## Mount Alexander: Connecting Country Friends of the Box-Ironbark Forests and Landcare

# Castlemaine Free University 7 February 2022



#### WHAT?

**Friends of the Box–Ironbark Forests (Mt Alexander Region)** is a community organisation advocating sound ecological and Indigenous management practices to conserve vegetation and associated wildlife on private and public land. See their prolific publications — <a href="https://www.fobif.org.au/">www.fobif.org.au/</a>

Likewise **Connecting Country** is a community organisation educating, monitoring and actively restoring landscapes and habitat for local plants and

animals across Mt Alexander, including through **Landcare**. Over 200 landholders and community groups have been restoring more than 10,000 hectares in the past 15 years — <a href="https://www.connectingcountry.org.au/">www.connectingcountry.org.au/</a>

#### WHO?

Newstead resident and ecologist **Asha Bannon** is a FoBIF committee member, was a Landcare Facilitator and is a volunteer with Connecting Country. She is particularly interested in wildlife conservation and community engagement.

Guildford resident **Hadley Cole** recently joined Connecting Country as Landcare Facilitator for the Mt Alexander region having worked in various environmental management and conservation roles





with government and non-government organisations. Inaugural member of Golden Point Landcare, **Marie Jones** has spent years on the Natural Resource Management Committee of the North Central Catchment Management Authority, and on both Connecting Country's Management Committee and the FoBIF Committee since their inception.

WHERE? Northern Arts Hotel, 359 Barker Street, Castlemaine, 3450

WHEN? 7pm-9pm, Monday 7 February 2022

**FREE** with drinks at bar and publications for purchase

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