

Dung beetle - citizen science



Citizen science

Dung beetles have previously been released across the Port Phillip & Western Port region. Have they established? Which species have been successful? Can we trap and release beetles to extend their distribution? These questions need answers! This is where Landcare can help!

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Each time you monitor for dung beetles in the paddock, consider uploading your observations to our BioCollect project.

The aim of this project is to collate geographical data to show the distribution of dung beetle species across the region.

We do not need to know specific farm locations, nearest town is sufficient.

Download the BioCollect App from your relevant app store or access via the website:

<https://www.ala.org.au/biocollect/>

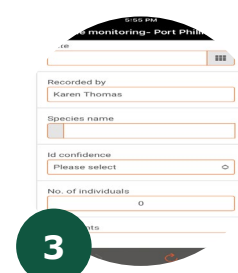
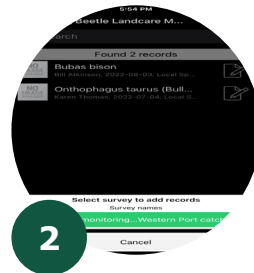
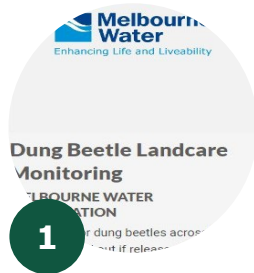
You can find the Android mobile app in the Google Play Store [here](#).

You can find the iOS mobile app in the Apple App Store [here](#).



Signs of dung beetle activity in a dung pat,
Karen Thomas

Record an observation



Recording an observation

1. Log onto the website or app
2. Select BioCollect for Natural Resource Managers
3. Search NRM projects
4. In the project search bar, look up Melbourne Water Dung Beetle Landcare Monitoring (image 1)
5. Click 'Add record' (image 2)
6. Record your details and observations, including photos (image 3)
7. Submit
8. Check out the observations nearby to see what other species are being observed
9. The information will be used to help us decide which dung beetles are well established and which species may not have been successful in previous releases




Landcare Training

Any Landcare group interested in having a training session on monitoring and using the ALA BioCollect app to record observations, please contact Karen Thomas

Keep up to date with what's happening

For more information about this project or our other activities please contact Karen Thomas on karen.thomas@melbournewater.com.au or visit <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/building-and-works/projects/dung-beetle-nursery-network>

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