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"Landcare for Everyone"

The Glider Gazette



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Volunteers

Students, local farmers, landholders, schools- you and fellow community members!



Events coming up:

- 14 November - [Tesbury Weedbuster Field Day](#)
- 18 November - [Weed Foraging and Community BBQ](#)
- 4 December - [Scotts Creek Weedbuster Field Day](#)
- 14 December - [Fossil Secrets of the 12 Apostles Coast](#)

Source to Sea with Timboon P12

In October, we spent the day with Year 7 students traversing the Curdies 'source to sea'.

At each stop, we tested electrical conductivity, reactive phosphorus, turbidity, temperature, pH and conducted a habitat assessment.

We also examined waterbug samples from each site.



Hello Landcarers,

Spring is here and it's lovely to see the bush coming alive with blossoms, pollinators and young wildlife.

While we're enjoying the sunshine, the region sorely needs more rain, so here's hoping the coming season is kind.

Speaking of climate, we were very pleased to be awarded with the 'Highly Commended' award in the Australian Government Climate Innovation category at the 2024 Victorian Landcare Awards.

We've been working to help local farmers and communities navigate climate change for over 6 years. Our most recent project is a Farmers' Emissions Reduction Toolkit which is going up on the web as we speak. Watch this space!

We've also been spending time providing environmental education at local schools, including a National Tree Day planting at Timboon Kindergarten and a Source to Sea excursion with Timboon P12 school.

There are some exciting events coming up, so please come on out and join us in learning new skills, networking, socialising and appreciating our beautiful region.

See you around!

Michelle

HDLN Strategic Map 2024-28

Our new Strategic Plan is out now and we invite you to let us know your thoughts.

[Check it out here](#)



Heytesbury District Landcare News

Pest-busting strength through community connection in the Heytesbury

Weedbuster Field Days coming up

Visit interesting farms in our region to learn more about effective weed control, with a focus on ragwort and blackberry.



Weedbuster Field Day

Come along to Adam Roberts' Tesbury farm to learn how to arm yourself against an influx of weeds this season.

Understanding ragwort and blackberry + effective control - Agronomist Jonathan Town

Plant toxicity & weed nutrition values in stock - Veterinarian Lauren Harrison

Weeds-themed morning tea, lunch and lucky door prizes!

Thursday 14 November, 11am to 2pm

434 Tesbury School Road, Tesbury

RSVP by 11 Nov. Visit bit.ly/weedbuster1

This event is supported by the Victorian Government through the Partnerships Against Pests grant program.



Local voices

Hear Dean Drayton, local spraying contractor and member of Curdies Valley Landcare group, discuss how you can control ragwort - big and small problems.



[Watch the video here](#)



Scan the QR code to register for the Tesbury Weedbuster event

Rail Trail Weed Foraging and Community BBQ

'Spray, graze or eat that weed?' That is the question. Come along to this fun community event to find out!

Ammie Jackson will lead us in a guided weed foraging activity to discover edible weeds that could be growing in your backyard.

Monday 18 November

5 - 6pm Guided weed walk, Rail Trail at McKenzie Street, Cobden (opposite the skate park)

6 - 7pm Community BBQ at the Cobden Golf Club.

Call the office for more info: 5598 3755

Fossil Secrets of the 12 Apostles Coast

From **giant whales** to some of the **biggest sharks** that ever existed, Ben Francischelli will take us on a journey into this prehistoric coastline and the discoveries that have changed the way we view the evolution of numerous animal groups.



Saturday 14 December

1.30pm at the Port Campbell Surf Lifesaving Club, with a fossil excursion to follow (weather permitting).

For more info and to register, email michelle@heytesburylandcare.org.au



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