

Come out to the open day at Eaglehawk Waterhole Habitat Restoration Reserve!



SA Blue Gum Woodland interspersed with Gilgai Seasonal Herbaceous Wetland habitat on Eaglehawk Waterhole

Eaglehawk Waterhole is a 684Ha property in the upper SE of SA near Frances and the Little Desert National Park, acquired by Nature Glenelg Trust at the end of 2013 with the generous support of the Native Vegetation Council and Nature Foundation SA. The intent is for the Eaglehawk Waterhole project to become a community demonstration site – bringing together people interested in restoring native vegetation and showing what is possible when working at a large-scale at a strategic location in the landscape. The property is situated a short distance south of Bangham Conservation Park and west of Little Desert National Park, in a district widely recognised for its significant environmental values.

With a history as a working farm, around 510Ha of the property has been grazed by sheep. Despite this the grazed areas retain significant remnant vegetation communities, including seasonal herbaceous wetlands, Brown Stringybark and Blue Gum woodland, and stands of Buloke – an important food source for the endangered South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo. With the remaining 174Ha of the property in excellent condition, fenced and locked into existing heritage agreements, there is great potential for ecological restoration.

For those interested in having a look at the property, an open day at Eaglehawk Waterhole will be held on Sunday May 18 from 10.30am to 2.30pm. It will be a great chance to get out and explore the natural values of the site and hear from the experts about the flora and fauna of the area. There will be guided bat and bird walks and talks, info about the restoration plans for the site, and a chance to meet and hear from others who are involved in the active restoration of other properties in the region. Three talks will be held from 11am:

- Biodiversity Values of Eaglehawk Waterhole and the Bangham Region – Dr. David Baker-Gabb, Ornithologist & Managing Director, Elanus (former director of BirdLife Australia)
- Visions for Eaglehawk – Mark Bachmann, Manager, Nature Glenelg Trust
- Restoration and conservation in the western Wimmera, a local experience – Andrew Brady, Kowree Farm Tree Group

All are welcome, and the event is fully catered with undercover seating available, BBQ lunch and hot drinks. Free transport by bus can also be arranged from Mt Gambier, with pickups at Penola and Naracoorte. Please RSVP to Jonathan Tuck at jonathan.tuck@natureglenelg.org.au or phone 0432 406 486 or (08) 8797 8596 by Friday May 9 to receive directions to the property or book a place on the bus.



SA Blue gum woodland and seasonal herbaceous wetland at Eaglehawk Waterhole