



IN THE FIELD

The team at Winton Wetlands have been hard at work distributing materials across 32 sites for reptile surveying. These materials will provide temporary habitat for recording onsite species. The three surveying methods we are implementing are:

- Insulation wrap being used as artificial bark where reptiles such as geckos and lizards can call home.
- Terracotta roofing tiles have been surface-located, providing safe haven for lizards and snakes.
- Plastic buckets have been placed in the ground and will hopefully capture reptiles and small mammals for data collection.

Each method at every site will be checked by staff and volunteers twice daily over a period of three weeks in September and again in early Autumn. Reptile surveying has not been implemented at Winton Wetlands for over ten years, we cannot wait to see what we will find!



MEET THE TEAM



Dr. Lisa Farnsworth Restoration Ecologist

Lisa is our resident doctor. She's an ecological expert and brings a wealth of knowledge to Winton Wetlands.

Born and raised in the Victorian high country, Lisa has spent most of her life exploring the outdoors. This very much influenced her career choice, a career in which she's chased seal pups, fell in love with reptiles and contributed to the conservation of native Australian mammals.

Lisa is a huge David Attenborough and Jane Goodall fan and has a mission to connect people with nature.

In her spare time [who has that with two kids under four, right?], Lisa loves gardening, fishing and camping and on wintery days she can be found attempting 1000-piece puzzles.



Image: Regent Honeyeater Bird. Chri Tzaros.

WHAT'S THAT BIRD

Every quarter since 2013, BirdLife Murray Goulburn (BLMG) have been surveying the diverse bird population at Winton Wetlands.

At the most recent survey a total of 2286 individual birds were spotted including 67 different species. The White-naped Honeyeater which has not been spotted onsite before was recorded for the first time, bringing the total record of bird species at Winton Wetlands to 192.

"The team were very excited to add another species to the list and are looking forward to the next survey in hope of recording more waterbird species. We recorded a high number of waterbirds this survey and expect to see more next survey with increased rain and runoff," said BLMG President Pat Feehan.

Follow BirdLife Murray Goulburn on Facebook for news and events: facebook.com/birdlifemg



WHAT'S ON IN THE CAFE

As per stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions, the Mokoan Hub & Café is open for takeaway only. A delicious takeaway menu is on offer, including breakfast on weekends, sweet treats, and amazing coffee!

As things are looking a little different, for your health and that of the cafe team, visitors are encouraged to plan ahead when visiting us.

To place your take-away order at the Mokoan Hub & Café, phone 0497 939 507.

OPEN

Weekdays | 10am-2pm

Sat & Sun | 9am-2pm

PEST CONTROL

Recent pest controlling has been conducted onsite by local contractors reporting 36 foxes and one deer eradicated over two separate planned events. This is a part of a continued program to reduce the feral animals within the reserve and reducing fox predation of wildlife and stock.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Wondering what facilities are open and closed at Winton Wetlands?

With restrictions changing frequently, head to www.wintonwetlands.org.au for the latest updates and follow us on Facebook.

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