



GLENLYON UPPER LODDON LANDCARE GROUP

A PARTIAL HISTORY

1986 - 2025





Pam Harris
Founding President 1986



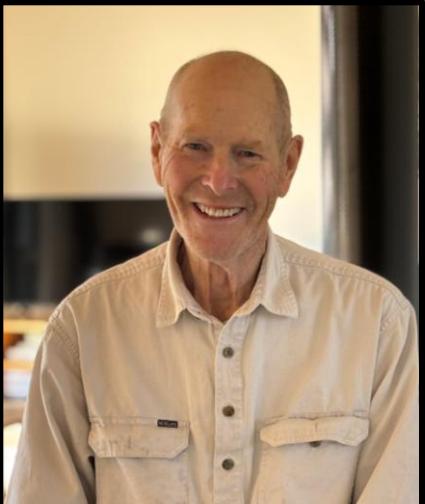
Keith Irving
1995 - 2002



Ken Stockfeld
2002 - 2004?



Evan Davis
2010 - 2012



John Cable
2004-2010 & 2012 -
2017



Peter Sago
2017 - 2019



Rod Sewell
2021 - Present

Cristy Mace
2019 - 2021

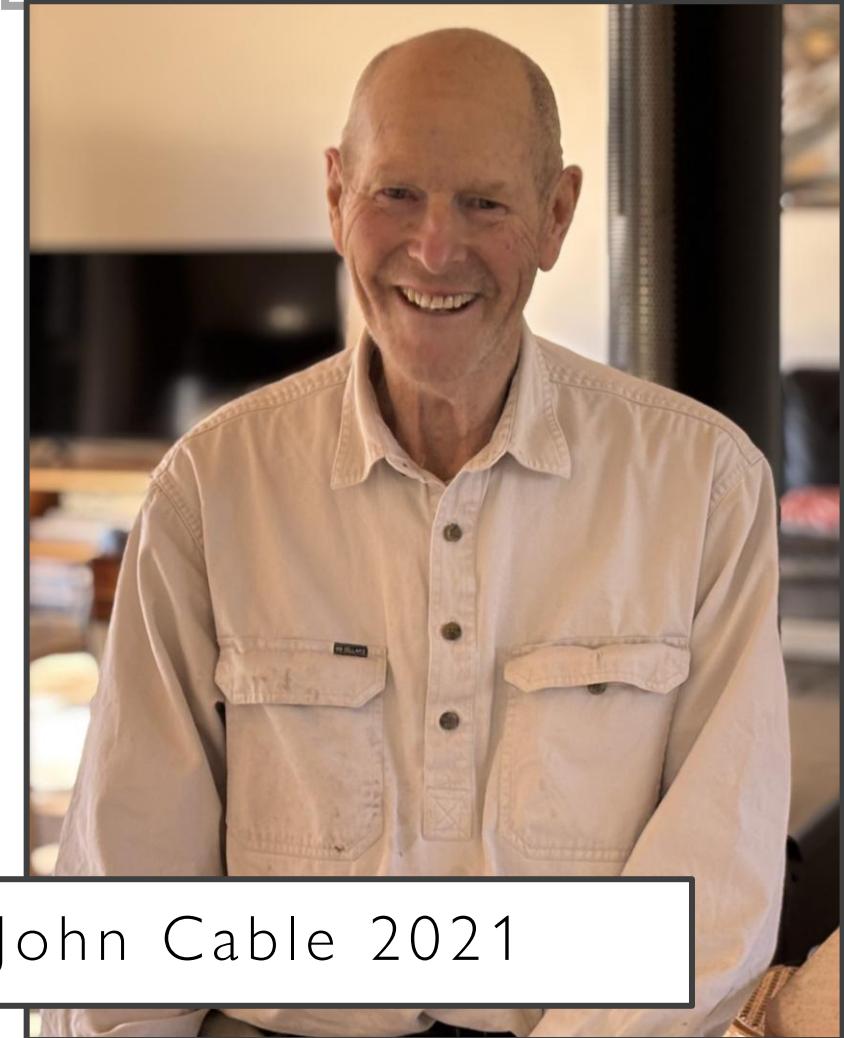
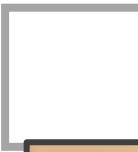
PRESIDENTS

1986 to 2025 (With gaps)

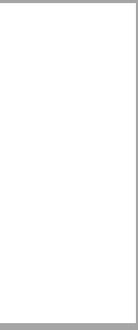
LIFE MEMBERS



Bob Kennedy 2012



John Cable 2021



ESTABLISHMENT

1986

The group was established in 1986 when Pam Harris called a public meeting of local farmers to deal with the rabbit plague. (Calicivirus did not reach our area till 1996.)

The meeting was attended by a representative of the Department of Conservation Forests and Land from Maryborough.

The first project involved 1080 poison carrot baits. Carrots were cut up in Pam and Dan's carport and distributed from the Hall.

1200 dead rabbits were collected from Pam and Dan's property. DCFL said for every dead rabbit above ground, there were 10 dead underground.

12,000 were killed on their property alone!





Des Leonard



Alan Larkin



Ian Fleischer



Ron Sewell



Max Ford

EARLY INVOLVEMENT OF FARMERS

The Glenlyon Recreation Reserve was tackled by local farmers.



Alan Cooper

Gerald Coffey

PLANTING BESIDE THE LODDON

Mid 1990s

Early planting programs focused on reintroducing native plants to enhance biodiversity and support a wide range of wildlife species.

We still use the planters held by Keith and Ray for planting tube stock.



Adrian Thomas, Ray Irving, Unknown, Joan Rattray, Ken Stockfeld, Unknown Child, Keith Irving
Photo supplied by Joan Rattray

EARLY GORSE CONTROL



1996 - 1997

2 grants totalling \$15,000 obtained by Galena Debney (secretary) when Keith Irving was president. Approx \$4,000 still available for work in 2005

Joan Rattray recalled her work with husband Graeme related to the Gorse Task Force. She said the first area was Mary Boddy's (opposite the General Store) to Matts Lane approximately 1996-1997. Joan and Graeme attended annual meetings of the VGT.



2001 - 2002

Joan Rattray, GULLG Weed Co-Ordinator contacted eligible landholders to claim subsidy under Ballarat Gorse Task Force's grants. Only 5 submitted receipts.

Joan's job was to visit the properties and "have a yak and a cuppa". She said the more friendly approach, rather than the tough enforcement approach was more productive. Whatever the property owner spent on chemical for gorse management, if the property owner provided an invoice, a fair percentage was given back. Joan and Graeme only recommended rather than prescribed eg Grazon. Note 2005 newsletter stated GULLG does not support the use of Grazon or any 'ester' based herbicides due to vaporisation spread/drift.

Joan said that the major issue was that there was no follow up after the initial treatment of the gorse, so it grew back.

Joan recalled early working bees along the river, brush cutting around the trees and on the walking trail.

WAR ON WEEDS

. In September 1996 the Department of Natural Resources & Environment advised in *The Advocate* that riverside vegetation is key to ending degradation of waterways stating that advice and financial assistance was available to landholders for this purpose. By October 1996 Minister Tehan announced \$3 million under the Landcare Partnerships Initiative. By 1997 the \$12 million War on Weeds was announced.

For more information about the development of the Biolink, See Detailed History Evan Davis statement page 8

Barry Philp 2005? in the Biolink with treated blackberry +2m high



NCCMA LODDON FALLS PROJECT

2000

Proposed 7 management sections Dysart St to
Loddon Falls

THE LODDON FALLS RIPARIAN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

**NORTH CENTRAL
CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY**

2000

**Stewart Anderson
Ed Thexton**

**RIPARIAN
AUSTRALIA**
Technology Enterprise Centre
15/2 Park Drive Bundoora 3083 Vic
Phone: 03 9479 3772, Mobile 0407 560 324
Fax 03 9479 1791



JOHN CABLE JOINS

August 2001

John recalls,

"Jill and I purchased 75 Butlers Lane in January 2000. I attended the AGM of the Glenlyon Upper Loddon Landcare Group in August to determine opportunities to fund the work on the riparian zone.

Keith Irving asked me if I would like to stand for the office of President which I politely declined but offered to be the Secretary. This was the start of 25 years involvement with the Group."

Keith Irving & John Cable 2013

NCCMA LODDON FALLS PROJECT

2001 - 2003

- NCCMA worked directly with landholders adjacent to the Loddon holding onsite and public meetings July 2001.
- Letters to landholders mentioned **possible** joint project with Landcare
- Actions outlined included rabbit baiting, stock exclusion, weed management, fencing remnant vegetation
- Timing: Spring 2001 to Autumn 2003
- Dec 2002 newsletter Loddon Falls project \$1850 to support gorse control of Zone 1 of Loddon Falls Project was successful.





PLANTING AT LODDON FALLS

2009

John Cable recalls

Areas of the land above the Falls had become infested with Patterson's curse and the few Manna gums remaining were deteriorating. GULLG resolved to control the weeds and to plant both manna gums and blackwoods in the area. The young plants were protected by large tree guards to keep the wallabies at bay and many years later have thrived.

Joan and Graeme Rattray
Tireless workers for GULLG



GLENLYON & UPPER LODDON

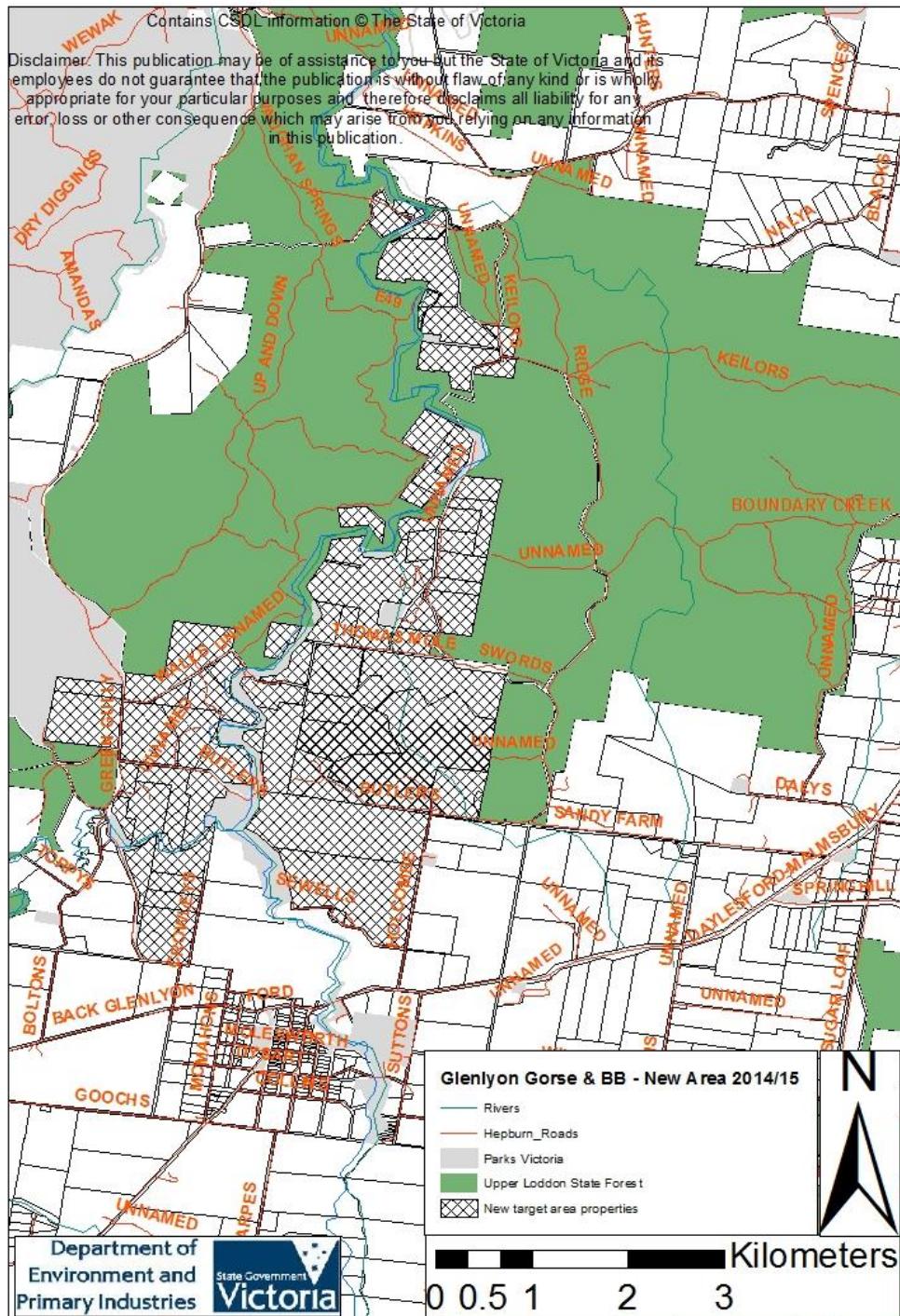
LANDCARE GROUP

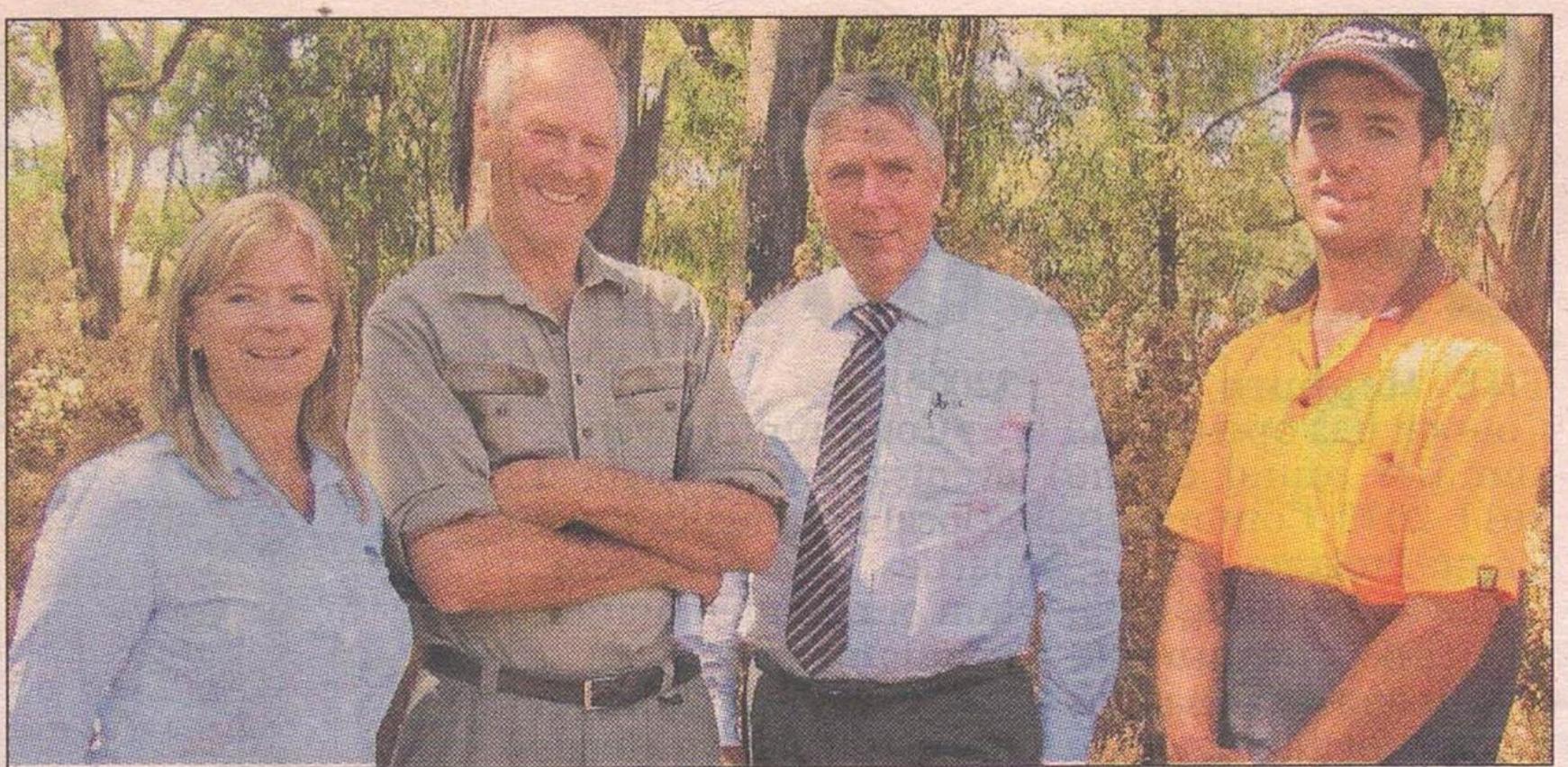
This planting site as of 2025

DEECA GORSE COMPLIANCE AREAS PROCLAIMED

2010-11 & 2014-15

- 2010 Graeme & Joan Rattray and Bob Kennedy regularly attended the VGT AGM
- 2010 John Cable contacted the Minister Peter Walsh re gorse infestation on 3 properties at Glenlyon
- 2011 Martin Deering Bio-Security Officer at DEPI Maryborough attended a public meeting August 2011
 - Initially 60 properties around Glenlyon were targeted
 - Inspectors entered properties
 - 2 months to comply
 - VGT grant to GULLG for gorse control –chemical subsidy to landholders
 - Additional compliance area was added 2014-15





WEED AND PEST CRACKDOWN: From left, DPI Biosecurity area manager Sharyn Williams, Upper Loddon Landcare secretary John Cable, Minister Peter Walsh, and local contractor John Comelli.

Minister's visit

One in five properties inspected were issued with improvement notices.

A highlight was a site visit to Loddon Falls to see weed management done by GULLG. We installed a red and white tape indicating the top of the cliff above the Falls. To John Cable's horror, the Minister blithely stepped over the tape to get a better view of the Falls. Fortunately he returned safely.

October 2011

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

2013

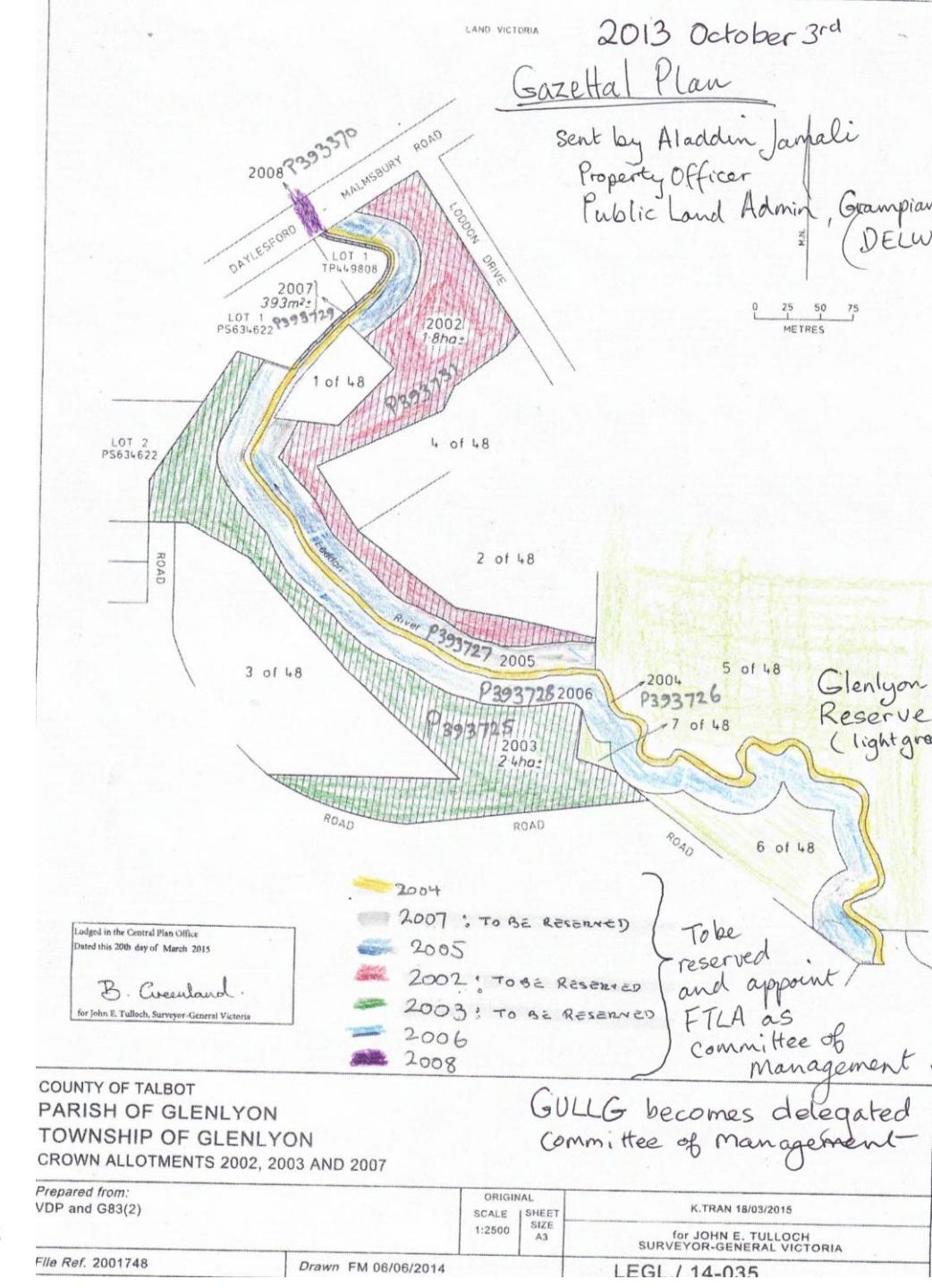
Hepburn Shire Council

- \$1500 – mostly used for herbicide subsidies for weed management
- \$10,000 for re-alignment of Biolink walking trail. (at least 3 meters from the river) went into GPA bank acc. For GULLG to use.
- Much negotiation re allotment Crown allotment 4/48 in the Biolink. They wanted GULLG to become incorporated and administer the Biolink. Preferred not to give it to Rec Reserve committee

NCCMA - Signage – town sign at the General Store and permanent signs at start of the Biolink and just below the quarry reserve. Total \$4200.

Parks Victoria partnership—weed control west side of river. Linda Hancock and Caroline Lau's properties cover the whole of the area, provide access to Falls from Crowley's Lane to Loddon Falls. Gorse control and Patterson's Curse (still a problem in 2025) at the Loddon Falls.

GULLG becomes Committee of Management for areas of the Biolink. 2013





RESTORATION OF THE LODDON

Riverbank Stabilization

Stabilizing riverbanks helps prevent erosion and supports the overall health of waterways.

Riparian Planting

Planting native vegetation along waterways improves habitat and water quality.

Water Quality Monitoring

Regular monitoring ensures water health and identifies pollution sources.

Loddon River in Glenlyon



Darren Giacometti and Paul Coffey shifting dirt
for realignment of the walking path with HSC
grant \$10,000. (beside Kathy Atkinson's property.)

SAVE YOUR SOFT DRINK BOTTLES FOR THE BATTLE

GLENLYON

VS WASPS



The best time to tackle the wasp problem is the beginning of spring. And a whole community response is the best way for all to benefit.

There will be a special presentation on Saturday 19 September at 11am in the Glenlyon Hall (shop at the Glenlyon Village Market first). As prevention is better than "cure", Laurie Nicholl will explain a method of attacking wasps which is harmless to bees, dogs, etc.

Laurie will show you how to make your own cheap/free traps with 1.25 litre soft drink bottles to trap queens in early spring.

Don't put soft drink bottles in the recycling bins! Save them to use in this safe, economical method of beating the wasps!



refreshments provided



Landcare Kids' Day

Saturday 21st November 2015

10.30 am– 12.00 midday

Followed by a barbecue lunch (free)

At

75 Butlers Lane Glenlyon

Come and discover the critters of the river

RSVP essential for catering purposes by Friday 13th November 53487947 or jt.bee@bigpond.com



For further information see glenlyon.vic.au

Malmsbury and Glenlyon Landcare Groups
present
Devil's Gully Tunnel Goldfields Landscape
& Wildflower Walk

September 20

Meet 9.30 at Warburton Bridge -prior to the junction of the Malmsbury / Vaughan Springs road and the Vaughan Springs / Fryerstown road

Barbecue lunch beside the Loddon approximately 12.30 pm.

You need: sturdy footwear, hat, camera, water bottle etc.



The walk will be led by Jon Leevers who has extensively researched the history of the Devil's Gully Tunnel and water race system constructed in the 1860's to carry water from the upper reaches of the Loddon, near Holcombe, to the Fryer's creek goldfields for hydraulic sluicing in gold mining operations.

RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES 53487758

John Walter, field naturalist of Malmsbury Landcare will point out various plants, wildflowers and fungi in the area.



Putting life back in your soil

A morning at Green Cocky with Lyn Kelson
Pollards Road Drummond 9.30 -12.30



Sunday 10th April 2016
9.30 -12.30

Followed by a free barbecue



Take an eye-opening stroll with Lyn around this grazing property and learn from Lyn how grazing animals can regenerate pastures. Learn how to create healthy soils, teeming with life, while reducing the cost of fertilisers and sprays.

Educator and award winning farmer, Lyn Kelson will demonstrate how to turn a tired and degraded property into a thriving enterprise.



Looking for worms



RSVP by Friday 8th April
Jill Teschendorff 53487947
Jt.bee@bigpond.net.au

Aboriginal Cultural Landscapes Near Glenlyon

**May 16th
Presentation &
Field trip**



Presentations:

10.30-12.30

What did Glenlyon look like when the first Europeans set eyes on this landscape?

What evidence is there of past Aboriginal cultural activities in the landscape now?

Gerry Gill

Sociology and Anthropology
Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
Bendigo Campus

Rick Nelson

Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Clans Corporation
Traditional Owner

Lunch 12.30—1.15

Please RSVP for catering

Field Trip

1.30-3.30 approx.

Limited places. Booking essential

RSVP

53487758 or

ljdever@bigpond.net.au





**UPPER LODDON LANDCARE
CONSORTIUM
400 SEEDBANK TREES PLANTED 2016**

GULLG JOINS THE UPPER CAMPASPE LANDCARE NETWORK (UCLN)

2017

Leaving Upper Loddon Landcare Consortium
based on Blampied-Kooroochiang Landcare Group





**NEW SPRAY UNIT TRAILER AND REFURBISHED BUILDERS' TRAILER 2016
WITH HELP OF FUNDING FROM HEPBURN SHIRE & BENDIGO BANK**

LODDON FALLS PROJECT

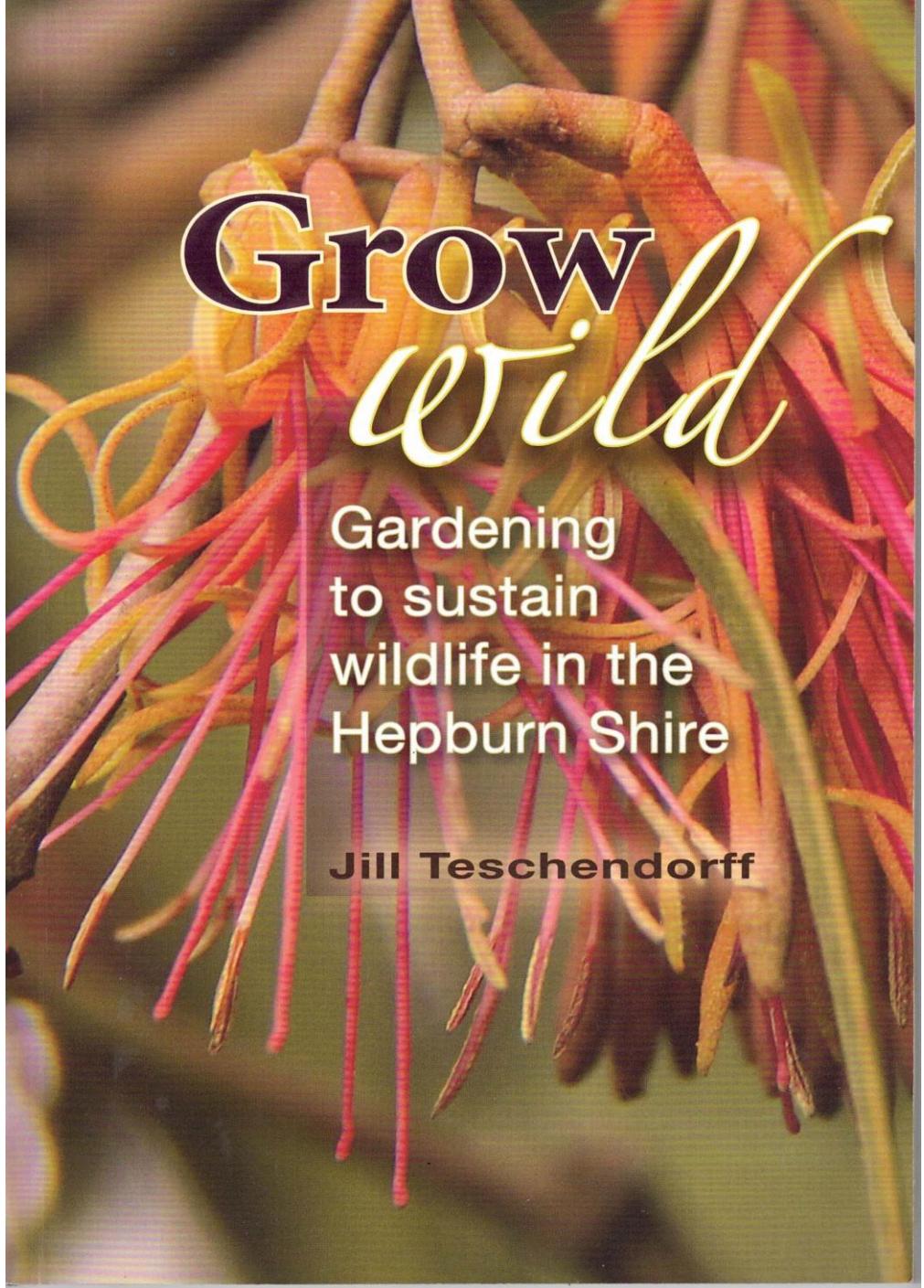
2017

In conjunction with the development of the 4 year plan by the Hepburn Shire Council, Margret Lockwood prepared a submission regarding our desire to have the Sewells lane to the Loddon Falls Reserve upgraded.

Following a meeting on site with representatives of Parks Victoria, the Hepburn Shire, Landcare members and Rod Sewell, agreement was reached to improve the road and establish a small parking lot just prior to the entry to the Reserve. This was conditional on the installation of a gate at the entry to the Reserve to restrict vehicular access to the Loddon Falls Reserve.



John Cable and Peter Scullin borrowed Peter O'Brien's jack hammer to finish the post holes.



JILL TESCHENDORFF



Another tireless landcare advocate, at a GULLG working bee 2013

Jill's book, *Grow Wild*, 2020 was part of Hepburn Shire's Gardens for Wildlife project

NEW FOOTBRIDGE

2016 - 2017



What's in Our Backyard Citizen Science project for kids planting day 2017

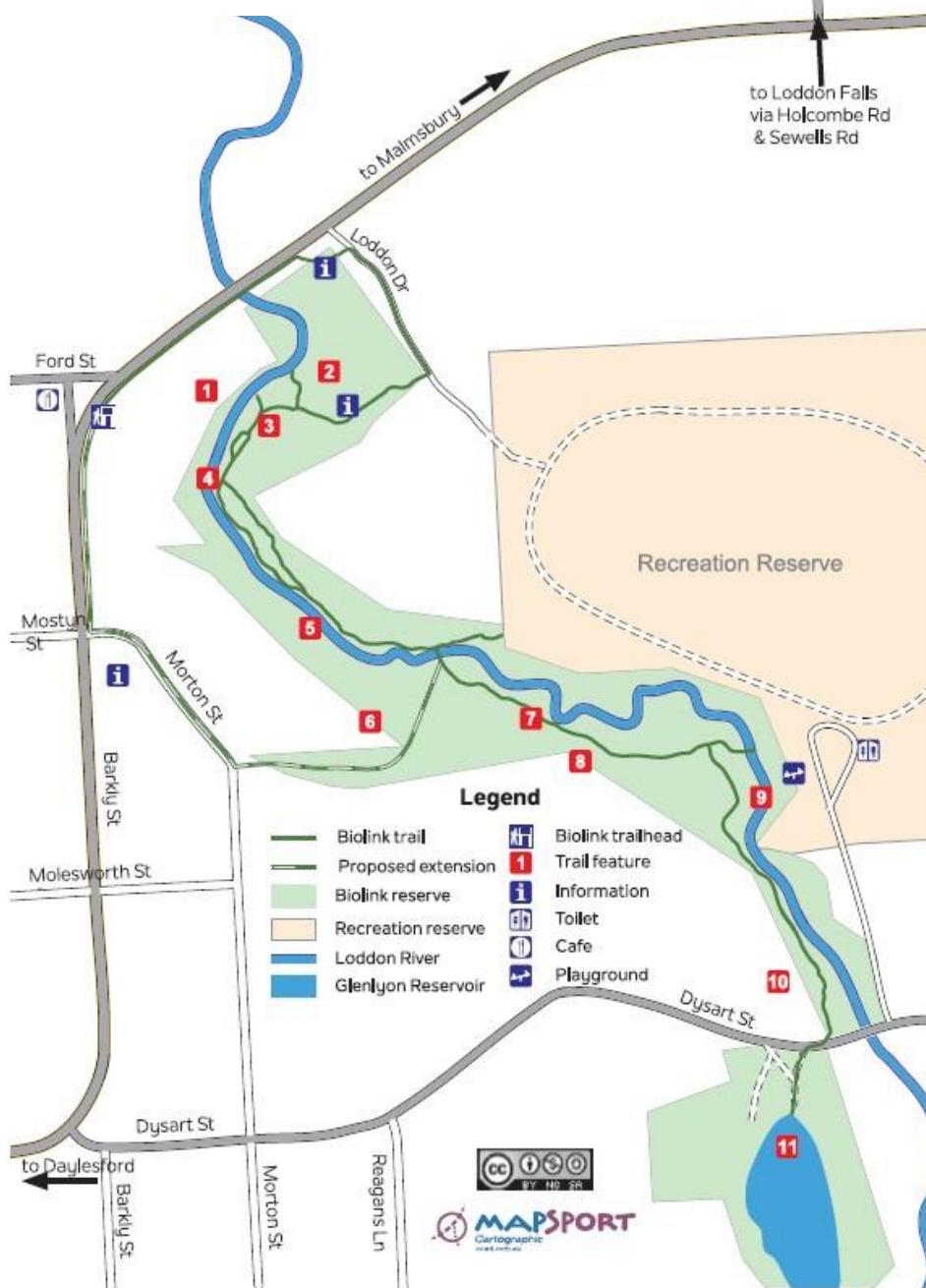


John Cable and Margret Lockwood got Federal funding to build the footbridge 2016
Roy Brookes installed the steel girders.



3 Presidents cut the ribbon: Evan Davis, John Cable & Peter Sago cutting the ribbon
Adam Leonard looks on.

BIOLINK BROCHURE 2018



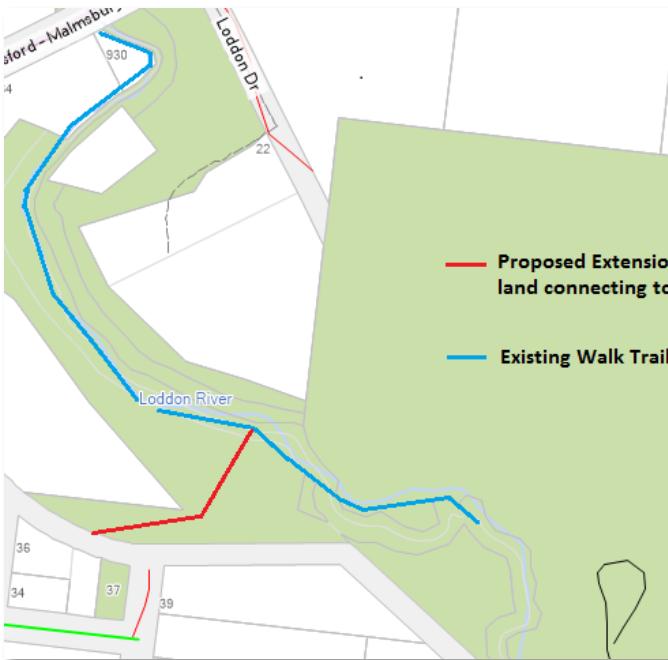
Historic sites along the Biolink

1. Site of flour mill and water wheel pit. The mill ran from 1873-1886. Its closure was due to the statewide drought which lasted from 1880-1886, resulting in lack of water and crop failures.
2. Site of former river crossing. There are still a few cobblestones visible. This was the only way to cross the Loddon before the first bridge was built in 1864. The track came down the hill beside the present road, along the bottom and wound up to Loddon Drive.
3. Site of a pine plantation planted by Glenlyon School pupils circa 1956 with the purpose of selling the mature timber and earning money for the school.
4. Remains of a weir built by Jack and George (Curly) Dixon to irrigate their potato patch circa 1950s. George Dixon was a WWI veteran. Above, former bluestone quarry: Quarry Reserve.
5. Site of gravel pit owned by the Fleischer family. The Shire Council used the gravel for road metal and local women collected pipe clay to whitewash their fireplaces. Ian collected it to whitewash the Hall fireplaces.
6. The gate up the hill marks a former entrance to the reserve. It is proposed to restore the track and use it again.
7. The river has changed course many times due to flooding, fallen trees, debris etc. Traces of the old course are still visible.
8. The small gate up the hill used to be the access from Molesworth Street, via a turnstile. Another turnstile was situated at the Loddon Drive entrance.
9. Weir and swimming pool. In the 1950s and 60s Glenlyon kids learned to swim in this pool. Those who were older and more competent swam in the dam. The wall of the weir was raised in later years.
10. Here one can see the traces of the water race along the west side of the track, against the base of the hill.
11. Glenlyon Dam was originally constructed circa 1875 to supply water to the flour mill. It now serves the community as a recreational and emergency water supply. Traces of a former fish hatchery can be seen on the east side. Below the present dam wall is the location of the beginning of the water race. The road had a different configuration in years gone by; the present gravel entry and concrete pad were non-existent and fire trucks used a track nearer the bridge and parked below the dam wall to fill up.

(Thank you to Ian Fleischer for the information.)

BIOLINK MORTON STREET EXTENSION

2018 - 2019



Hepburn Shire met with John Cable and Margaret Lockwood on site to determine the route for the Biolink extension to Morton Street.



Mayor Henderson & Cr John Cottrell opening the extension



John Cottrell National Tree Day planting 2019



BIOLINK FLORA SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

2019

Author: Karl Just

DYERS FALLS PROJECT

2021 - 2022

With funding from the Hepburn Shire Council's Biodiversity Grant Program a program of weed eradication works were undertaken at Dyers falls completed by a contractor and members Evan Fleischer and Rod Sewell,

As part of the project, it was intended to plant local native species however the ground was too rocky. The project also aspired to investigate the presence of platypus populations in the area.





POLLINATOR GARDEN

2013 - 2024

Executives and committees since 1986 (with gaps)

1986	President Pam Harris VP Secretary Sandra Garner Treasurer	Les Garner, Dan Harris, Bob Kennedy ? Graeme Rattray ? Tim Holliday?	2008	President John Cable V. P. Damian Leonard Secretary Tuesday Phelan	Raymond Irving, Ian Fleischer, Barry Philp, Bob Kennedy Evan Davis
1995	President Keith Irving VP Galena Debney		2009	Treasurer Ian Crossley President Evan Davis VP Damian Leonard Secretary John Cable	Raymond Irving, Ian Fleischer, Barry Philp, Ken Stockfeld, Bob Kennedy Robin Holmes, Tuesday Phelan
2001	President Keith Irving Secretary John Cable		2010-2011	Treasurer Ian Crossley President Evan Davis VP Damian Leonard Secretary vacant	Ray Irving, Sue Moses, Tony Briscombe, John Cable, Barry Philp, Bob Kennedy
2002	President Ken Stockfeld VP Bob Kennedy Secretary John Cable Treasurer Mary Boddy	Ron Sewell -spray unit -which could be loaded onto a ute or trailer.	2011-12	Treasurer Andrew Hitchman President Evan Davis VP Damian Leonard Secretary John Cable Minutes Sec. Margaret Lockwood	Bob Kennedy, Barry Philp, Ray Irving, Tony Briscombe
2004	President John Cable Treasurer Ida Leslie	Ken Stockfeld, Bob Kennedy, Joan Rattray, Ron Sewell, Mark Sartori, Damian Leonard, Ray Irving, Pam Manning (Hepburn Shire?)		Treasurer Andrew Hitchman	
		Ray Irving Spray unit			

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Colin Metcalfe

