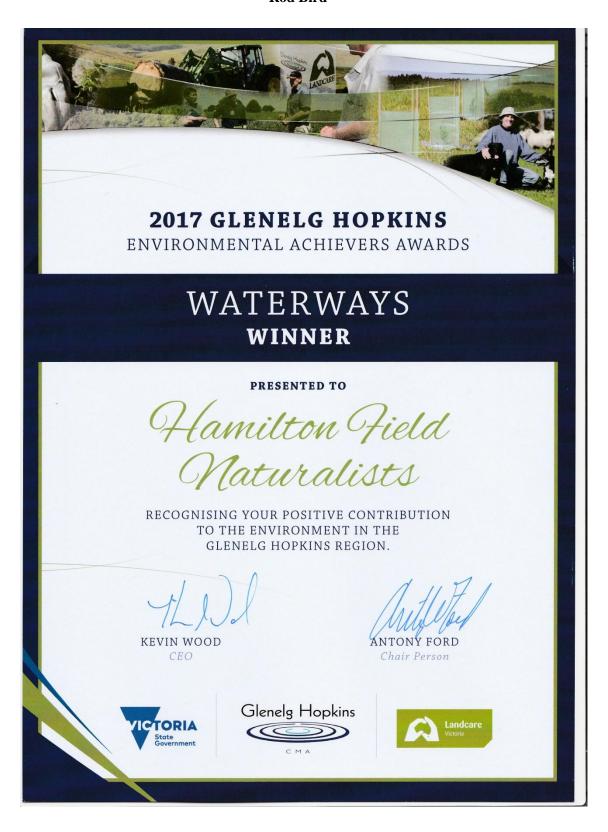
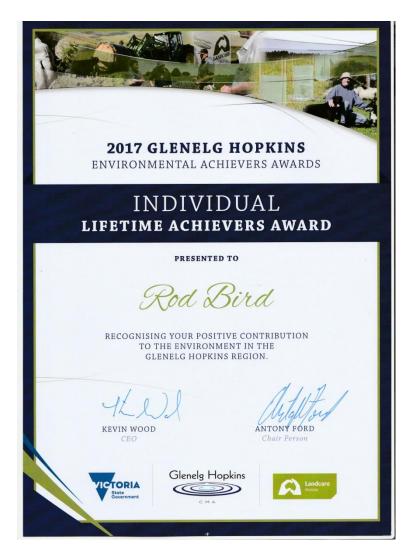
Awards accorded Hamilton Field Naturalists Club and Rod Bird in 2017

2017 Glenelg Hopkins Environmental Achievers Awards – Waterways winner: Hamilton Field Naturalists

2017 Glenelg Hopkins Environmental Achievers Awards –Individual Lifetime Achievers Award: Rod Bird







Rod honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award

GLENELG Hopkins CMA recognises Rod Bird for his significant contribution to the preservation of remnant flora in the Glenelg Hopkins region. Rod Bird attended the CMA's August Board

Gleneig Hopkins region.

Rod Bird attended the CMA's August Board meeting to receive his Lifetime Achievement Award as he was unable to attend the Award ceremony in June.

At the Board meeting, chairperson Tony Ford presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Rod Bird noting his philosophy of productive agriculture and care for the environment should go hand-in-hand.

"Rod Bird spent his working life as a scientist, furthering understanding of farm productivity and biodiversity and continued this through his volunteer work, through biodiversity surveys, weed control and revegetation on public land," said Tony Ford.

"His contribution to Gleneig Hopkins CMA Advisory Group, Hamilton Field Naturalists Club, Trust for Nature and Birdlife Australia show that this is a man who is willing to place his energy, knowledge and support to better the environment in our region."

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Since retiring in 2007 Rod has dedicated much of his time to actively working to protect and enhance wetlands and biodiversity, especially at Gooseneck, Bradys and Walkers Swamps. Rod also conducts monthly volunteer surveys of water birds on these swamps.

In addition, as a long-term member of Birdlife Australia Rod has also undertaken shorebird surveys on wetlands of the Hamilton – Willaura- Lake Bolae area and



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Rod Bird thanked Glenelg Hopkins CMA
for the Environmental Lifetime Achievement
Award in recognition of his contribution to
the environment
"My philosophy has always been that
productive agriculture and care for the
environment should be inseparable. Taking
care of, and enhancing the remnants of bush,
native grassland and wetlands, and planting
shelterbelts and woodlots, may actually
increase farm productivity, help wildlife
and make a farm a happier place to live in.
Hopefully, landholders will continue to adopt
such practices," Rod said.
As a result of winning the Glenelg Hopkins
Environmental Lifetime Achiever Award,
Rod Bird has been nominated for the
Australian Government Individual Landearer
Award (Victoria) with the Awards to be held
at Government House in Melbourne on

at Government House in Melbourne on September 1, 2017.

GLENELG Hopkins CMA chairperson Tony Ford and chief executive Kevin Wood present Rod Bird with his Lifetime Achievers Award at the August 17 CMA

