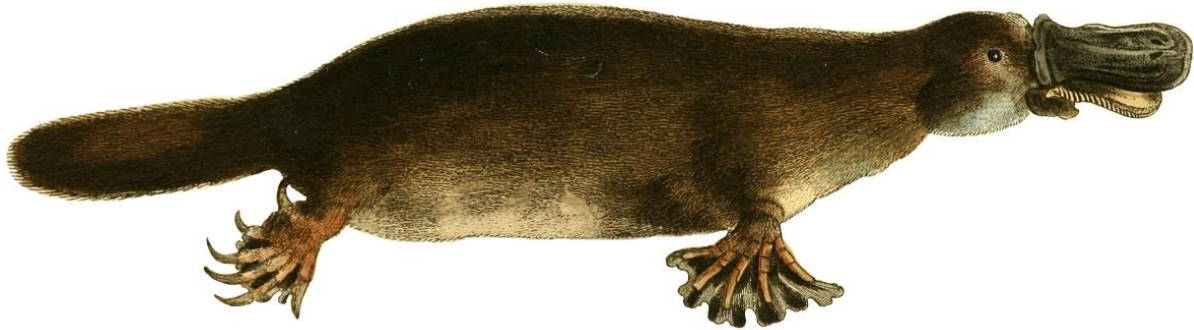




NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST 7.30PM

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Much anticipated Mid-Winter *(almost!)* Wine and Cheese Tasting and Presentation, Josh Griffiths

GNARWARRE TENNIS PAVILLION

Corner of GNARWARRE and BARRABOOL ROAD, GNARWARRE

Come and hear about platypuses in our local area, what are their key threats, and what you can do to help.

Curious about the status of Victoria's platypus populations? Platypuses were recently upgraded to Near Threatened in recognition of mounting evidence of population declines and localised extinctions, with populations in Victoria identified as the most stressed. Unfortunately, there is relatively little data on population trends and changes in distribution across their range to fully understand their conservation status or the impacts of various threats. As a water-dependent species, they are significantly impacted by changes to flow regimes due to drought, water extraction, and dam construction. This will be exacerbated under a rapidly growing human population and climate change.

Josh Griffiths (cesar/EnviroDNA) is a wildlife ecologist who has been researching platypuses for over 10 years. For the last 8 years, Josh has managed several long-term platypus monitoring projects across Victoria and led the development of new monitoring techniques including initiating the national citizen science program, platypusSPOT.

The formalities of the AGM of the Barrabool Hills Landcare Group will follow.

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