

## Activity Update July 2024

This activity update is for the month of July 2024. If you would like to be on our mailing list and receive this free update, please email Aimee Linke at the above email address, or view it on our webpage. These projects are from varied sources of funding including the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board's Grassroots Grants and contract work.

### Support the objectives of Mid Murray Landcare SA.

1. Managed the office, volunteers and all necessary administrations including monthly payment of bills, reports, invoicing, managing webpages and social media posts, scanned all receipts and reconciled monthly accounts in XERO.
2. Sent out agenda, minutes, correspondence list, and financial report for the month to the Committee. We held our July meeting at the Cambrai Library.
3. Organised, advertised and promoted our upcoming AGM that will be held in Mypolonga at Aussie Apricots.
4. Submitted final report for Grassroots Grant 'Landcare in the Murray 2024'.
5. Rowena submitted final report for Grassroots Grant 'Supporting Biodiversity Across Conservation and Production Lands'.

### Support volunteer activities at the Cambrai Community Nursery, provide support to landholders, groups and schools with land management projects.

6. Provided support to eleven landholders or groups with site visits or project support or plant identification, including donating some plants for koala food.
7. Volunteers David, Cryss, Sheralee and Brenton have been weeding, propagating *Eucalypts* and *Acacia* species, potting on *Acacia paradoxa* and fertilizing.



Figure 1 AGM Flyer

8. Brought in a load of gravel and volunteer Cameron spread it on some working areas which were getting muddy.
9. Keyneton Nature Reserve – weeded around some native grasses and *Lomandra densiflora*. Marked out native grass species and cut down some exotic perennial grasses with the whipper snipper. The native geranium and lilies are starting to come up.
10. Lenger Reserve- worked with volunteers to help plant some *Melaleuca lanceolata* and search for orchids.



Figure 2 Keyneton Nature Reserve after some whipper snipping.



Figure 3 Len and Brenton at Lenger Reserve near some planted *Melaleucas*.

11. Mid Murray Landcare volunteers supported Cambrai PS with replanting at the Mural Garden in their lunch break and weeded the Fountain Grass out of the Japanese Garden, in preparation for some new plants.



Figure 4 Fountain Grass before weeding.



Figure 5 Fountain Grass after weeding.

### **Manage Meldanda on behalf of the Cambrai Primary School Governing Council**

12. Continued with managing the volunteers, camp bookings, provision of materials and equipment and all necessary administration managing the booking page, cleaning, clearing tracks, weeded near front car park pulling out the Gazania and Onion weed. Did some plantings near the

large campground area.

13. Kept neighbors informed of any camp bookings - we had six bookings for July, twenty-nine adults and eleven children, seven camp nights with two being for the astronomy paddock.
14. Met with a local plumber at Meldanda, we dug up a section we believe the blockage is at to clear it out. We have bunted around it and will leave it uncovered until we are sure it is working properly.
15. Volunteers played the Disc Golf Course at Meldanda to make sure it is clear and accessible. We marked the tees and baskets with a gps, cleared some bushes, will need to repaint the posts and will make a map of the course.



Figure 6 Disc Golf Tee posts.



Figure 7 Clearing paths at Meldanda.

**Support the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve Committee and Mid Murray Council with projects to maintain dark sky accreditation and education on the impacts of light pollution. Chris Tugwell (for June and July)**

16. Meeting with John George and Architect John Byleveld re. Observatory/Planetarium proposal
17. Meeting and site visit with John George, Rocky Warren, Mayor Bailey and Council staff re Telescope proposal
18. Meeting with Peter Buckley (Buckford Illumination) re SAPN Dark Sky lighting, 2nd Dark Sky bus tour in October
19. 2 x meetings with Torrens University students re Business Plan and Planetarium
20. Answered enquiries from website
21. Andrew Cool, Don Bursill and Ken Grant consulted on telescope project for John George
22. Discussions with Andy Glen re Touchscreen display at Visitor's Centre

23. Meeting with Governor postponed to August
24. Walker Flat Star Party and dinner attended by 80 people; guest speakers, Marnie Ogg (ADSA), Dr Ken Wishaw, Mayor Simone Bailey, Kelly Kuhn (Jugglehouse), David le Brun (Big Bend by Night), Chris Tugwell (Mid Murray Landcare) & Prof. Fred Watson (Federal Government's Astronomer at Large). One guest dressed up as an astronaut. Food provided by Walker Flat community. Joe Grida operated telescope for guests.
25. Chris attended meetings with Buckford Illuminations re 2nd dark sky bus tour, also met with Peter Ruiz and Paul Zechner from Versalux lighting company re potential sponsorship and working with local businesses
26. Torrens University students presented progress on Dark Sky Reserve business case to Chris
27. Andrew Cool and Chris attended discussions with Council and community members re. Observatory
28. Proud Mary includes Dark Sky experience in weekly cruises
29. Chris attended discussion for meeting with Governor next month

**Support Citizen Science projects in the region to engage landholders and volunteers in Water Watch activities, Turtle Conservation and Feral Goat projects.**

30. We had one landholder submit five feral goat sightings, west of Murbko Flat Lagoon with approximately 50 goats seen.
31. Goats have also been seen on property near Black Hill and it was reported to Authorised Officer Rob McGregor.

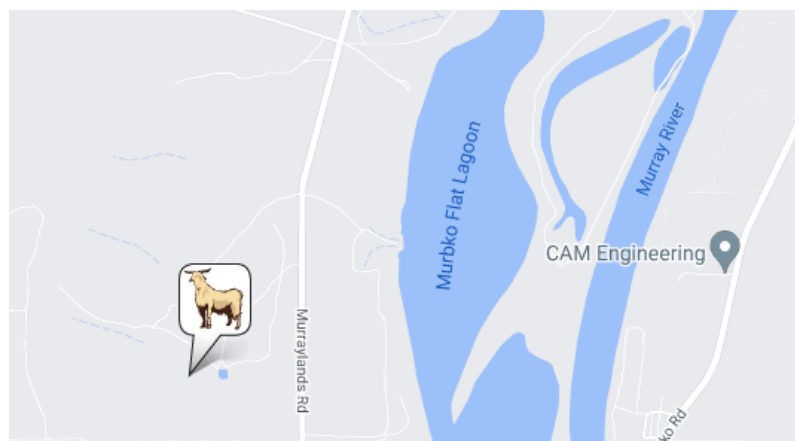


Figure 8 Feral goat sighting map.

### **Murray Darling Carpet Python Project**

32. Completed two habitat assessments of where there have been sightings in and near Moorunde Wildlife Reserve and sent them to MRLB Threatened Fauna Ecologist.

### **Supporting Biodiversity Across Conservation and Production Lands - Rowena Danks.**

33. We have our YouTube channel coming together with some videos from the Pollination and Integrated Pest Management in Horticulture Forum presentations. These are now available for the public to watch and can be found at Mid Murray Landcare SA - YouTube

34. We are fortunate to have been granted Murraylands and Riverland Grassroots Grant funding to continue the Supporting Biodiversity Across Conservation and Production Lands project.

### **Encourage mallee community to participate in recording sightings of Regent Parrots in the mallee using the 'Poly Tell Us' App. Encourage mallee community to participate in recording sightings of Regent Parrot habitat plants across mallee.**

35. A draft has been developed for posting in August.

### **Attend Regent Parrot Recovery Team meeting.**

36. The next Regent Parrot Recovery Team meeting will be held on 13th August and Rowena will attend.

### **Support eDNA survey work on Murbpook.**

37. Nature Foundation has begun work on this activity.

### **Identify potential awareness raising / engagement opportunities for pollinators in production.**

38. Videos from the Pollination and Integrated Pest Management Forum held in June, are being shared and promoted to our horticultural networks so that those who were unable to attend on the day, have access to the information and support that we hope will assist in managing for both native birds and bees as well as honeybees.



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