

**GLUEPOT RESERVE TWO DAY
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL COURSE
INTRODUCTION TO MALLEE VEGETATION**

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 7TH AND 8TH
NOVEMBER 2020**

**THE COURSE RUNS FROM 9.00 AM TO 5.00 PM
ON SATURDAY AND 8.00 AM TO 4.00 PM ON
SUNDAY.**

**The course cost is \$100.00. (This includes your
camping fees)**

PRESENTER: CHRIS LILL



Grevillea huegelii

This course will be held in the Environmental Centre at Gluepot Reserve. The centre has a large teaching area as well as a second room for meal breaks. Tea and coffee and morning

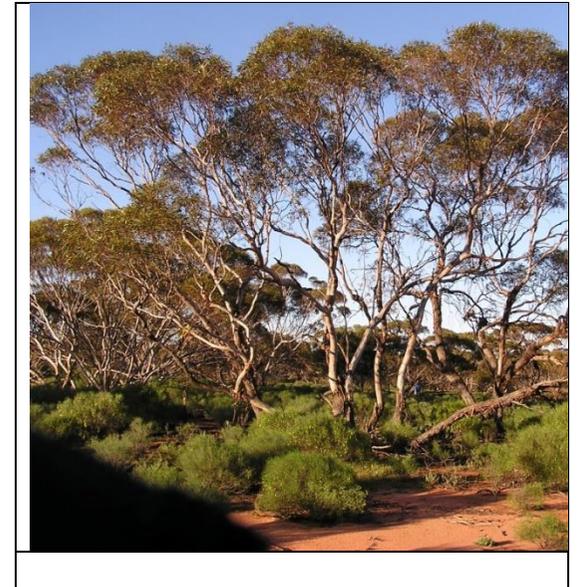
**and afternoon tea will be supplied.
Participants should bring their own lunch.**

Gluepot Reserve is approx. 64 Km north of Waikerie in the Riverland area of South Australia.

DIRECTIONS TO GLUEPOT RESERVE FROM WAIKERIE

- 1. Turn left out of the Shell Service Station**
- 2. Take the first turn right to the Ferry**
- 3. After the ferry crossing follow the bitumen road to the Morgan/Renmark Road – 11 km.**
- 4. Turn left and travel 3 km to the Christadelphian Church on the right.**
- 5. Turn right. You will see a large sign on the gravel road in front of you. Follow the signs to Gluepot Reserve.**
- 6. There are four gates to open and close. Leave any gates as you find them.**
- 7. It will take you approx. 1.5 hours to get to the Reserve.**
- 8. There is a good gravel road suitable for 2WDs, camper trailers, and off road caravans.**
- 9. When you get to Gluepot Reserve the Education Centre is the first building on the left.**
- 10. Behind the Ed Centre is a well appointed Visitor's Centre. There are three campgrounds all with pit toilets on the Reserve. You will find information and maps in the Visitor's Centre.**

11. NO FIRES ON GLUEPOT



THE COURSE

This is an introductory course which will suit participants who have an interest in Mallee Vegetation and wish to learn more about how to identify mallee vegetation in the field. It will also detail the major plant families and how to recognise their characteristics. Also the characteristics which allows these plants to survive in the harsh dry climate in this part of Southern Australia.

The course will involve a combination of lectures, practical demonstrations and actual fieldwork. Participants will have ample opportunities to test out their new found identification skills on the course.

THE COURSE FACILITATOR

Your facilitator for the two day course is Chris Lill. Chris is a retired High School Teacher who has been living in the Riverland Area for the past 50 years. She has been studying the Botany of the Mallee for all of that time firstly as a member of the Local Society for Growing Australian Plants and later Plants SA.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING

Bring a hat and sunscreen and sturdy walking boots (we will not be walking long distances)

10x hand lens and your binoculars as well as your mobile phone and a head torch will be useful for magnification but hand lenses (2x) and lights will be supplied. Any books or apps dealing with plant ID in the Mallee Regions of Australia will also be useful. The course comes with a complimentary copy of "The Mallee in Flower" I.R. McCann.

ACCOMMODATION AT GLUEPOT

Accommodation is available at Waikerie approx. 1.5 hours by car each way. Most course participants camp on the Reserve. There are three camping grounds to choose from and you will need to be fully self sufficient in regard to your camping equipment, water and food supplies. The camp grounds provide well spaced sites that are suitable for tents, caravans and

vehicles. Toilets are provided at each camping ground but power is not available. **THERE IS NO MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION ON GLUEPOT**, although phone calls can be made from the Rangers homestead in emergencies.



Ptilotus exhaltatus

ABOUT GLUEPOT RESERVE

Gluepot reserve is a 54,000 Ha Conservation Reserve situated 64 km North of Waikerie in the Riverland area of South Australia. Gluepot was purchased by BirdLife and opened in 1997 with the aim to "*effectively manage a large, internationally significant area for Biodiversity Conservation.*" The Reserve has recorded over 200 species of birds - of which 18 are nationally threatened. There are few areas of Australia that support such a concentration of threatened species. There are also numerous species

of reptiles and mammals. Over 240 plant species have been recorded on the Reserve also.

Gluepot is run and managed entirely by volunteers.

It has three camp grounds, five bird hides, numerous walking tracks an Education Centre, a Visitors Centre, a Comfortable Homestead for volunteer Rangers as well as accommodation for volunteers, and researchers.

Gluepot has running costs of approx. \$80,000 per annum. It is run as an ecotourism venture and is open to the public. Revenue comes from Camping Fees, Environmental Education Courses, and benevolent donations.



Prostanthera aspalathoides.