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## Activity Update August 2018

### A. Meldanda;

1. Managed volunteers and administrations for Meldanda. Have been working on the Meldanda webpage, which should soon be up and running.
2. The first National Science Week workshop was held at Meldanda with 8 people attending, 2 more workshops will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September and the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.
3. Volunteers Bob, Wayne and Brenton fenced the Spiny Daisy translocation as it is being overgrazed by herbivores.
4. 'Spring Cleaned' Meldanda, we also prepared the floors for painting with concrete paint. It was a staged process with clearing out all the furniture, scrubbing the floors with acid, letting it dry, painting over 2 days, letting it dry, placing required furniture back in. Volunteers Bob, Sharon, Wayne and Brenton were brilliant, great effort and the outcome was well worth it, it was also helpful having an experienced furniture removalist, especially with the piano.



Figure 1 Bob White painting floor at Meldanda



Figure 2 Kersbrook Landcare group member brush cutting Marne

5. Kersbrook Landcare Group camped out at Meldanda over the weekend and put in an amazing effort to on-ground works. There were 11 people who put in 78 hours of work. They brush cut the rice millet on the river banks, weeded the Bushgardens, grass seed orchard, poisoned boxthorns, washed windows, put up the newly washed curtains, fixed a fence and helped with some rabbit proofing of the community Bushgardens.
6. Bought a power point and fluoro for workshop which Darren Reid MMC kindly installed

**B. Nursery;**

7. Ongoing propagating, weeding, watering of the nursery and plant sales.
8. Volunteers potted on the red gums as they were getting too large for the pots, they may be good to sell as a more established tree
9. Supported National Tree Planting Day with the community on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August at Robertson road. Local landholders Angela Renfrey, Helen Deans and Richard Costi supported the event, as well as Landcare volunteers Bob, Sharon and Wayne, Cr Steve Wilkinson and the new Director of Environmental Services Jake Mc Vicar



*Figure 3,4,5 National Tree Day planting Robertson road*

10. Donated some more plants to the local community for Nildottie Cemetery that they have been tidying up. They were very happy with our donation and gave me a lovely card, they also sent in some photos
11. Have been selling a few native grasses, so we will keep these in our supplies. One of the Habitat Stepping Stone pledgers picked up her plants the other day and was very pleased, she really liked our nursery flyer and donated \$20.
12. We had another new volunteer start with us who lives out near Yookamurra way
13. Have been working on plant labels for the nursery, Yvonne Gravier from Kersbrook Landcare Nursery kindly gave us the templates she had done, we still needed to add more of the species we grow, its very time consuming, but will be good once we have printed labels with our nursery details included with plant descriptions.

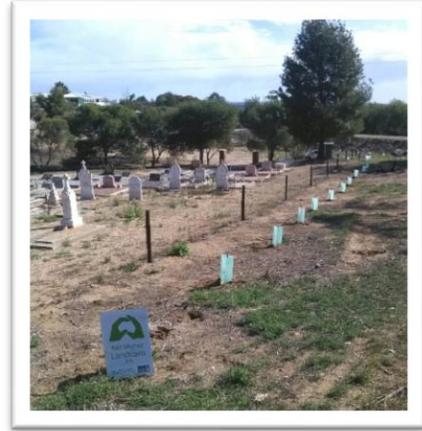


Figure 6 Nildottie Cemetery

### 3. Committee;

14. Kept committee informed of relevant correspondence, workshops, and other information. Supported monthly committee meeting
15. Managed the office, volunteers, staff, and all necessary administrations including monthly accounts, reports.
16. Was successful with application for SAMDB NRM Community Grant 'Carpet Python Conservation Collaboration'. The project aims to increase knowledge and awareness of carpet pythons, gather historical sighting information, and promote evidence-based conservation outcomes to better protect this species.
17. Ongoing sales of Simply Saltbush
18. Provided some information to the Native Vegetation Council regarding clearance reports in the region
19. Worked on Dark sky presentation in preparation for upcoming conferences with Chairman 'Chris Tugwell. Booked in necessary flights etc for conference.
20. Meeting with Nicola Barnes, Grassland Ecologist for Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin Department for Environment and Water
21. Attended Landscapes SA Reform and Consultation Forum in Murray Bridge
22. Finalised SA Country Arts project acquittal for the Bush Stone-curlew shelter project
23. Updated webpage which is now live to be viewed  
<http://www.midmurraylandcaresa.org.au/>
24. Prepared the first draft of a pygmy possum brochure, which is part of a Small NRM volunteer Grant
25. Attended another grass meeting in Mt Barker to discuss the upcoming surveys and provided a quote to support field work

**C. Mid Murray Council;**

26. Reviewed the Sustainable Recreation Management Plan for the Mannum Waterfalls, it requires some further research into costings to further the plan.

27. Blanchetown Project –

- a. put together a proposal of works for Open Space and Advisory Recreation Committee meeting
  - b. site visit with Nature Foundation SA, Natalie Stalenberg, Water For Nature Program Manager and Anne Jensen, Wetland expert to look at potential Black Box watering project behind the old oval
  - c. started mapping out nature trail walking track and drafting up some interpretive signage
  - d. put together some maps to start discussions on potential usage areas on the old oval
28. Local landholders collected a wool bale of Silver-leaf Nightshade from Lake Moody, a Weed of National Significance, to complement the weed control they have done on their own property
29. Attended the Open Space and Advisory Recreation Committee Meeting
30. Sent photos of native gardens to Cr Jeff Hall as requested



*Figure 7 wool bale of silver leaf nightshade from Lake Moody*

**D. Microbat Project;**

31. Worked on Bat profiles in preparation for reporting back to participants
32. Worked on the bat webpage with John Kobes
33. We started learning the new technique for analysing bat data, the 'Bat Club' met at the resource centre in Mt Pleasant and start processing data. The process has several steps but can bring a lot of bat call data down to a few calls to verify and compile a species list. There are thousands of calls to analyse and we are calling in on more support to get it all completed.
34. Prepared the first draft of a bat brochure, which is part of a Small NRM volunteer Grant