on Farms program here. For more information about volunteer opportunities for spring Birds on Farms surveys, email Darcy Creece at [darcy.creece@birdlife.org.au](mailto:darcy.creece@birdlife.org.au).





## Herbicide Resistance Workshop, Corowa (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October)

This Riverine Plains event is an opportunity for farmers and agronomists to hear from experts on the topic of herbicide resistance across the region. Hear from researchers John Broster and Peter Boutsalis on the survey findings of resistant species and a project update from AgriFutures. Greg Condon, local Weedsmart agronomist will share various strategies that can be used to reduce the overall weed burden.

The workshop will be followed by a field walk to the Riverine Plains and Uncle Toby's research paddock, looking into practices that aim to reduce ryegrass populations over time. This is a new project funded by GRDC, where discussion is encouraged to determine various weed control options for the following year.

Program:

- Herbicide Resistance Overview - John Broster
- AgriFutures Research Update - Emma Rodham
- Survey findings - Peter Boutsalis
- Weedsmart - Greg Condon
- Ryegrass Management field walk and discussion @ Uncle Toby's

Free to attend, lunch provided.

For more information, contact Riverine Plains Project Officer Rhiannan McPhee, [rhiannan@riverineplains.org.au](mailto:rhiannan@riverineplains.org.au) or call the Riverine Plains office (03) 5744 1713 or [CLICK HERE](#).

## Dual Purpose Cropping and Soil Acidity Workshop (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October)

Dual-purpose crops have transformed mixed farming systems in southern Australia. The period during winter used to be a period of feed deficit whereas now it can be a period of livestock production. Discussion will include optimising dual-purpose crop agronomy, livestock health management and opportunities to boost your livestock enterprise through intensifying the use of dual-purpose crops.

Topics for discussion:

- Getting the most out of dual-purpose cropping. Increasing livestock production through intensification of the dual-purpose cropping system.
- Different approaches for effective acid soil management in crop and pasture systems

- Update on the local acid soil trial site

Guest Speakers: Dr Jeff McCormick (Senior Lecturer in Agronomy, Charles Sturt University), Dr Jason Condon (Associate Professor in Soil Science, Charles Sturt University) and Nick McGrath (Project Officer - Soils, Holbrook Landcare Network).

This event is being held at "Fairview", 27 Cannings Rd, Burrumbuttock NSW 2642, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. To register [CLICK HERE](#)

## **Spring Field Day, Daysdale and Balldale (Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October)**

Join FAR Australia at these spring field days where they will showcase a range of GRDC investments and provide the opportunity to inspect a variety of research trials:

- Development and extension to close the economic yield gap and maximise farming systems benefits from grain legume production in New South Wales
- Barley management options to close the yield gap and reduce pre-harvest losses
- Maximising the benefits of early sown wheat and barley in low rainfall and high temperature environments
- Management strategies for wheat powdery mildew in southern NSW - Validation and extension.

Come and inspect a variety of research trials where topics of discussion will include:

- Comparisons of pulse species for grain yield and nitrogen fixation – Including varieties of faba beans, lupins, field peas, vetch, chickpeas, and lentils
- Fungicide management strategies in faba beans
- Comparison of wheat and barley varieties suited to an early April sow date
- Canopy management strategies for early sown wheat – Sowing rate and grazing
- Barley management option to obtain maximum attainable yield in the medium rainfall zones – Investigating time of sowing, variety choice, canopy management, fungicide strategy, and nitrogen management
- Management options for control of wheat powdery mildew in Southern NSW – Variety choice, fungicide products, and strategic use of new actives in the fungicide program.

The day will run from 9am to 12 noon with lunch at the Daysdale site, the team will then travel to Balldale for a 1:30pm start. For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



## ***Useful Link***

**NSW Landcare Program Newsletter** - March 2023 - Issue No. 13 - [CLICK HERE](#)

**Murray Local Land Services Newsletter** - Read the Local Land Services September [CLICK HERE](#)

**Regional Roundup** - In collaboration with the Murray Landcare Collective, supported by Landcare, producer and community groups across the Murray region – Editon 45, September [CLICK HERE](#)

## ***Funding Opportunities***

### **Biodiversity Conservation Trust Conservation Partners Grant**

The BCT conservation partners grants provide financial assistance to landholders in managing their conservation area, allowing them to improve the biodiversity value of their properties. They are available under Conservation Partners Program.

Landholders with an eligible agreement can generally apply at any time for a conservation partners grant, however BCT regions may specify a period each year when applications for grants will accepted or assessed. Landholders participating in the Humane Society International's (HSI) Wildlife Land Trust are also eligible for grants from the BCT. Landholders participating in the Land for Wildlife (LFW) program are also eligible to apply to the BCT for grant funding but should contact the Community Environment Network (CEN) to apply, either via email to [lfwnsw@cen.org.au](mailto:lfwnsw@cen.org.au) or by phone on 02 4349 4756.

What funding can I get?

There are three levels of funding available:

Up to \$15,000 per year for up to three (3) years for landholders with eligible in-perpetuity agreements (conservation agreements, Trust Agreements, Registered Property Agreements).

Up to \$8,000 per year for up to three (3) years for landholders with a term Registered Property Agreement.

Up to \$2,000 per year for up to three years for landholders with a wildlife refuge agreement or who are members of the Wildlife Land Trust.

In-perpetuity agreements greater than 1,000 ha in size may be eligible for up to \$30,000 per year for up to three (3) years.

Applications will be funded if they are eligible, fulfil the assessment criteria, and if the BCT has available funding.

# Come join us!



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**Date:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 9.30 am – 11.30 am

**Meeting place:** Redland Hill Reserve, entrance on Tom Roberts Rd, Corowa.

**Type of activity:** Nature walk and Bioblitz recording

**What to bring:** Your phone with iNaturalist App downloaded (its free!) and join the Great Southern Bioblitz 2023 Federation NSW Project on iNaturalist.

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# Invitation to join the Great Southern Bioblitz in the Federation Council Area

It is exciting that Corowa District Landcare will be taking part in the upcoming Great Southern Bioblitz (GSB) from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Federation Local Government Area.

Corowa District Landcare invite all new GSB enthusiasts and iNaturalist enthusiasts to join our first GSB project in NSW Australia. Sign up to iNaturalist here - <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/> and download the app, it's free!

Join Projects - [Great Southern Bioblitz 2023 Federation NSW](#) (recordings between 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Nov) and [Federation Council NSW](#) (recordings anytime)

If you want more information about the GSB:

Find the GSB on socials: <https://www.facebook.com/GSbioblitz>

or sign up as a Participant: <https://bit.ly/GSBParticipants>

For more information about CDL GSB events, please contact Meredith -

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