



Southern Otway
Landcare Network

SOLN's 2007 5 year Strategic Plan – summary of priorities

Water courses

- Restoration of the Wild Dog Estuary to something approaching 'Before Cook' (BC) status –including preservation of the existing threatened native fauna and flora
- Restoration of the riparian zones of the Barham river below the Barwon Water pump station to the estuary
- Restoration of the Barham River Estuary
- Restoration of the riparian zones of Anderson's Creek from the hills though the industrial area to the Barham River
- Restoration of the riparian zones of the Beauty Creek tributary;
- Remove the fish barrier (old flow measuring point) on the West Barham
- Protect and restore riparian zones of the Ford River

Plants

- Regeneration of the endemic flora at Skenes Creek
- Map and prioritise weed hot spots in Wongarra
- Nominate weed control officer to co-ordinate removal of noxious weeds and establish a weed control program in conjunction with Colac Otway Shire, Parks and Foreshore Committee
- Continue work on current plantings at Sugarloaf and Onion Bay
- Weed control mulching at Onion Bay and weed control and planting at Sugarloaf peak (500 fill in plants to be supplied by the Foreshoe Committee)
- Apply for grant to spray weeds at Smythes Creek mouth ready for planting in 2008/2009/2010
- Using Wongarra project map, identify 3 priority projects on private land and send a Landcare kit to each landholder with an aerial map of the proposed planting
- Remove willows and manage blackberry and wandering dew along Ford River

Pests

- Otway Barham Catchment Landcare Group to establish a feral pest management program in conjunction with Parks Victoria and Hordern Vale /Glenaire Landcare Group

Education

- Install boards with species lists and a record of the history of dune and estuary development – possibly later allowing bird watching with hides
- Increase participation at meetings through use of speakers and farm visits
- Run a Best Management Practice on farms program
- Initiate planning for annual Barham River Festival
- Consolidate water quality testing and monitoring and reporting;
- Map known landholder improvements and completed landholder projects.