

## Hawksbury Lagoon update October 2018

As I write this, a wintery blast is being predicted for the next few days, however it is clear from all the lambs and blossoming trees that spring is here and a final hurrah from winter is common in my experience. I do think this past winter has been rather mild, making the trips to town not the sometimes nail biting experiences that they can be. At the Hawksbury Lagoon we are beginning to see small fluffy bundles making an appearance, there are already six mallard ducklings just below our place with alert parents keeping a watchful eye out for predatory gulls. After speaking to several people over the past few days I was surprised when I was told by some of them that they had never walked the lagoon causeways. As you'd expect I suggested that they would find it a very pleasant and interesting walk, especially on a lovely sunny day. I seem to spend too many words in these articles telling people to not do this or that (I'm sure you know what I mean) but really I want people to enjoy the lagoon and to appreciate this natural environment and its wildlife, right here within our midst. After seeing the terrible weather events which other parts of the world seem to be experiencing on a regular basis, we are so lucky to live here in a safe and temperate climate. I hope those of you who haven't explored some of the areas of interest within this coastal area will take the opportunity over the next few months to do so, there is lots to see and do, including walking the lagoon causeways and heading down to the beach. Remember dogs must be on a leash (I just can't help myself).

Our next planting day will be on Sunday October 14th. We will be gathering at the Stewart Street entrance at 9am. You are welcome to join us for the full day (lunch is provided) or for as long as you are able.

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