

# The LAMP Post



## Welcome!

Welcome to the third LAMP Post. Quite a bit has happened since the last update. Wirraminna has a new LAMP Project Officer, fencing and planting has finished in the Stony Park area, and we have started visiting landholders in our next focus area, west of Burrumbuttock (affectionately called the “Blue Area”).



**Photo:** Lou, our new Squirrel Glider LAMP Project Officer.

## Introducing Lou Bull!

We are very pleased to introduce Lou Bull, our new Squirrel Glider LAMP Project Officer. Below is an update from Lou.

*Hello Squirrel Glider LAMP community. I feel very honoured to be joining a team of people who I know have been working with Squirrel Gliders for many years. I hope I can meet past and future landholders and community members soon to learn more about your connections to the project and Squirrel Gliders.*

*Discovering Squirrel Gliders nesting in a box only 20 metres from our house was a huge thrill. It certainly provided even greater incentive for my family to plant and protect vegetation for their survival in our patch. Something I look forward to as the season warms up is sleeping with our windows open. A funny thing to look forward to, but it is the night-time call of Gliders that I really enjoy hearing as they call to their neighbours while cruising through the trees. I also love hearing the Boobook Owls, which are also warming up now!*

*As the project moves into a second round of funding I look forward to returning to the Burrumbuttock area in this Project Officer role. Many years ago I used to collect seed from roadsides for Greening Australia. It is a landscape that has so many beautiful elements – not least the community. Perhaps I will see you at Wirraminna’s Threatened Species Day?*



**Photo:** a Burrumbuttock Squirrel Glider project site.

## On-ground works program #2 kicking off

Thank you to our 15 LAMP landholders who are supporting Squirrel Glider conservation in the Stony Park area. Your support has resulted in over 30 hectares of revegetation for Burrumbuttock Gliders. Planting of these sites has now finished. Keep your eyes open for the LAMP signs at project sites. We are planning on holding a final BBQ with LAMP landholders to celebrate, as soon as the weather warms up!



**Photo:** two recently fenced and planted sites in the Stony Park area.

Landholders west of Burrumbuttock may have recently received letters inviting expressions of interest to the LAMP project. LAMP Project Officers will phone soon, but please feel free to give us a call. Funded work primarily focuses on revegetation to connect or improve local Squirrel Glider habitat. A fair bit of forethought has gone into prioritising this work so that we can determine exactly where to get the “best bang-for-our-buck” for Squirrel Glider conservation. We’re keen to talk to landholders about these priorities and hear their thoughts on what can be done for Squirrel Gliders in the area.

## Threatened Species Day

You are invited to help celebrate Threatened Species Day at Wirraminna on 11 Sept 2016 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come and see Corroboree Frogs and Southern Pygmy Perch up close, and hear more about the Squirrel Glider LAMP Project.

National Threatened Species Day is held each year on 7 Sept to commemorate the death of the last Tasmanian tiger, at Hobart Zoo in 1936. It is a time to reflect on what happened in the past and think about how we can manage our threatened species better in the future.

### Fast-ish fact

Squirrel Gliders (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) and Sugar Gliders (*Petaurus breviceps*) are similar in

appearance. Squirrel Gliders are much larger and generally have whiter belly fur. Squirrel Gliders have a more pointed face and narrower ears than Sugar Gliders. The base of a Squirrel Glider’s tail is wider, finishing with a black tip. Sugar Gliders have a less tapered tail, which may have a white tip. While the two species can occur together, no official records exist for Sugar Gliders in the Burrumbuttock area.



**Photo:** West Hume Landcare Committee - back row (L to R): Jim Everitt (Committee member), Stuart Ballentine (Treasurer), Joe Corrigan (Chairperson), Joseph Vile (Secretary), Keiran Keenan (Committee member). Front row (L to R): Sue Rose (Committee member), Kathie Le Busque (Project Officer), Judy Frankenberg (Committee member).

## West Hume Landcare

West Hume Landcare Group is active again, and has been busy planning events and opportunities for the local community. Please spread the word! If you are keen to be kept up-to-date on West Hume Landcare activities, please email Kathie Le Busque on [Kathie@petaurus.net.au](mailto:Kathie@petaurus.net.au)

Your name will be added to the contact list so that you can be updated on any future events and project opportunities. West Hume Landcare Group is a member of the Squirrel Glider LAMP Steering Committee.

## More information

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