



Get up close to nature at your back door!

Autumn Environmental Events 2015

South East South Australia and South West Victoria

March

Photo Exhibition - Birds of Bool Lagoon

Naracoorte Art Gallery

February 20 - April 3

By Steve Bourne, and a mounted bird display by taxidermist Jack Bourne. Photos for sale - all profits donated to the gallery.

Valley Lakes Conservation Area guided walk

Birdlife South East SA

Sunday March 1, 8am

Contact: Sue Black (08) 8739 4274.

Clean Up Australia Day - Warrnambool

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Sunday March 1, 10am-12pm

Help clean our beaches, waterways and parks. Get your community group or school involved.

Contact: Kate McInnes (03) 5559 4800 or kmcinn@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or visit www.cleanup.com.au

Clean Up Australia Day - Mt Gambier

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Starts 10am

Central marshalling area at the Cave Gardens. Help to clean up sites across Mount Gambier. Visit www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join/ for a list of sites. Free BBQ lunch for participants at 12pm in the Cave Gardens. Contact: kife@mountgambier.sa.gov.au or 8721 2526.

Clean Up Australia Day - NRSE

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Sites registered with Natural Resources South East

Sites include 8 Mile Creek Mouth, Geltwood Beach, Butchers Gap Drain Outlet, Coorong NP, Mount Monster CP, Long Beach, Centennial Park (The Lagoon), Nene Valley CP and Lake McIntyre. Contact: Nat Mistic for more info at natalie.mistic@sa.gov.au

Sculpture comp for Mundulla's walking trail

Saturday March 7

Create a sculpture from metal, mosaic, timber or stone for installation on Mundulla's walking tracks. Entries displayed at the local show. Prizes include \$500 for 1st! Contact: Vida: (08) 8753 4117 or vidamm@activ8.net.au

March

The Bird Day Out

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Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Sunday 8 March, 10am-3pm (guided bird walk 8.45am)

Naracoorte Caves World Heritage and National Park

A free family fun day at the Caves with guest speakers from Flinders University, children's activities and performing artist. Come along to learn about the fossil and living birds found on the park. Caves Café open for breakfast from 9am. Contact: amy.macken@sa.gov.au

Parks Week - activities in parks across the South East

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Natural Resources South East

March 9 - 15

See naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast for details of dates, times and locations. Some refreshments provided, depending on time and location.

Contact: Nat Mistic 8735 1177 or natalie.mistic@sa.gov.au

Ramble in Penambol

Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks

Saturday March 14

Penambol Conservation Park

Departs from the Caroline Sinkhole entrance car park: 10.15, 11.15am & 1pm (Follow Seacoast Hill Rd and Carba Rd from the Nelson Rd to Caroline Sinkhole entrance)

Free guided short walks looking at the history and creation of the area inc. ground water and formation of the sinkhole and vegetation. Bring a hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear, snacks and water. Lunch 12pm. Contact: Helen 0499 084 496/87254273 or Kevin 0447 792 601

Sharing our Coorong

Hosted by Friends of the Coorong NP

Sunday March 15

Coorong National Park - Noonameena Parks Office

Annual general meeting and open day, trails project & info displays. Members and visitors welcome from 10.30, AGM 11am - stay for lunch and enjoy the awesome views. All welcome - meet new people and get involved if you can! Bring hat, sunscreen, suitable footwear, snacks and water. Rsvp to Joanne Flavell (for catering purposes) (08) 8575 1200

All events are FREE unless stated



Government of South Australia

This project is supported by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Forestry SA, & various local community groups & organisations

March

Mt Monster Conservation Park working bee

Sunday March 15 1-3pm

Activities include weeding, trail maintenance, GPS mapping of rabbit warrens and other significant sites. Wear sturdy footwear and BYO gloves, sun protection and afternoon tea.

Contact: Michael Trebilcock 0418 278 125 or Michelle McDonald 8755 3126

Talk - 'Restoring drained wetlands in the SW'

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Thursday March 19, 7.30pm

H.I.R.L., 333 North Boundary Road

With guest speaker Mark Bachmann from Nature Glenelg Trust. Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or visit hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au

Chicks in the sticks bus tour to Taranaki Farm Woodend

Project Platypus

Friday March 20 Join the bus tour to the farm and hear about orchestration of animal movements around the property, its chemical free principles, and farming with the landscape. See www.taranakifarm.com.au

NRSE at the South East Field Days

Natural Resources South East

Friday March 20 and Saturday March 21

Lucindale

Plenty of activities for all the family in the Natural Resources South East tent – meet the Connies, see some real wildlife, play at our Nature Play table, get your soil and water tested for free, join the conversation with NRM and Drainage Board members about what matters to you. Visit naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast for more details. Cost to enter the Field Days, but all Natural Resources activities are free. Contact: 8735 1213 or Alison.boomsma@sa.gov.au.

Installation of wildlife cameras at Mt Napier SF

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Saturday March 21, Meet 9am at Hamilton Visitor Centre

Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or visit hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au

Farewell Shorebirds - annual shorebird migration celebration

BirdLife Australia

March 21 – April 19

Right now over 5 million shorebirds are migrating from Australia to breed in the Arctic – for some that can be a 30,000km return journey! Do we as a nation have what it takes to walk, jog, cycle or swim as far as these incredible birds? Head to the website, log your distance travelled each day, help us reach the national target and go into the draw to win some incredible prizes. www.farewellshorebirds.org.au

Wimmera Community Landcare Celebration with Chris Humfrey

Wimmera Landcare and Wimmera CMA

Sunday March 22, 2-5pm at Lutheran School, Horsham

Contact: (03) 5382 9933

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Habitat 141 Zone 2 "West Wimmera Woodlands and Wetlands" annual gathering

Greening Australia and the Kowree Farm Tree Group

Wednesday March 25, 9.30am

Natimuk NC2 building (opposite the pub)

How are we going? And what's the way forward?

Morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner provided. RSVP to Jess Gardner at JGardner@greeningaustralia.org.au or 0437 958 259, including whether you'll stay for dinner and any dietary requirements.

Birdlife South East SA

Eaglehawk Waterhole campout and AGM

Friday March 27 - Sunday March 29

Near Frances, SA

AGM on Saturday evening. Contact: Bryan Haywood: brytonwood@bigpond.com or (08) 8726 8112

Mt William Creek walk

Project Platypus

Saturday Mar 28 – Wednesday Apr 1

A 80km 4 day walk along Mt William Creek from the Grampians to Dadswell's Bridge. Free to join!

How to make a Butterfly Garden

Nature Glenelg Trust & Natural Resources South East

March 30, 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Naracoorte North Kindergarten

Hear about butterflies and key plant species from local butterfly expert Bryan Haywood and how to design a successful garden from NGT Nursery Coordinator Yvonne Riley. Butterfly Garden kits available for purchase (pre-order encouraged). Afternoon tea provided.

To register, contact rose.thompson@natureglenelg.org.au 0437 597 685

Creatures of the Night - bat survey & presentation

Nature Glenelg Trust

TBC late March – April

Eaglehawk Waterhole, north of Frances

NGT will be hosting SA's Batman, Terry Reardon (SA Museum) at Eaglehawk. Take this chance to get "up-close" to our bats, hear about their quirky habits and what you could do to help them. Watch out on www.facebook.com/natureglenelg for a confirmed date. RSVP to Cath Dickson on 0478 121 733 or cath.dickson@natureglenelg.org.au

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Easter Biodiversity Blitz

RUEC (Roo-Ek!), Nature Glenelg Trust

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Easter – 3rd to 6th of April

Eaglehawk Waterhole, north of Frances

Have you wondered what animals live in the SE or wanted to join in on a survey? Now is your chance! Come and participate in surveys for mammals, reptiles, birds and insects.

Contact: Bryan Haywood to RSVP or for more details on 0427 001 853 or bryan.haywood@natureglenelg.org.au

Victorian Wader Study Group visit to SA

April 3 - 13

Contact: Maureen Christie twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

Post fire bush recovery talk

Hamilton Society for Growing Australian Plants

Wednesday April 8, 7.30pm

Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning, 333 North Boundary Rd Hamilton

Covers bush recovery after fire at Mt Clay, with a display of woven baskets by Cherree Densley. Contact: Liz Cummins at hamiltonsgap@hotmail.com or (03) 5574 1223

Gower Conservation Park working bee

Friends of Mt Gambier Area Parks

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Saturday April 11

Weed control. Contact: Helen: 0499 084 496 / 87254273 or Kevin: 0447 792 601

Mt Monster Conservation Park working bee

Friends of Mount Monster

Sunday April 12, 1-3pm

Activities include weeding, trail maintenance, GPS mapping of rabbit warrens and other significant sites. Wear sturdy footwear and BYO gloves, sun protection and afternoon tea.

Contact: Michael Trebilcock: 0418 278 125 or Michelle McDonald: 8755 3126

Outing to Nangwarry Native Forest Reserve

Birdlife South East SA

Saturday April 18

Contact: Bob Green shriketit@bigpond.com

Excursion to Lake Bolac & surrounds

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Sunday April 19

Looking at geology & birds of the area. Meet 9am at the Hamilton Visitor Centre. Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or visit hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au

SWIFFT video conference - Migrations

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Thursday April 24, 9.45am-12pm

Various locations including Warrnambool, Hamilton and Heywood. See <http://swiff.net.au> for more details.

Monitoring Wildlife cameras at Mt Napier

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Saturday April 25

Meet 9am at the Hamilton Visitor Centre.

Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or visit hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au

May

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo count

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SERTBC Recovery Team and BirdLife Australia

Saturday May 2

Help to search for Red-tails across SE SA and SW Vic – there are 60 stringybark sites to cover! Keith to Mount Gambier in SA and Nelson to Little Desert NP in Vic. Request an area or search stringybark on your own property! Training session on the morning of the count. 4WD preferred, food and water, pencil/pens are needed and binoculars and GPS are handy.

Contact: Bronwyn Perryman on 1800 262 062 or email redtail@birdlife.org.au or visit www.redtail.com.au

Working Bee - Carpenter Rocks

Friends of Mt Gambier Area Parks

Saturday May 2

Removal of feral Pine. Contact: Helen 0499 084 496 / 87254273 or Kevin: 0447 792 601

Environmental Volunteers forum

Natural Resources South East

Friday May 15 and Saturday May 16

Tarooki Campsite, Robe

For South East environmental volunteers, more details coming soon on the Natural Resources South East website: naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast
Contact: Nat Mistic 8735 1177 or Natalie.mistic@sa.gov.au for cost and more info

Birdlife South East SA

Orange-bellied Parrot Count

Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17

Contact: Bob Green: shriketit@bigpond.com

Mt Monster Conservation Park working bee

Friends of Mount Monster

Sunday May 17, 1-3pm

Activities include weeding, trail maintenance, GPS mapping of rabbit warrens and other significant sites. Wear sturdy footwear and BYO gloves, sun protection and afternoon tea.

Contact: Michael Trebilcock 0418 278 125 or Michelle McDonald 8755 3126

May

Rod Bird & Diane Luhrs - Travels to WA Pilbara: flora, fauna & landscape'

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Thursday May 21

H.I.R.L., 333 North Boundary Road, at 7.30pm

Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or visit hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au

Excursion to Murnanes Bay & Childers Cove

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club

Saturday May 23

Meet at the Allansford Cheese Factory at 10.15am

Contact: hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or visit hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au

Outing to Glen Roy CP

Birdlife South East SA

Saturday May 30

Contact Bob Green: shriketit@bigpond.com

Annual count of fledged Hooded Plover chicks

Friends of Shorebirds SE

May - date to be advised

Contact: Jeff Campbell: sarah.jeffcampbell@bigpond.com

Ongoing

Green drinks

First Thursday of the Month at 5.30pm

The Last Coach, Warrnambool

Great networking for like-minded environment enthusiasts... so tell your friends! Contact: Emma Dart: 03 5561 9991 or emma.dart@depi.vic.gov.au

Volunteering in nature

Nature Glenelg Trust

Be part of on-ground environmental action in SE SA or SW Vic. Activities include seed collecting excursions, seed drying and processing, seed viability testing, propagation trials & general nursery maintenance. Contact: Yvonne Riley 0407 776 164 or yvonne.riley@natureglenelg.org.au

Ongoing

Permaculture Mount Gambier

Lots of events throughout the year

Anyone from SE SA and SW Vic welcome. Contact Sharn on 0407 601 431 or join the Facebook network at Permaculture Mount Gambier.

Shorebird monitoring

Friends of Shorebirds SE

Population monitoring along the lower SE coast and inland. Catching to retrieve geolocators from turnstone or deploy satellite transmitters on Bar-tailed Godwit may be organised at short notice. Contact: Contact Jeff Campbell sarah.jeffcampbell@bigpond.com or Maureen Christie twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

Monthly meeting

Port Mac Landcare Group

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm or 6:30pm for dinner, meet at the Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

Contact: Peter Feast 0427 388 070 or mimosa2@bigpond.com

Friends of Shorebirds SE weekly outing

Every Tuesday - location on lower South East coastline

Contact Maureen Christie on the Monday evening to find out where & when the week's activity will be. Contact: (08) 8738 0014 or twinpeppercorns@gmail.com

South East SA ReefWatch activities

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Local groups hold various activities, generally monthly, including monitoring health of reefs and intertidal zones. Contact:

Port MacDonnell: Jess Bouchier: 0438 671 356 or jbourchier@hotmail.com

Beachport: Marcia Lorenz: (08)8735 8418 or lorenz.marcia@gmail.com

Robe: Cath Bell: 0402 901 451 or cath@vk3kcj.com

Monthly working bee at McIntyre Reserve

Robe Coastcare Group

Meet at McIntyre Reserve, Robe

Generally first Sunday of the month, 10am (SA time)

Outdoor activities are weather dependent. Remember to wear appropriate footwear, clothing, hat, sunscreen and carry snacks, water and any required medication with you.

Every effort has been made to ensure dates and details in this brochure were true and correct at the time of printing. Nature Glenelg Trust strongly suggests that you contact the individual organisations/groups to confirm event details.

Compiled by Jonathan Tuck, Nature Glenelg Trust based on information provided by various sources - thank you to everyone who has contributed and supported these events and calendar.

Does your group/organisation have an upcoming event over the Winter months (June, July August) ?

Contact Jonathan Tuck, Nature Glenelg Trust on 0432 406 486, jonathan.tuck@natureglenelg.org.au prior to Thursday 30 April for your event to be included in the next calendar.

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= family friendly event. Children must be supervised by their parent(s)/guardian at all times. Please note more events may be family friendly - ask the appropriate contact for further details.

For more details and events, check out facebook.com/natureglenelg or visit www.natureglenelg.org.au and subscribe to the blog