

Autumn 2023

Cooler changes

Cool-ER Changes Collaboration for climate change

Community Launch event
Thursday, 2 March 2023
7pm, Kyneton Town Hall

Join us for an evening that highlights the amazing work already underway, as well as, taking the first steps in creating a collective vision for climate action into the future.

'Cool-ER Changes' is a collaborative project that will bring together both community and Council to create a shared, shire-wide Climate Emergency Response Plan.

The 'Plan' will be informed by a number of workshops held between March and June. Find out more:

www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-ER-Changes



Nest box monitoring webinar

Wednesday, 1 March 2023
6.30pm-7.30pm, online
Event Type: Webinar

Autumn is the best time to monitor our nest boxes for Brush-tailed Phascogales. Tanya Loos, Biodiversity Officer, will discuss the ecology on this lovely marsupial and find out how to volunteer in this year's nest box check.



Sustainable House Kits: Show and tell

Saturday, 4 March 2023
11am-11:45am, Woodend Library
Event Type: Workshop
Saturday, 25 March 2023
11am-11:45am, Gisborne Library
Event Type: Workshop

Learn about the library's new Sustainable House Kits and find out how energy efficiency can save you money and help our planet. Find out more

www.goldfieldslibraries.com

Note: This is a Goldfields Libraries event.



Pollinator farm walk, promoting pollinators on your farm

Sunday, 5 March 2023
10am-11.30am, Sedgewick
Event Type: Field activity

We will take a farm walk to see some pollinators in action, discuss where they can live and how to promote a healthy functioning farm full of diverse pollinators.



Understanding and managing soil biology on your farm

Wednesday, 8 March 2023
10am-2.30pm, Tylden
Event Type: Field activity

Soil scientist, Declan McDonald will share his knowledge on soils, and then travel to a farm property that is starting their journey in applying regenerative agricultural practices.

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Equiculture workshop

Friday, 10 March 2023
9.30am-3pm, Malmsbury
Event Type: Workshop

Jane and Stuart Myers' are running a workshop aimed at horse owners that either own land (including livery/boarding /agistment owners), lease land, or keep their horse/s on agistment/boarding (so that's everyone who owns or manages a horse!). Cost \$50. Catering included.



Fencing and troughs

Thursday, 16 March 2023
10am-12pm, Kyneton
Event Type: Field activity

Thursday, 23 March 2023
10am-12pm, Marong
Event Type: Field activity

Come and see a practical demonstration of some moveable and semi-permanent fencing options along with moveable trough options. We will be investigating how these movable fences and troughs combine to improve grazing management.

www.mrsg.org.au/sustainable-homes

Note: This is a Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group event.



Dung beetles

Thursday, 30 March 2023
10.30am-12.30pm, Romsey
Event Type: Workshop

Thursday, 30 March 2023
6.30pm-8.30pm, Goornong
Event Type: Field activity

Find out why dung beetles important to my farm ecosystem, how you can attract them and possibly rear more.

An on-site farm walk to locate some dung beetles will follow the workshop.



Bird walk for beginners

Thursday, 16 March 2023
9am-10am, Jacksons Creek, Gisborne, MRSC office carpark
Event Type: Field activity

Bird enthusiast and Biodiversity Project Officer Tanya Loos will talk you along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds. Learn to identify the little birds, practice using Birddata to record your sightings. Bird walks will be run every third Thursday of the month.

Sustainable House Day

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Saturday 4 March 2023, Monday 6-17 March 2023, Sunday 19 March 2023, various locations
Event Type: Field activity, Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group

Homes open across the Ranges and a Project Showcase provides a range of ideas and practical implementation suggestions will help you start or continue your efforts to make your home more comfortable, cheaper to run and more environmentally friendly.

For more information and a map of locations, see the website



Living with electric bikes expo

Saturday, 1 April 2023
10am-1.30pm, Woodend Neighbourhood House
Event Type: Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group Expo

Expo and workshops on living with electric bikes in the Macedon Ranges as part of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

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Edgy veg trail 2023

Saturday, 1 April 2023 – Sunday 30 April 2023, various locations
Event Type: Food trail

Edgy cafes in the Macedon Ranges are pulling out all stops to create innovative plant-based dishes to wow your taste buds during the Autumn Festival.

www.visitmacedonranges.com/events/edgy-veg-trail



Meat and three veg

Saturday, 1 April 2023
11am-12pm, Woodend Library
Event Type: Veg Action Team, Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group

We all know we need to eat more veg for our health, animal welfare and the planet. Learn about the whys and how's of eating more veg, along with some great recipes and cooking tips. Sample easy to make and delicious veg

dishes that will please even the toughest audience.

All ages (children welcome - please advise of any food allergies)

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Traditional Owner events Autumn Festival launch

Taungurung
Saturday, 1 April 2023
Bald Hill
Event Type: Field activity

Dja Dja Wurrung
Saturday, 1 April 2023,
Woodend
Event Type: Field activity

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung
Sunday, 2 April 2023
Mount William
Event Type: Field activity

Save the date for these Welcome to Country events with the three traditional owner groups of the Macedon Ranges. Follow the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

www.visitmacedonranges.com/



Creatures of the night, spotlighting events

Various dates and locations
Event Type: Spotlight activity

Our biodiversity monitoring program includes surveying for night animals that are found by the roadsides within our biolink areas. A total of five spotlight evenings will be held in the following areas:

4 April – 7pm Bullengarook
6 April – 7pm Newham
11 April – 7pm Kyneton
13 April – 7pm Lauriston
18 April – 7pm Riddells Creek



A Simple Urban Life: introduction to self-sufficiency on an urban block

Tuesday, 4 April 2023
5.30pm-6.30pm, Gisborne Library
Event Type: Workshop, Goldfields Libraries

Experienced horticulturalist Craig Castree believes in producing and creating his own food, in place of over processed, sugar, salt and fat laden commercially produced food. He will inspire you to rethink the way you shop, cook and eat in order to make your own healthier staple foods.

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Living with electric cars expo

Saturday, 15 April 2023
10am-4pm, Malmsbury Town Hall

Event Type: Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group Expo

Is now the time to move to a zero-emission vehicle? Are you living with a new electric car or wanting to convert your much loved classic to electric? Come along to workshops on transitioning to Zero-emissions Vehicles as part of the Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

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climate change that leaves no one behind! From future-proofing community sport to strengthening our mental health in a climate crisis, we can be a community that prioritises its health and wellbeing. Join us in exploring the tangible actions we can take as a community.



Earth Day

Saturday, 22 April 2023

Tips to get involved on Earth Day 2023

- Clean up your town.
- Go meatless for the day.
- Unplug your devices for the day.
- Plant a tree in your backyard.
- Donate to environmental causes.
- Join your local Landcare or sustainability group.



Grazing and Farming discussion group

Sunday, 14 May 2023
10am-11.30am, Drummond
Event Type: Filed activity

Join Jason McAinch, Council's Private Land Conservation Officer, to discuss and learn how the property owner is grazing, within their context as a trading cattle operation. You will learn from each other and discuss the current situations on your own property. Property location will be provided once registered.



Bird walk for beginners

Thursday, 20 April 2023
9am-10am, Jacksons Creek, Gisborne, MRSC office carpark
Event Type: Field activity



Horse discussion group

Sunday 7 May 2023
10am-11.30am, Gisborne
Event Type: Field activity

How do we support others and ourselves in a changing climate? Help us create a response to



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Thursday, 18 May 2023

**9am-10am, Jacksons Creek,
Gisborne, MRSC office carpark
Event Type: Field activity**

Bird enthusiast and Biodiversity Project Officer Tanya Loos will talk you along Jacksons Creek for an hour with the birds. Learn to identify the little birds, practice using Birddata to record your sightings. Bird walks will be run every third Thursday of the month.



Cultural awareness for farmers

Friday, 26 May 2023

**10am-2.30pm, Lauriston
Event Type: Field activity**

The workshop will promote awareness, understanding and respect of Dja Dja Wurrung Culture through managing and protecting cultural heritage (Malamiya).

This session for farmers and land managers will cover topics such as:

- Identifying cultural heritage, artefacts as well as living heritage (trees, food and fibre).
- What to do when you have identified cultural heritage and the different ways it can be protected.
- The role of fire in the landscape.

Location will be advised once registered.

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Collaboration for Climate Change

Residents are invited to collaborate on the shire's first Climate Emergency Response Plan and create a shared vision for local climate action into the future. The 'Plan' will be informed by a number of workshops between March and June, delving into discussions around the following themes:

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1. Nurturing nature
Thursday 16 March
Gisborne
- 
2. Climate-ready communities
Thursday 30 March
Kyneton
- 
3. Post fossil fuels
Thursday 20 April
Gisborne
- 
4. Health and Wellbeing
Thursday 4 May
Romsey
- 
5. Waste and circular economy
Thursday 18 May
Romsey
- 
6. Adaptation and emergency response
Thursday 1 June
Woodend



Join the Launch Event

Thursday 2 March 2023 7pm at Kyneton Town Hall

For more information and to register your attendance for the launch, scan the QR code or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/Cool-ER-Changes

