

Mitta Valley Landcare Inc. August Newsletter

The M2M Landcare Inc (Network) have been successful in their grant application to auspice the Land Care Facilitator position for our region for the next 3 years. What this means is that Mitta Valley LandCare Group will no longer employ the facilitator, who works part time across 6 landcare groups, but the Mitta 2 Murray Inc Network will be the employing body. The position is 19 hours per week and Simon Felliawe will continue in the position.



Tallangatta Expo is to be held on Saturday 9th October and Doris Razeng will coordinate the Tallangatta Expo stand for the Mitta 2 Murray Landcare Groups, including Mitta Valley Landcare Inc. If anyone wants to help, please phone **Doris 0499 977 471**.

Carbon Farming:

The M2M committee will be holding an information session which is penciled in to be held on the 25th August at Tallangatta from 6-9 pm.

Some of the questions or areas we would like to cover are:

- What emission trading is and how emission trading works?
- Which of the various approved carbon estimation 'methods' are likely to be relevant for our members and what are their differences and advantages?
- How would members' need to change their practices to get the most value out of participation in a scheme?
- What are the opportunities and pitfalls to look for in the schemes?
- What is the Australian Government likely to do to encourage participation in Carbon Trading schemes?
- Where can members find funding to get a start?
- What are their next steps?

As a second phase, M2M Network will look at going to a demonstration site and providing information from various commercial providers. The M2M does not want to align with any individual provider, but to provide broad information, from which landholders will hopefully have enough information to determine if they want to look further into this topic. Greg Hayes and Irene Lewis are taking a lead role in organising these workshops and will liaise with our landcare group re dates of workshops. Further information on this workshop will be provided to all members in the near future. (watch your email and our Facebook page.)

"Call of the Reed Warbler" by Charles Massy:

For people interested in regenerative farming, this book is a good read. For those who would like to sit by a comfortable wood fire and be challenged, this book might be just for you.

Wild Dogs:

Wayne Gibbs, our regional DELWP dogman, was the speaker at our meeting on the 14th July, with over 20 people in attendance. It was a very positive meeting that arose out of the increased sightings of wild dogs. Wayne's Message was "Please remember to ring dog sighting to **Bluey Campbell 0409 188 465**

Anita Reynolds from Mitta Valley Landcare is organizing a Chemical Users course in the next couple of months and is taking names of those interested in taking part. We are hoping to receive a grant to subsidize the course fees. **Anita's Ph: 0419 238 452**

Deer: An article by Karen Moroney and Simon Felliafe was published in the latest Victorian Landcare magazine. Rebecca Nadge from The Land Newspaper interviewed 2 local landholders, Ben Teek and Robyn Scales, about how their farms managed wild deer invasion. This article was published in the Land on 23 July 2021. Mitta Valley Landcare also lodged a submission on the topic of whether deer should have their status of a Game animal changed to Feral. Our stance here has been, "that in Victoria deer should remain a game species." There are various reasons for this: one of which is that, in Victoria there are areas that games species (deer) are allowed to be hunted (controlled) that would not be allowed if they were feral, as is the case for goats and pigs. A copy of our Submission is available from Robyn Scales 0427495864.

Dung Beetles:

We running 2 sessions on dung beetles one via zoom, and if possible one at Judy Cardwell's place for a hands-on discussion for those participating in the.

Topic: Dung Beetles - what we know, what we need to know, Vacca and Bubalis

Time: Aug 12, 2021, 10:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney via **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82374173775?pwd=QTBpelpOUmhOM3BWYUYweEVuNXhrZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 7417 3775

Passcode: 754937

If covid restrictions allow we will have an onsite discussion at Judy Cardwell's property, 1285 Mitta North Rd, Mitta Mitta on 1st September 10.30am – 12.30 pm. Lunch included.

RSVP: Please call Simon Felliafe on 0438 190 999 if you would like to attend.

This will provide an on-site discussion about dung beetles and how to care for them. We will be receiving beetles in mid-September and have ordered an additional 13 batches of Bubalus beetles for the Spring program.

Mitta Valley Landcare Group Funding Opportunities

We have applied for to revegetate gullies / creeks on 5 properties, to subsidise a chemical users' course and a field day. M2M have also received a grant to protect 3 wetlands in the Mitta Valley and revegetate 2 creeks at Bryant's Gap and Spring Creek.

Upcoming Events

Date	What	Where	When	RSPV / Extra Information
12 August	Dung Beetle Zoom Meeting	At home in front of your computer via Zoom	10am – 12 noon	Simon 0438190999
1 st September	Dung Beetle Interactive workshop	Judy Cardwell's Property 1285 Mitta North Road, Mitta Mitta	10:30am – 12.30 pm with lunch	Simon Felliafe 0438190999
9 October	Tallangatta	Tallangatta show	All Day Event	Doris Razeng

	Expo	grounds		0499 977 471
Still to be confirmed	Carbon Farming	? Eventbrite Registration	25 th August	Simon Felliafe 0438190999 Eventbrite
Still to be confirmed	Chemical Users Course	Tallangatta		Anita Reynolds 0419 238 452
29 th August 2021	AGM Mitta Valley Landcare Inc	Eskdale Hall on Eventbrite Registration	2pm – 4pm Afternoon tea	Anita Reynolds 0419 238 452 Evenbrite