

The LAMP Post



Future Proofing Burrumbuttock's Landscape

The Squirrel Glider LAMP project has just completed the second year of on-ground works. In another 10 years the landscape to the north of Burrumbuttock will have significant corridors established and hopefully secure the future for our Squirrel Gliders.

While the planning of priority areas for investment is key to the LAMP project, the support from local landholders is what makes this project so successful.

In the second round of the project, very large corridors were planted that link patches of roadside vegetation to majestic large paddock trees, as well as links between existing patches of remnants on rocky hilltops.

The results of this work will be visible in another 10 to 20 years when the plants are mature and Squirrel Gliders will use the corridors to move through the landscape and as a food resource. A very exciting prospect.

Summary of achievements from Round 2:

- 10 voluntary agreements with landholders
- 45 hectares of revegetation
- 11 km of fencing
- 10,955 seedlings
- 4 km of direct seeding
- 130 stock proof tree guards



Photo: Linking Walla Rd to paddock trees. Large old trees with hollows are critical to Squirrel Gliders and connections to these are a high priority.



Photo: Diane IÁnson standing near a large corridor planting that connects the remnant area behind the tip to a significant remnant hill top (where a Glider was spotted very recently by a community member spotlighting – the project is working already!!!).

Elm Tree Removal

Work has been completed on removing a thicket of Elm trees on the corner of Urana Road and Howlong Burrumbuttock Road. Follow up weed control will be undertaken before the site is planted next year. This site will assist with connecting important roadside habitat.



New Website

The Petaurus / Wirraminna website has had a recent makeover. The LAMP Project page has been updated with links to previous newsletters and other resources. Take a look at:

<http://www.wirraminna.org.au/petaurus/squirrel-glider-lamp/>

Seedling Success

Project sites from the first investment round in the Stony Park Area were revisited recently to check on the progress of the seedlings. Overall the survival rate of the seedlings was considered to be high. On a couple of sites we were hard pressed to find any tubestock deaths.



Photo: A revegetation site in the Stony Park Area.



Photo: Stock Proof Tree Guards in the Stony Park Area.

Have you seen a Squirrel Glider?

Please assist us with monitoring Squirrel Gliders in your local area as it helps us to better understand the local population and their distribution. You can download a survey from the link below or contact one of our project officers.

<http://www.wirraminna.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Squirrel-Glider-LAMP-Community-Survey-Template-March-2017.pdf>.

Investment Round 3

The targeted area for Investment Round 3 (2017/18) has been endorsed by the Steering Committee. Landholder expression of interest letters will be sent out soon. This next area will focus on properties adjoining Howlong-Burrumbuttock Road. Activities that may be considered for funding include:

- Fencing and revegetation in specific locations to connect important habitat across the landscape
- Revegetation to enhance and/or extend current patches of vegetation
- Planting of individual trees (protected by stock-proof tree guards) to reduce canopy gaps so that Squirrel Gliders can move about the landscape
- Replacement or covering of barbed wire fences

Publications available



The Squirrel Glider Habitat Management Guide has recently been updated. It provides practical information on the habitat requirements and management actions needed to conserve Squirrel Gliders. It contains general information on gliders as well as detailed information on their habitat needs for shelter, food and breeding.

Contact the project team for a hardcopy or view the document online at: <http://www.wirraminna.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Squirrel-Glider-Habitat-Management-Guide-Updated-May-2017.pdf>



Large Native Trees are important habitat and a food resource for Squirrel Gliders. The guide provides a quick visual tool to help identify some of the most common vegetation in your local area.

The rehabilitation works undertaken by the LAMP Project will also benefit a range of other species including terrestrial mammals by providing habitat corridors to achieve functional connectivity in fragmented landscapes.

Contact one of our project officers to get your copy!!!

Upcoming Events

7 September – National Threatened Species Day

On 7 September 1936, the last Tasmanian Tiger died at the Hobart Zoo. Now each year on this day, we reflect on the past and focus on what future action can be taken to protect our threatened species.

A community evening will be held at Wonga Wetlands including a walk and talk with local threatened species officers. Contact Stacey Bell on 0423 074 578 for more information.

<http://ecoportal.net.au/event/celebrating-national-threatened-species-day-wonga-wetlands/>

19 - 21 September - Henty Machinery Field Days

Come along to Henty to hear more about the the Squirrel Glider LAMP project and other Murray LLS projects. <http://hmfd.com.au/>.

11 - 12 October – “Gliding into the Future”

Murray Arts have recently been awarded a small grant through ‘Inspiring Australia’ to develop a Theatre Production about Squirrel Glider conservation. The production is titled ‘Gliding into the Future’ and will be presented by The Eaton George Theatre Company. Proposed dates and locations:

- 11 Oct (evening) – Savernake Hall
- 12 Oct (day) – Wirraminna
- 12 Oct (evening) – QEII Square Albury

25 - 27 October - NSW Landcare Conference

Matt Cameron (OEH) will be presenting the LAMP Project at the upcoming conference and the LAMP Poster will be on display. <http://nswlandcareconference.com.au/>

For more upcoming events, head to:

- Murray LLS Events Page <http://murray.lls.nsw.gov.au/resource-hub/events>
- West Hume Landcare Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/westhumelandcare>
- Ecoportal <http://ecoportal.net.au/events/>
- Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/d/australia--albury/events/?crt=regular&sort=best>

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Or visit:

- Petaurus Website <http://www.wirraminna.org.au/petaurus/squirrel-glider-lamp/>
- Murray Local Land Services Website <http://murray.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/programs-and-projects/squirrel-glider-lamp-project>

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