

Adelaide Hills Wine Region
Case Study, November 2021

Geoff Weaver Wines, Lenswood, SA

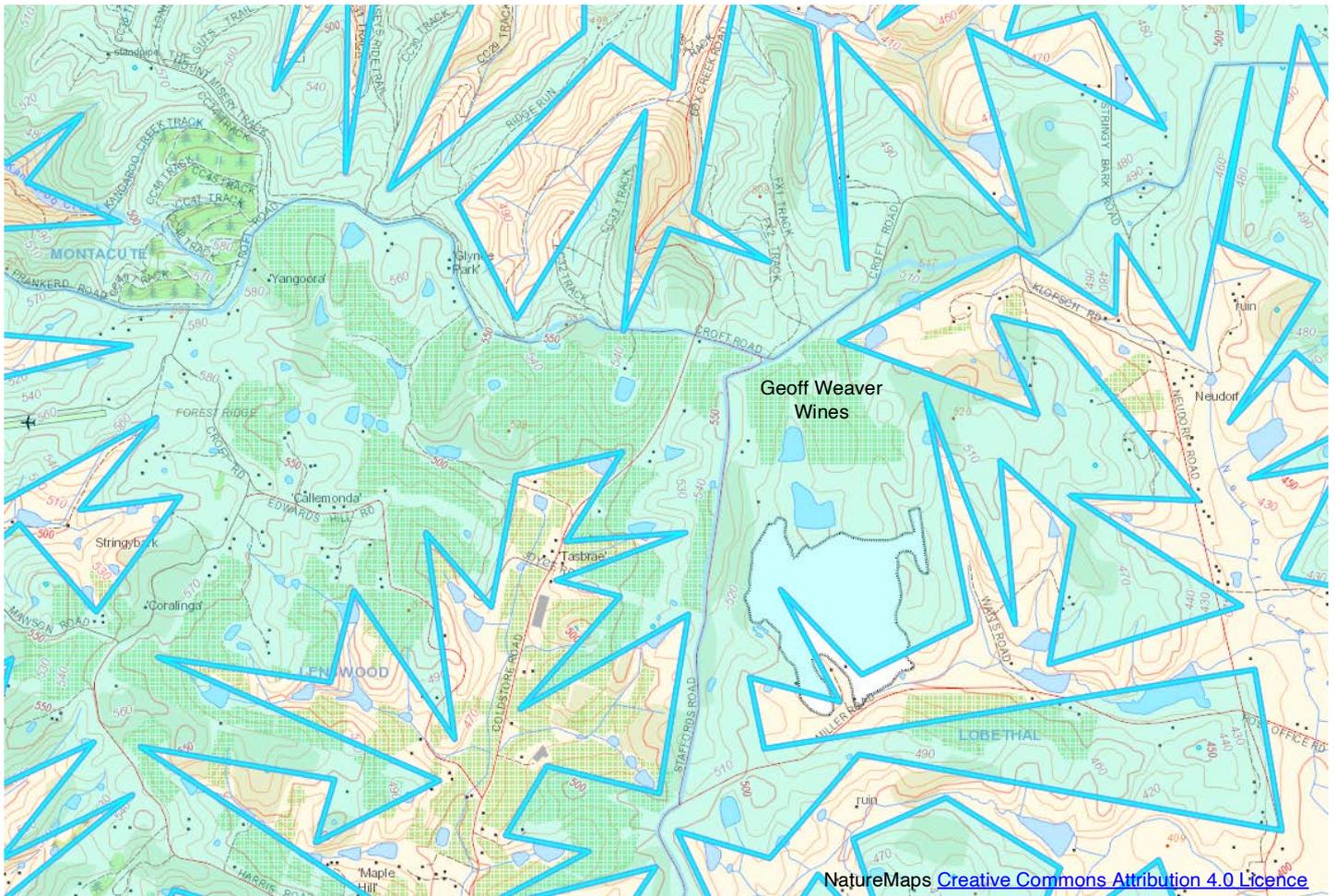
EcoGrowers: Geoff Weaver

“A worthy initiative to slow the decline of native species in the Adelaide Hills. My aim is to have an oasis of biodiversity and to help reverse the environmental declines created by land clearing and monoculture agricultural and horticultural production.”



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Plant community (marked in blue): Stringybark, *Eucalyptus obliqua* open forest



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What worked well?

We planted a range of plants in our (fire affected) bushland and in a fenced off area of grassland. The plants appear to be growing well

Pitfalls to avoid

I will organise extra labour to help plant tube stock in the future.



Progress (June 2019 to 2021):

What were you hoping to achieve and why?

To sow into our established bush a range of species to increase biodiversity and to establish a small, protected area of a range of species to grow and spread seed and help populate the surrounding area.

Overall, we want to add to biodiversity with all benefits this brings.

Where to from here?

I'll let this lot grow up and if we think it has been good, we may plant more in future.

What are you more aware of now?

I have always been aware of the benefits. Certainly, more fire aware now after the Cudlee Creek bushfire that occurred in December 2019.

What were the highlights?

Personal links to like-minded people has been great.

Are there any outstanding knowledge gaps you would like filled?

I certainly know more of the plants in our region, but I am always keen to learn more on this front.

Summary of expenditure including 'in kind' time

Estimate of expenses \$1,000 (Arboregreen tree guards (200), stakes (200) EE Muir - Staples, wire and trellis plus approx. \$1,000 for my time.



Photos: Geoff Weaver tending to the newly planted native insectary plants and post fire regeneration around the vineyard (Photo: Mary Retallack).



Before: 22 June 2020 (Photo: Mary Retallack)



After: 6 September 2021 (Photo: Mary Retallack)

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Running postman, *Kennedia prostrata* in flower - September 2021 (Photo: Mary Retallack)



Epicormic growth originating from fire damaged gum trees (Photo: Mary Retallack)



Geoff Weaver installing the Ocloc photo-point (Photo: Mary Retallack)



Native insectary plants in establishment adjacent to the vineyard (Photo: Mary Retallack)



Regenerating roadside vegetation (Photo: Mary Retallack)



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The Peramangk and Kurna people are the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Hills region and have an ongoing connection to the land.

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