



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



Eastern Fleurieu
Community
Environmental Alliance

EASTERN FLEURIEU COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

The purpose of the Alliance is to deliver improved environmental on-ground actions, a community better supported to work for the benefit of nature, and strong advocacy for the environment in the Eastern Fleurieu region.

The Eastern Fleurieu Community Environmental Alliance is a network of 15 community-based groups with a focus on on-ground environmental action.

Objectives of the Alliance are;

- Knowledge and information sharing
- Working together to achieve efficiencies
- Coordination of on-ground works for greater outcomes
- A strong unified voice to advocate to council, Government and other bodies
- Joint applications for funding opportunities

The key achievement for this year was the successful completion of the Healthy Rivers Small Scale grant funded project.

Six groups participated in the project which focused on weed control and included planting of 2,550 local provenance native seedlings. The groups were Angas River Catchment Group, Friends of Cox Scrub, Finniss Catchment Group, Macclesfield Bushcare Group, Prospect Hill Bushland Group and Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group.

Significant volunteer input was pivotal to the projects success and we thank everyone who participated by planting, weeding, growing plants or spreading the word.

We look forward to pursuing future grant opportunities to build on this initial work.

This report is a summary of the year by some of our members, if you are interested in a specific report, we can put you into contact with the appropriate group.



MEMBERS



Angas Bremer Water Management Committee
Angas River Catchment Group
Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group
Doctors Creek Landcare Group
Finniss Catchment Group
Flaxley Landcare Group
Friends of Cox Scrub
Friends of Nurragi
Goolwa Coastcare
Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association
Hills Biodiversity Group
Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group
Kanmantoo-Callington Landcare Group
Macclesfield Bushcare Group
Prospect Hill Bushland Group

The Eastern Fleurieu Community Environmental Alliance is supported by Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association and Green Adelaide.

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ANGAS RIVER CATCHMENT GROUP

Murray Darling Healthy Rivers Program – as part of the Eastern Fleurieu Community Alliance

ARCG was one of the Alliance community environmental groups delivering and completing the project. The focus was on improving the health and ecological condition of a section of the Angas River Catchment, north of Strathalbyn. Our first focus was strategic woody weed control for the major weed species including Desert Ash, Willows, Peppercorn, Olives, Prickly Pear, Fennel and Date Palm. This grant has been vital to enable woody weed control using a professional local contractor.



Removal of these large weeds provided an ecological niche for revegetation with local indigenous plants, contributing to returning the river to a healthy and more natural state. Revegetation of the river corridor with tubestock included River red gum, sheoak and midstorey species such as local bottlebrush, Sennas and Melaleucas in areas cleared of woody weeds. Plants were sourced from Clayton Bay Nursery and GWLAP Community Nursery, also part of the alliance. All revegetation work was completed by ARCG with assistance from the local community.

Project activities included:-

- Survey and mapping of the major woody weeds, development of a control program with work undertaken from November 2022 to May 2023
- Plant species list compiled and seedlings sourced through the Community Nursery network and some private growers
- Planting sites surveyed and spot spraying of individual planting sites to control competition weeds
- Revegetation by ARCG members and other community groups such as Strathalbyn Girl Guides and Strathalbyn Cubs and Scouts, local families and individuals.



Above: Angas River planting, winter 2023

ANGAS RIVER CATCHMENT GROUP

Alexandrina Council Community Environmental Grant – 2022/23

This Alexandrina Council funded project supported ongoing management of Strathalbyn Council land including Archery Park/Forrest Road Reserve; North Parade Wetlands, Wylie Street Reserve and the Angas River Corridor. High priority weed management was undertaken with revegetation of local indigenous native plants including Peppermint box, senna, Sticky hop-bush, Drooping Sheoak, Golden wattle and Native pine.

Project activities included:-

- Vegetation mapping to identify and prioritise weed works and revegetation areas
- All aspects of project management including plant, guard and stakes orders and site logistics
- Working bees at a number of sites in the project area
- Facilitating plantings with Girl Guides including provision of plants and technical advice

Education and community engagement

- Bushblitz field trip with Strathalbyn Girl Guides at Cox Scrub Conservation Park
- Education session with Strathalbyn Scout Group recognising land in good condition and identifying threats to maintaining it on the Scout lease land
- Great Southern Archery Club - we re-engaged with the new committee to facilitate cooperative co-management of Forrest Road Reserve

Highlights

- The number of new Strathalbyn community members joining in and helping at our working bees. We have had lots of new people and their families assist and so we have been able to successfully plant nearly 700 plants in the past year.
- The support of our ongoing members attending our working bees.
- Cooperative relationship with Strathalbyn Girl Guides and Scouts/Cubs.
- Ongoing success with grants – we hope this continues.
- Close working relationship with GWLAP and support from the staff.



Above: Successful plantings

CLAYTON BAY NURSERY & ENVIRONMENT GROUP



The 2022-23 Annual Report covers the seasonal / growing year and not the financial year.

The report covers the period September 2022 – September 2023. This better reflects the operations from a nursery perspective. It encapsulates the commencement of the propagation season to the dispatch of the majority of orders produced.



The nursery had a very productive year. Our propagation was timely and efficient reflecting in the high quality of the seedling stock we produced. We propagated over 100 different species of local native plants. Summer weather was again benign which makes the nursery people's tasks much easier.

Personnel

The backbone of the nursery is the efforts of the volunteers. The efforts are not only confined to the Tuesday and Thursday scheduled work days but every other day of the week. It's a 365 day a year job, checking the watering and the seedlings. I thank all the volunteers for their significant efforts, their cheery disposition and their home cooking which comes to the fore at morning tea.

Production / Orders

17,000 seedlings have been dispatched which include the following projects:

- A large quantity supplied to Watchalunga Nature Reserve, organised through GWLAP, which is a nationally funded project through the Australian Healthy Rivers Program. This is also connected to Save the Southern Emu Wren project.
- Several thousand seedlings were dispatched to a Bull Creek site for a carbon offset planting.
- 1,000 seedlings supplied to link incredibly old, pristine, remnant vegetation on a conservation property at Belvidere. Our thanks to Janice Pattison for her efforts with this project.
- 1,000 seedlings for the continuing revegetation project on Goat Island.
- 650 seedling for the Angas River Catchment Group
- 3,000 seedlings grown for a farm rehabilitation project at Mt Pleasant. This is our second year of involvement in the project where a range of species including saline tolerant Melaleuca species are being planted along a watercourse in an endeavor to lower a partially saline water table. The client was very pleased with our nursery stock and has already committed a similar order for 2024.
- 1,500 seedlings for various Alexandrina Council projects.
- 600 grass seedlings to a Deep Creek property in an endeavor to establish native grasses in a windbreak buffer area between livestock paddocks to suppress weed growth and encourage native fauna.
- 500 plants were grown and planted at Terry Way under the banner of the Queens Jubilee Tree Planting Trust.
- 300 seedlings to the Pt Sturt Progress Association.
- Numerous local species sold to the general public in our region for home gardens.

CLAYTON BAY NURSERY & ENVIRONMENT GROUP



Cuttings

Have grown approximately 2,500 plants from cuttings this year. We have produced more understorey plants from cuttings which are often difficult to propagate from seed. These are a vital component of the biodiversity mix in restoring native habitat to encourage the presence of native fauna and invertebrates. Recently we have struck local species including *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, *Scaevola aemula*, *albidia* and *calendulaceae*, *Goodenia varia*, *Zygophyllum billardierei*, *Olearia floribunda*, *Hibbertia riparia*, *Correa reflexa* and *glabra*. This has been identified as a huge opportunity for the nursery as it will build further on our role for the community and the environment as these smaller understorey plants are so vital to a balanced ecosystem.

Seed Collection

The nursery has continued with timely seed collection activities within our region to supply a diverse range of local indigenous plants.

Nursery Labels

To assist sales and customer service we have labelled our plants with 30cm high descriptive plant labels. In addition individual hand written labels are available at the front of each crate.

On ground works.

Ongoing woody weed removal was undertaken at Terry Way reserve within Clayton Bay. Our volunteers planted 500 seedlings made up of overstorey, mid and understorey and grasses. All the plants were sourced from local seed and/or cutting material.

I again express my thanks to our volunteer group and look forward to another productive year propagating high quality seedlings for the community and our environment.

Phil Collins
Nursery Manager



Above: Plants abundant at the nursery

FINNISS CATCHMENT GROUP

We had another good year with some pleasing improvements in numbers of volunteers attending our monthly “Weeding Bees” along the river. Numbers have increased to exceedingly pleasing turn outs of about 10 volunteers. One reason for this may be that it has developed into a pleasant social occasion in a beautiful environment.



This effort has again been supplemented by professional spraying made possible by successful grant application money in addition to funds from the Finniss Catchment Group. Our “weeds bees” concentrate on areas where we treat woody weeds that have reshot. Volunteer work complements the work undertaken with grant moneys and can only be seen as a great business model.

This year’s success was the spending of a \$20,000 grant from the Federal Government’s Healthy Rivers Initiative. This was organised by Jacqui and Sarah from the GWLAP in conjunction with several other Fleurieu community groups. Our share was used to combat woody weeds along the stretch of the Finniss from the Alexandrina Road bridge upstream for several kilometres.



Left: Before tacking woody weeds. Right: after an amazing group effort!

FINNISS CATCHMENT GROUP

Water Monitoring

The past year has been another successful one for water monitoring. This year saw the 30th anniversary of Waterwatch in South Australia, with the FCG achieving the longest continuous record of water monitoring of any of the citizen science groups. Bruce Brooks addressed a National Science Week event organised by the Landscape Board in Murray Bridge in August, where he highlighted the benefits of volunteerism to individual participants, to the community and also to the environment. Recording data allows us to see trends in the health of the River.

The Group continues to be well represented at the Bioblitzes with our largest representation ever at the Autumn Bioblitz in May. Dr Doug Green has been producing an analysis of data collected at these days and early signs are that there has only been a slight decrease in macroinvertebrate diversity at some sites.

Our financial situation continues to be sound. We made a small loss in the past year due mainly to costs of \$431 for insurance and \$534 for weeding tools.

At this year's Annual General Meeting Bec Duffield from the Nature Conservation Society presented a very interesting and heartening talk on "The Bandicoot Highway" project. Interesting guest speakers have been an annual highlight of these meetings.



Working along the Finnis

FLAXLEY LANDCARE GROUP

The Flaxley Landcare Group is involved in protecting remnant vegetation, riparian areas and revegetated linking corridors on member's properties; sustainable farming and supporting members through sharing information and education.

Volunteers continued weed control on the Trees for Life Bushcare site on the Strathalbyn Rd removing woody weeds, euryops and Aunt Eliza and in the Council reserve on the Angas River removing broom and gorse.

The group supports landowners with plant identification and bush management advice. We thank Trees for Life, Bush for Life program and their volunteers for their support and work in the Bush for Life site.

New members are very welcome.

More details are available from our website
<http://users.tpg.com.au/welsh2/flaxleylandcare/index.html>

Anne Welsh, President



Magpie lark and chicks

FRIENDS OF NURRAGI

The Friends of Nurragi volunteers continued their efforts in 2022/23 to maintain and improve the native vegetation of the Nurragi Conservation Reserve and to promote community awareness about the natural heritage values of the Reserve.

The Nurragi Conservation Reserve follows the line of the former railway from Sandergrove to Milang, a branch-line off the Strathalbyn to Victor Harbor railway line. The branch-line closed in 1970 and, reflecting its significant cover of native vegetation, the area was set aside as a conservation reserve under the care of a local volunteer group, the Friends of Nurragi, and the National Trust of SA in 1991. The Reserve contains an extremely important remnant of the original vegetation of the district in an area that has been cleared of around 98% of its native vegetation. Over the years, the Reserve area has been increased in collaboration with Alexandrina Council. Nearby undeveloped road reserves have been closed and an equivalent area of land has been added to the Reserve and revegetated.

The following Google image shows the location of the Nurragi Conservation Reserve, with the Reserve outlined in red. The low native vegetation cover in the district is quite clear in the photo.

During 2022/23 Friends of Nurragi volunteers maintained the 12.4km walking trail that traverses the full length of the Reserve. Weed control, particularly focussing on bridal creeper was undertaken with funding support through Alexandrina Council. Alexandrina Council also provided valuable assistance in the installation of “Nurragi Reserve” signs at all road crossings – with Council providing the poles and fittings and the Friends group organising the signs.



Above: Map of the Nurragi Conservation Reserve marked in red

FRIENDS OF NURRAGI

An undoubted highlight for the year was the inaugural Nurragi Autumn Walk of late April 2023. Fifty one walkers participated. After gathering at Milang, walkers were transported by bus to their chosen start points, then walked back to Milang. Fourteen walkers completed the full 12.4km distance from Tucker Road, 23 walked the 6.9km from the old Nurragi siding location and another 14 did the 3.7km walk from Punkulde (the Milang – Finnis main road). Each group was guided by one or two Friends of Nurragi volunteers.

The walk gave everyone the opportunity to enjoy the remnant native vegetation and reminders of the old railway along the Reserve, with a little cameo appearance from a couple of mobs of kangaroos. The weather was near-perfect – cool, slightly overcast and with light winds.

On completion of the walk, participants were rewarded with a BBQ provided by Strathalbyn Rotary on the shores of Lake Alexandrina.

The National Trust part-sponsored the event by covering the cost of the barbeque. The Goolwa-Wellington Local Action Planning Association (GWLAP) provided substantial assistance in organising walker registrations and part-funding the event and special thanks are due to Sarah Ansell (GWLAP) for coordinating that aspect. Walking SA also provided valuable assistance in helping to promote the walk.

The Friends of Nurragi have also worked closely with the Milang and Districts Historical Society to ensure that heritage features associated with the former railway corridor are recognised and protected.



12.4km walkers near the finish



Signage along the trail

GOOLWA COASTCARE GROUP

Group objective: To protect, extend and manage the natural environment and biodiversity of the Goolwa area through volunteer on-ground works and awareness raising activities.

The aim of our efforts is to lead to the overall improvement of the area for the benefit of wildlife, ecosystems and the people who live and visit the area.

2022-23 has been a busy year of on-ground works which has seen a wide range of activities delivered through our regular fortnightly working bees and involvement with various planning and consultation activities.

Over the course of the year we have held 12 working bees for 2 hours each to achieve more 144 hours of volunteer time to manage a range of coastal reserves in Goolwa using bush-care hand work including;

Goolwa dunes – where we hand weeded Gazania, Euphorbia, Acacia cyclops

Tokuremoar reserve – removed Boneseed, Polygala, Euphorbia, Acacia cyclops, Cape tulip, Scabiosa

Goolwa Private heritage agreement – Acacia cyclops, Victorian Tea tree, Euphorbia

Slaughter reserve – Scabiosa, Allium sp., Euphorbia and Vic tea tree

Goolwa Dunes Heritage Agreement – Gazania, Vic tea tree, Acacia cyclops, Euphorbia, Polygala.

Newell Avenue reserve – In-fill planting and hand weeding work

Bradford Reserve – Gazania, Euphorbia

Bristow-Smith reserve – Euphorbia, Grassy weeds

Pitt Street reserve – Gazania, Euphorbia, Perennial veldt grass

We celebrated the end of another successful year with a Big Bombora Breakfast at Bombora Cafe, which is always involves great food and lots of laughs. Thank you to everyone for their time and dedication this year and for support from Green Adelaide, Alexandrina Council and GWLAP.



Progress check of Gahnia filum plantings

HINDMARSH ISLAND LANDCARE GROUP



This report is both the Chairperson's report and my Project Officer's Report.

The past year has flown by. We finished planting last year (2022) in September and planted approximately 40 000 plants, 22 000 of these on Lawari CP. The remaining 18 000 plants were planted on private properties and Alexandrina Council land.



This year we finished planting in early August and have planted around 27 000 plants, 17 000 of these on Lawari CP. Some of our projects were the completion of the Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee (\$20 000), 2 Alexandrina Council Community Environment Projects (\$10 000), a Grassroots Grant from the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board (\$13 000), the second tranche of our Mayo Grant (\$60 000) and 10 000 plants on private land (5 sites).

We have continued to develop both our sales to the local community and growing for other projects, plants that will be planted off site and as far away as Streaky Bay.

We must be able to grow both of these services so that we can raise the funds needed to retain our nursery manager and our planting team.

Our nursery manager Sam Glazbrook, and our team of volunteers in the nursery are both instrumental for us in achieving these goals, and without them we would not be able to offer the services we can. We have been fortunate in having a number of new volunteers join us.

This past year has also been a year of upheaval for us with our previous chairperson resigning mid-term, meaning that we have been operating without a chairperson for much of the past year.



The HILG Nursery abundant with plants

HINDMARSH ISLAND LANDCARE GROUP



Margaret Lewis, our secretary, has been instrumental in keeping us on track through this time and Jill Masters, our treasurer, has been adept in learning our new finance package Xero, once Dee Farrow resigned at the last AGM after over 10 years of service to us, to keep track of the complex and considerable funds we manage. Lucy Uppill has effectively managed the Planting team which was larger than usual and was able to complete planting quicker than in previous years.

Wendy Phillips and Bob Daly have continued to produce our quarterly newsletter punctually, forever it seems. This shares our activities with members and many other interested people. The HILG Management Committee is introducing 4 new members into the vagaries and intrigues of our Landcare Group.

We have been lucky to have had Sam Glazbrook as our nursery manager for almost 2 years now but he is gradually transitioning to another nursery much closer to where he lives in Macclesfield. We have learned much from Sam. He is being replaced by our Planting Manager, Lucy. We know he will put what he has learnt here to good effect in Mount Barker.

In the next 12 months we will be growing 30 000 plants for Parks SA and the new Hindmarsh Valley National Park. This should provide us with the funding to at least maintain our services, however the Federal Labor government has yet (after almost 18 months in power!) to call for applications for local planting projects.

In the past 2 years we have received over \$210 000 in this way but we have now completed these projects. We are finding grants for local revegetation opportunities always oversubscribed because the Labor State government too is not addressing the latent demand in the community.

We need politicians with vision, an impossible demand I'm afraid.

Still we will be busy for the next year without doubt.

Richard Owen
Chairperson and Project Officer
Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group Inc



KANMANTOO- CALLINGTON LANDCARE GROUP



Kanmantoo-Callington Landcare Group (KCLG) has had a busy and productive year during 2022/2023.

Some of the significant projects we have been working on include:

Greening the Bremer Project – which is supporting the landholders along the Bremer River to revegetate and reverse the decline of woodlands, improve bird habitat, improve water quality and reduce erosion. In 2022/23 we have held very successful information workshops for 40 landholders from 22 properties along the Bremer River.

KCLG has received grant money from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board and the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board to run the workshops, provide 1800 free local native plants, tree guards and follow up newsletters to landholders. The Community Planting the KCLG conducts each year was this year focused on planting native trees at one of the properties connected to the Greening the Bremer project. It was a very successful working bee with the planting of 350 trees. Greening the Bremer project is continuing in 2023/24 with the successful gaining of more grant money to continue the activities already started.

Native Seed Orchard Project – This project is a partnership between KCLG and Birds SA. This project is now well underway and there have been a couple of very successful plantings of native grasses. The seed from the native seed orchard will be used in a direct seeding project at the Monarto Woodlands. The Native Seed Orchard is on the property of two members of the KCLG.

50 to Infinity – Wildlife Corridor – This is a project that the KCLG has been supporting in 2022/23. It involves the development of a Wildlife Corridor between the Kanmantoo Mines and the South Eastern Freeway. Creating this woodland corridor will restore some of the original vegetation that has been removed over many years of mining in the area. Over the two working bees that the KCLG completed 350 trees were planted and guarded.



Above: Planting native trees along the Bremer River as part of Greening the Bremer project

KANMANTOO- CALLINGTON LANDCARE GROUP



Steele Road – continued care for this piece of land by removing weeds and planting native trees and shrubs when required.

Native Garden – continued care of the Native Garden next to the Callington Hall by removing weeds and planting native trees, shrubs and grasses when required.

Maintaining other areas – KCLG has a number of smaller projects including the Mine Road and Bike Track projects in Kanmantoo and the Road Intersection and Old Princes Highway projects in Callington where weeding, collecting tree guards and planting trees as required is an ongoing process.

Supply of Native Trees and shrubs – two members of the KCLG propagate and grow native trees and shrubs to use in the various projects.

The support of GWLAP, Landscape Boards and Mount and Murray Bridge Council has been invaluable to the ongoing success of the projects that the KCLG are involved with.

Hazel Hunter
Chairperson - KCLG



Tree planting for the wildlife corridor

MACCLESFIELD BUSHCARE GROUP

The Bushcare group is helping to protect, conserve and restore the native flora and fauna habitat in Macclesfield's reserves using minimal disturbance weed control methods in areas of high biodiversity and by planting local native species, to improve habitat, in areas that are more degraded.



The group holds its monthly working bees in the reserves in Macclesfield and some of our dedicated volunteers spend considerable additional time working in the six reserves. The main weeds controlled included removal of gorse, sparaxis and monadenia in the Day Paddock; control of ivy, broom, gorse and bridal creeper in the Night Paddock; control of sparaxis, broom and monadenia in the Cemetery Reserve; broad leaf weeds and exotic grasses, ash, ivy and broom in Crystal Lake park; gorse and watsonia in the Stone Reserve and wild rose, blackberry and prunus in The Gummy Track.

The 2022 - 23 year saw the completion of a Grassroots grant from the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, where we partnered with Peramangk traditional custodians to promote the cultural and natural values of Macclesfield's waterways and reserves. This saw the completion and installation of interpretive signage promoting cultural and natural values in the Day Paddock, Davenport Square and Crystal Lake reserves in Macclesfield, and the running of a Nature Festival event "Discover @ Crystal Lake" in partnership with the Macclesfield Community Association which was opened by the Honourable Susan Close and the Chair of the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.



Opening of the interpretive signs Minister Susan Close, Peramangk custodians, David Greenough Chair Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board, Macclesfield Bushcare project team

MACCLESFIELD BUSHCARE GROUP



Over 250 people attended the event which included stalls and activity areas with Peramangk and environmental displays, plant propagation workshops, jewellery making with quandong seed and natural fibres, nature journaling, games, children's nature trail, clay animal modelling, bat boxes, Animals Anonymous and native foods. The event was a wonderful success celebrating environment, culture and community.

The Bushcare group as part of the Eastern Fleurieu Community Environmental Alliance was a partner in an Australian Government Healthy Rivers grant. This enabled us to continue a focus on enhancing riparian areas along the Angas River in the Night Paddock and Crystal Lake reserves and to work with 2 new landholders. This involved weed removal; and revegetation with the support of a community planting day, students from the Macclesfield Primary school and from the Home school group. We are very pleased that a Rakali has been recently sighted in the Angas River in Macclesfield as none have been seen for many years.

Mt Barker Council provides funding to the group which assists in engaging contractors to undertake the more demanding weed control in the reserves, and provides plants for National Tree Day plantings. We once again had a stall at the Macclesfield Strawberry fete with displays, a Snakes and Rabbits game for children and plants for sale. Trees For Life have also held bushcare group activities in the reserves and continues to support the group with equipment and advice for our work.

Our volunteers have contributed over 440 volunteer hours on our various activities over the last year. We would like to thank Darcy for managing our Facebook and Instagram accounts and to Hika for managing our website. www.macclesfieldhistory.com.au/bushcare.html

Our thanks to our dedicated volunteers, to the Mt Barker District Council, the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, the Goolwa to Wellington LAP, the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water, and to Trees for Life.



Above: winter 2023 plantings

PROSPECT HILL BUSHLAND GROUP

The Prospect Hill Bushland Group is a collective of private landowners who work cooperatively to protect, maintain and enhance remnant bushland across 400ha of properties along the Bull Creek Range between Prospect Hill and McHarg Creek on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia.

This rare remnant is home to at least 100 threatened species including mammals, birds, fish, frogs and plants. Over the past 20 years the PHBG has treated weeds in over 70ha of land through several grants and thousands of volunteer hours.

Highlights for 2022-23

Many hours of volunteer efforts of trail-camera monitoring along our creeklines as part of our 2022 Grassroots Grant "Community baseline monitoring of wildlife in TiTree creek". Over 80,000 photos were reviewed, and we detected 33 fauna species.

We are part of Conservation Volunteers Australia Grassroots Grant "Community Monitoring of Western Pygmy-possums across the Fleurieu Peninsula", and monitoring of our previously installed nesting boxes in mid August 2023, thanks to Jacqui Wilson and Kayle Gordon from CVA.

As part of our Linking Landscapes fund, Ben Simon arranged for threatened flora to be mapped across PHBG properties, and thanks to the GWLAP GIS team, has provided us with a fantastic map of 13 species!

Significant weed control works were undertaken as part of the Murray Darling Basin Healthy Rivers grant, which we have been able to follow up at our working bees.

prospecthill 
bushlandgroup



Yam Daisy (*Microseris lanceolata*)



The final working bee of 2022

