

## OCTOBER 2007: NEW LANDHOLDER FORUM

### CITY OF GREATER GEELONG, SURF COAST SHIRE & COLAC OTWAY SHIRE – MELBOURNE

Many of the region's biodiversity values occur on properties that are owned by landholders who may only visit the region for a short period of time each year. It is often difficult to engage with these landholders and so we are coming to them! The objectives of this workshop are to:

- promote council environmental programs to new and absentee ratepayers
- proactively engage with absentee landholders on the benefits of biodiversity on their properties
- provide pathways for further information and support regarding managing biodiversity assets within each council.



For further information please contact the Corangamite CMA (contact details below).

## NOVEMBER 2007: ESTUARY WATCH

### COLAC OTWAY SHIRE – KENNET RIVER

Estuaries are nature's kidneys—ensuring our beaches are clean for us to enjoy. They are also important indicators of broader catchment health. This event will visit estuary sites that the Corangamite CMA have done works on and highlight issues such as:

- bank stabilization - placement of large rocks to slow down erosion from tidal flows
- threats to saltmarsh habitats
- enhancing breeding areas for fish and bird life
- fish species of Colac Otway Shire's estuaries
- plus more!!

This will be a popular workshop/field day so please register early!



## BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Biodiversity conservation is of significant concern to the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority. The fragmentation of remnant vegetation, the spread of environmental weeds, the drainage of wetlands and the impact of feral animals are just some of the concerns that the Corangamite CMA is aiming to address.

This Australian Government funded program, managed under the joint collaboration between the Corangamite CMA, Greening Australia Victoria and the region's shires, is working with the community to improve threatened habitats, as well as the flora and fauna that these important areas support.

To learn more about the Corangamite CMA please visit [www.ccma.vic.gov.au](http://www.ccma.vic.gov.au) or call 5232 9100.



## NOVEMBER 2007: FIRE ECOLOGY

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- using fire for weed control and to reach regeneration goals of native vegetation.



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## CONTACTS

For all information on events, including registration please contact:

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**GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE**  
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### PLEASE NOTE:

- Participants should call the registration contact at Greening Australia in advance of the indicated month to check date and location details as they may be subject to change.
- Attendees should always ensure they wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Light refreshments and lunch are provided where possible, however attendees should check if own lunch is required.
- All days are free unless stated otherwise.
- Please note, the month is only an indicator for planning and is subject to change.



# ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS PROGRAM 2007



A regional program of **free** community field days, workshops and events brought to you by the City of Greater Geelong and Surf Coast, Colac Otway, Corangamite, Golden Plains Shires.

Coordinated by  
Greening Australia Victoria.

Supported by the Natural Heritage Trust  
and the Corangamite CMA



## MARCH 2007: CARING FOR INJURED WILDLIFE

### CORANGAMITE SHIRE – DERRINALLUM

This workshop will teach students from Derrinallum, Skipton and Lismore what to do when they find an injured animal be it a bird, mammal or reptile. Students will go away with basic wildlife handling skills, advice from specialist wildlife carers and know who to contact if they see an injured native animal.

Please note that this an organised schools event only.



## APRIL 2007: LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

### SURF COAST SHIRE – LORNE

Learn about wildlife in the backyards of Lorne! While many of us have chosen Lorne to be our home, it is also home to many unique and special wildlife. Learn about;

- wildlife in the Lorne area
- how to find signs of wildlife in your backyard
- threats to wildlife
- things YOU can do to help local wildlife.



Please register early as this will be a popular workshop!

## APRIL 2007: BATS ON THE TRAIL

### CORANGAMITE SHIRE – TIMBOON

Walkers, joggers and cyclists are not the only users of the Rail Trail—bats do too! Bat experts will deliver a fascinating presentation on the different types of bats that have made the Rail Trail their home.

Come and participate in a real bat survey using bat traps, listen to bat calls usually unheard by human ears through the use of a 'Anabat' and see first hand these amazing aerial locals of the Rail Trail.



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## MAY 2007: NATIVE GRASSLANDS — BACK FROM THE BRINK

### CORANGAMITE SHIRE – LISMORE

This practical approach to native grassland restoration will showcase some of Greening Australia's new and exciting work on restoring landscapes that were once dominant across the western basalt plains. Come and learn about:

- the value of native grasslands—why do we need to restore them?
- seed sourcing, site preparation and managing restored grasslands
- how restoring native grasslands can be used as a form of fire control



## JUNE 2007: NATURAL ASSETS UNDER THREAT - NEW AND EMERGING ISSUES

### SURF COAST SHIRE – ANGLESEA

This workshop will highlight some of the new and emerging threats impacting on biodiversity within the Surf Coast Shire. What is being done by the Shire to address these threats will also be presented. Some new and emerging threats that will be covered include:

- fragmentation - current changes to the Shire's remnant vegetation cover and its associated impacts on wildlife movement
- environmental Weeds - new and emerging species
- wetland drainage impacts on local fauna
- changes to the environmental flows of local river systems and their impacts on freshwater fauna.



The workshop will also provide an opportunity for locals to voice what they think are new and emerging threats. A workshop not to be missed by anyone with a concern for Surf Coast Shire's biodiversity values.

## JULY 2007: FAUNA SURVEY TECHNIQUES

### GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE – ROSS CREEK

One way of determining if existing patches of vegetation are healthy and are performing important wildlife links is through conducting simple mammal surveys. This workshop, done in partnership with the Geelong Field Naturalist Club, will also complement the Ross Creek Landcare Group's Living Landscapes Project. Come and learn about:

- hair tubes - got some PVC piping? Learn how to make a hair tube and how to best use them.
- scat analysis—find out what fauna are present on your property as well as what they are eating.
- tracks—basic track identification, find out what is drinking from your local watering hole.



There are many of ways of conducting a basic fauna survey on your own property— by the end of this workshop you will be able to be your own wildlife detective!

## AUGUST 2007: THE LIVING DEAD - THE VALUE OF SCATTERED TREES

### COLAC OTWAY SHIRE – DEANS MARSH

Once dominating many of the region's plains, scattered trees are now in much smaller numbers. Whether you are highly skilled or a beginner in the management of vegetation this workshop is for you!

The workshop/field day will provide information on:

- the values of scattered trees
- threats to scattered trees
- management options for scattered trees—what you can do on your own property to protect and enhance scattered trees.



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## SEPTEMBER 2007: (WILD)LIFE IN THE CEMETERY

### GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE – CRESSY

A workshop for trusts and practitioners managing the region's remaining grassy ecosystem values in cemeteries of the western volcanic plains. Topics that will be covered on the day will include:

- threats to grasslands and grassy woodlands
- field visits assessing case studies of current management
- development of long-term plans to integrate native grassland areas into the overall management of cemeteries.



This workshop will also provide an opportunity for the current management committees of the region's cemeteries to share what they think are new and emerging management issues.

## SEPTEMBER 2007: POORNEET ROAD RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKSHOP

### COLAC OTWAY SHIRE – CRESSY

Colac Otway Shire and the CFA, together with landholders adjacent to Poorneet Road Reserve, will come together to discuss the recommendations of the Shire's Poorneet Road Reserve Management Plan. This workshop will focus on management recommendations such as:

- management of The Reserve's high biodiversity values
- fire management—for fuel reduction and ecological purposes
- pest plant and animal management
- future management responsibilities.

Poorneet Road Reserve is often regarded as being one of Colac Otway Shire's most valuable reserves - its ongoing management will rely on an integrated approach - so come along and have a say on its future management!

