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The Spotted Pardalote or *Pardalotus punctatus* is likely to be found across our agricultural landscape particularly where revegetation works have occurred.

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State Government's "Ribbons of Blue and Sashes of Green: Box Alliance project"

State Government's Landcare Victoria Grants Program "Microcarpa Corridors"

Healthy farms, healthy people field evening

Thursday 12 December
5.00 to 6.30 pm
At David Taylor's property (cnr Dargalong Road and Nagambie-Locksley Road)
Hear about healthy farms and changing practices from David, and also Jack and Suzie Bate while Chris Tzaros will report on his recent bird surveys—a stellar line so put this date in your diary. Register now and Susan will ring with a reminder.

Report Roadside Weeds

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Much interest in Grey Box funding

The Federal Government National Landcare Program-funded **Linking Landscapes and Communities: enhancing Grey Box Grassy Woodlands project**, delivered through the Goulburn Broken CMA, was embraced by our landholders in it's first year.

As we progress through our second year of a five year program, please consider accessing this funding to protect remnant Grey Box trees or your property and establish a diverse range of understorey species.

Jim Winter Irving says "the funding is very generous with the cost of fencing materials, seed, plants, guards and direct seeding contractor being paid for."

Project Officer, Susan Sleigh say "the introduction of the Woka Walla aboriginal work team from Shepparton has been an extremely valuable initiative. She applauds the way that they have approached the plantings and their work ethic."

The benefits of these types of environmental works are clear—shade for stock on hot days, shelter on cold days. Farmers report feeling "good" about having nature on their farms and they like seeing the plants grow and flower, and see the birds return."

Grey Box field evening

"Healthy farms, healthy people"

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit David Taylor's farm btw Locksley and Nagambie and hear about **David's philosophy of health in all aspects of the farm**— people, soils, native vegetation and stock.

See one of his 40 metre corridors that has been fenced, direct seeded and hand planted using the Federal Government's Grey Box funding (photo below).

Hear from **Jack and Suzie Bate** on an old corridor that has been re-direct seed and hand planted as well as their recent initiative of protection of remnant Grey Box in patches of approximately 100m x 100m..

Finally hear the latest from **Chris Tzaros** on his latest bird surveys in our area..

Thursday 12 December from 5 to 6.30 pm
Cnr of Dargalong and Nagambie-Locksley Rds
Register NOW with Susan on 0447904301



Hand planting and direct seeding

'Unsuccessful' direct seeding in old corridors

If you have a corridor (older than 10 years) that requires additional vegetation, please contact Susan on **0447 904301**. Grey Box funding is potentially available for re direct seeding and hand planting to improve the quality of existing corridors.

Linking Landscapes and Communities: Grey Box project

Reflections on our first year of Federal Government Grey Box funding



Fencing, direct seeding and hand planting



Woka Walla making a difference



Filling the gaps with hand planting and direct seeding



Improving an old corridor

State Government's "Ribbons of Blue and Sashes of Green: Box Alliance project"

This three year project is now in its second year and seeing waterways and wetlands protected as well as patches of box ironbark vegetation. In our next newsletter, we will feature some of the works. This site to the right, a section of Reedy Creek, has been fenced and direct seeded.



Report Roadside Weeds

The Roadside Weed program, funded through State Government, funding involves a contractor (in our case Tingay Landcare) spraying weeds on Shire managed roads. Ring now if you know of any Paterson's Curse, Sweet Briars, Blackberries, St John's Wort and Bridal Creeper infestations on our roads. **Rhonda Robinson 57942274, 0400 546560 or Susan 0447 904301**

Get Involved

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