

Our local environment with Judy Frankenburg



Catchment Champion

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Creative Catchment Kids

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of the Murray Darling Association and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between the Murray Catchment Management Authority and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to natural resource management issues. www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au/creative-catchment-kids.html

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is located in Burrumbuttock, north of Albury in southern NSW. Since 1995, the centre, which is adjacent to Burrumbuttock Public School, has provided opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants. www.wirraminna.org

Murray Darling Association

The Murray Darling Association has membership of over 100 Local Government councils in the Murray-Darling Basin, as well as community groups, businesses and individuals with an interest in ensuring that the Basin continues as a valuable asset for all Australians. Since 1950, the Association has initiated various school and community education programs on managing the Basin's land and water resources. www.mda.asn.au



Enviro-Stories is an innovative literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues. Developed by PeeKdesigns, this program provides students with an opportunity to publish their own stories that have been written for other kids to support learning about their local area. www.envirostories.com.au

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Catchment Champions

In 2013, students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids program researched and wrote stories about 'Catchment Champions', people who have made important contributions to managing natural resources in their local community. The program was generously funded by the Murray and Murrumbidgee catchment management authorities.

The Catchment Champions books are part of the Enviro-Stories Education Program.



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Judy's Childhood

Judy Furphy was born in Melbourne in 1941. She had an interest and love for the environment from an early age, developed by holidays on her aunt and uncle's farm, where she had a pony, and was surrounded by native birds and animals. She rode her bike to school in Melbourne and life was simpler than now, with no television or computers.





Melbourne in the 1940'S and 1950'S

Judy was born during the Second World War, so at a very young age she remembers food rationing, and her father in army uniform. Melbourne was much smaller and quieter than it is today. During the Olympic Games in 1956 Judy could catch a tram to the MCG and buy a ticket to watch the games.





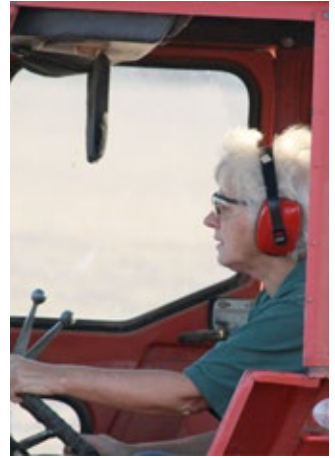
Studying at University

Judy attended Melbourne University (the only university in Victoria back then) where she received a degree in Botany and Zoology, then a Master of Science in Plant Ecology. She met and married Roger Frankenberg, who was also studying there. Her first job in 1965 was a nature conservation survey of national parks and reserves in Victoria

Judy's Career

After completing the conservation survey, Judy had a career as an environmental consultant and working as a research scientist on rivers and wetlands. She also worked as a volunteer in Landcare and nature conservation.





Moving to Burrumbuttock

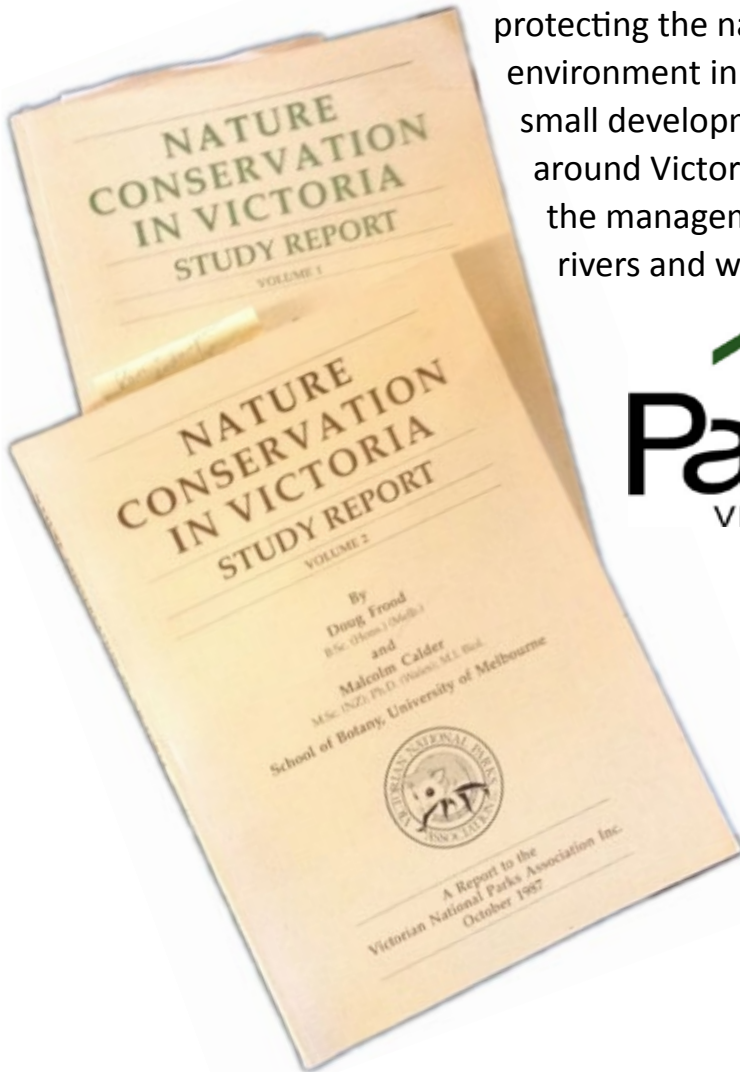
Judy and Roger moved to a farm at Burrumbuttock in 1969 and had 3 children. Judy worked on the farm, as well as in her career, and helped to start Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre.

She is now retired from her environmental career but still works on the farm and volunteers at Wirraminna. Judy loves to plant trees on her farm and watch them grow, which brings new species of birds to the area.



Highlights in Judy's Career

Judy had many highlights over her career, starting with writing a book on Nature Conservation in Victoria. This is one of the first published records of flora and fauna in Victoria's national parks. She has also managed to make a difference in protecting the natural environment in a lot of small developments around Victoria, and in the management of rivers and wetlands.

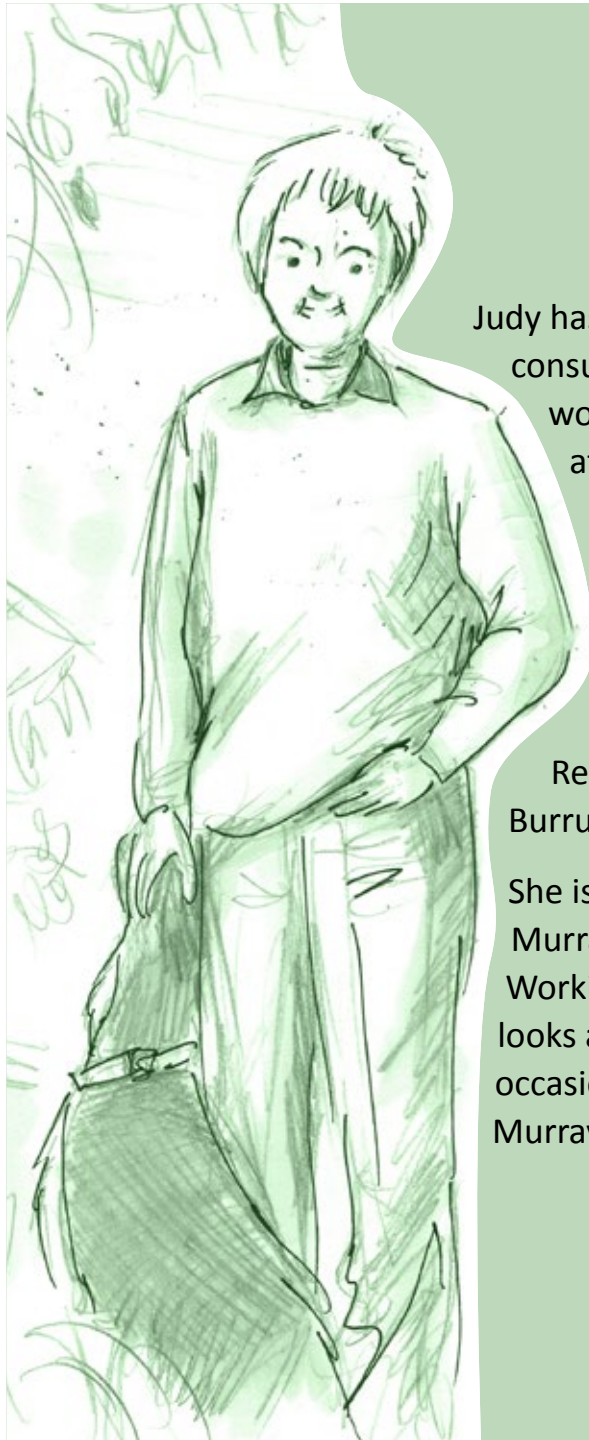




Judy's Passions

Judy doesn't have a favourite animal but she loves the way the flora and fauna fit together in an ecosystem. She is passionate about keeping the diversity of native plants and animals on farming land around our region. She is particularly enthusiastic about helping everyone, particularly the younger generation, to understand and love the environment.





Judy Today

Judy has retired from her consulting career, but still works on the farm and at Wirraminna.

She is excited about a new project of planting a woodland on a paddock behind the Recreation Ground at Burrumbuttock.

She is a member of the Murray-Darling Wetlands Working Group which looks after wetlands and occasionally works with the Murray CMA.



In the Future

Judy plans to continue doing what she loves, on the farm and working at Wirraminna. She will keep on planting trees and shrubs on her farm and enjoy the birds. She loves having her grandchildren for farm holidays so they can learn to love nature like she did. Judy hopes that everyone will learn more about the environment and help to care for it.



Facts About Judy

Judy is the Vice Chairwoman of the Murray Darling Wetlands Working Group.

Judy was a former member of the Murray Catchment Management Committee.

Breeder of Red Angus beef for over 30 years.



Thank You Judy

We would like to thank Judy for coming in and sharing her time and her story with us.



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The 2012 and 2013 Creative Catchment Kids writing program was showcased at the Seventh World Environmental Education Congress, held in Morocco during June 2013.



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