

Grassroots Gazette

Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group Newsletter



News Snapshot

A **Catchment Bus Tour** was held in late August which provided members with an opportunity to see some project sites across the catchment and the source of the waters which flow down Fiery Creek.

The **Beyond Bolac Biodiversity Blueprint** was officially launched by Beth Mellick from The Norman Wettenhall Foundation, the blueprint provides direction for the group for the next 5 years.

BBCAG hosted the premiere screening of **Fiery Creek- Connecting the Catchment**, a short documentary film exploring the significance of the Fiery Creek.

Beyond Bolac CAG were successful in securing **\$10,000 of funding through the 2016 Threatened Species Protection Initiative- Community Volunteer Action Grants** to protect two sites along the Wongan Creek.

The Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Grp will hold their AGM, 10am on Tuesday 18th Oct 2016 at the Lake Bolac Information & Business Centre. All welcome.

Upcoming Meeting

Beyond Bolac CAG will be holding their **AGM meeting on Tuesday 18th October from 10am** at the Lake Bolac Information and Business Centre, 2110 Glenelg Hwy, Lake Bolac. All welcome.

Farewell to Bill Sharp

Bill Sharp has retired from Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group after 10 years of working for the group. Bill will finish up at the end of September, with the new facilitator, Jileena Cole, starting at the beginning of October. Jileena has been working with BBCAG over the last 12 months developing the Biodiversity Blueprint and was thrilled to be offered the facilitator role.

Jileena can be contacted via email at beyondbolac@outlook.com or phone 0428 341 869.



Fiery Creek – Connecting the Catchment

BBCAG in collaboration with the GHCMA premiered a short documentary called **Fiery Creek- Connecting the Catchment** at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th September. The documentary was directed and produced by Simon Wilmot from Melbourne University who worked with community members to tell the story of the Fiery Creek and its connection to the indigenous cultural heritage of the catchment. Funding for the development of the documentary was provided by the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme, the Regional Landcare Facilitator and Australian Communities Foundation. Copies of the documentary are available



from BBCAG or the GHCMA. Contact Jileena for further information.



Wongan Creek Threatened Species Protection Project 2016

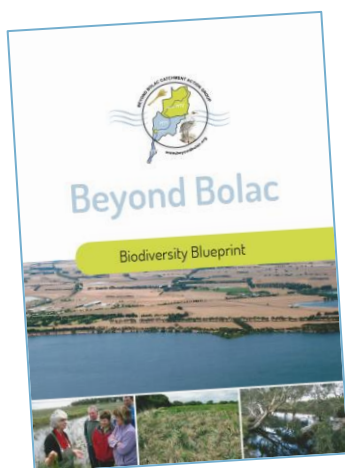


Photos by Gary Peterson, Dept. Environment, Water, Land & Planning.

Photo by David & Ruth Sweatman

Beyond Bolac CAG were successful in securing \$10,000 of funding through the 2016 Threatened Species Protection Initiative- Community Volunteer Action Grants to protect two sites along the Wongan Creek. The grant aims to support small-scale threatened species conservation projects on private land to strengthen community connections to the local environment. Funds will be directed towards supporting voluntary efforts to protect and restore threatened species habitat, including erecting fencing and planting indigenous native species as well as activities that increase the understanding and management of threatened species habitats.

Beyond Bolac Biodiversity Blueprint



The Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group have developed a Biodiversity Blueprint for the H11 H12 catchment which was funded by The Norman Wettenhall Foundation's Landscape Restoration Project over the last 12 months. The Biodiversity Blueprint provides a snapshot of the current health of the catchment, a strategic plan and project wish list for the group to work towards over the next 5 years as well as a series of biodiversity maps. The document will enable BBCAG to make decision on where to invest future funding and resources to achieve large scale, landscape restoration of the H11 H12 catchment area together with its many stakeholders. The Blueprint was launched at the premier of the Fiery Creek- Connecting the Catchment documentary by Beth Mellick from The Norman Wettenhall Foundation. Please contact Jileena to request a copy of the *Beyond Bolac Biodiversity Blueprint*.

Catchment Bus Tour

A Catchment Bus Tour was held in late August which provided members with an opportunity to see some project sites across the catchment and the source of the waters which flow down Fiery Creek. Peter Field from Central Highlands Water talked to the group about the water diversion for Beaufort from the Fiery Creek.



MIGHTY FIERY FLOWING AGAIN

After heavy rainfall throughout the catchment, the Fiery Creek is flowing at a great pace and is slowly filling Lake Bolac.

