



Bungalook News

Newsletter of the

Whitehorse Community Indigenous Plant Project Inc.

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Come and join us on two forthcoming walks

**Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands Excursion.
10.00 am Thursday, 14th September, 2017.**

You are invited on a tour of part of the Ramsar listed Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands. We will be led by some of the members of the Friends Group for a free tour of about two hours.

Please email wcipp@yahoo.com.au asap if you would like to join us, as we need to know how many. Children welcome to come.

Please bring your own lunch, water and or other drinks. It is advisable to wear sturdy shoes. Some of the paths may have wet patches but they are even and accessible. There are steps at the entrance to the Information Centre, and inside the venue, as well as the Bird Hide. Bring binoculars if you have them.



You can read up about the wildlife, plants, activities and other information at

<http://www.edithvale-seaford-wetlands.org>

We meet at 10.00 am at the Melbourne Water, Education Centre, 278 Edithvale Road, Chelsea Heights. There are toilets there. We will have an hour to look around at the Education Centre, then we depart for a walk with members of the Friends Group, so don't be late. If any problems, you can ring me, Amanda, on the day on 0407 783 368.

Directions: Take Eastlink, route M3 and exit at Greens Road, State Route 12. Follow route 12 till you reach Springvale Road, State Route 40, then turn left. Keep going and cross over Wells Road, where route 40 becomes Edithvale Road. The Discovery Centre will come up on your left. The Bird Hide is about 500 metres past the Discovery Centre, on the same side. If you've ended up there, please do a U-turn and return to the Discovery Centre.

Amanda Simpson,
WCIPP Inc.

Healesville Freeway Reserve and Bellbird Dell

Friday 29 September 2017 9.30 am.

Meeting place to be advised at a later date.

We hope the Greenhood Orchids will still be in abundance.

Sowing Seeds for the Future.

Administration:

At the AGM last November I requested that the executive meet to discuss future arrangements for the role of Nursery Coordinator. One meeting was held last March. Since then our minutes secretary (Marion) and I met to fine tune the notes taken at that meeting, ascertaining how certain positions can be/should be reassigned. Nothing more. It is my hope that more can be done in the next couple of months.

All positions whether they be executive (president, secretary, email, minutes and membership secretary); committee (elected and appointed by Advisory Committees); or appointed but not necessarily committee (e.g. website, newsletter, OH&S) need to be seriously reviewed. While I have loved what I've been doing for many years, particularly the past five, I cannot continue as expected at the moment. We have a thriving concern which must continue.

On a more positive note, a working group met to ascertain our needs of a computer. After an in depth discussion on *all* our work that is now recorded we are awaiting a report which will enable us to address future requirements. We may need to change some things to streamline our reporting and recording – hopefully we can respectfully face the challenge.

Nursery news:

May, June, and July have been very busy indeed. First, with successfully assembling thousands of plants into orders for our advisory committees, schools, Whitehorse Council, Melbourne Water and more, followed by our very successful Sales Day and even more; 1500 tubes of shrubs and grasses going out the gate for National Tree Day at the end of July. And still we have requests to supply more stock.

Two benches are groaning with plants ready for the Green Army project at Yarran Dheran, hopefully to be collected by the end of September. This, along with the Melbourne Water revegetation project for the Mason's Rd. Retarding Basin, Blackburn, has been a combined Bungalook – Greenlink Box Hill, effort – well done!

Trays of seeds are now being sown, cuttings from various shrubs taken and general nursery maintenance continues. Seed and cutting requirements for the coming season have been ascertained as much as possible, so we'll be asking our permit holders to go out and replenish our seed bank. It's encouraging to see new volunteers so enthusiastic about learning new skills.



Spring is on the way which means Whitehorse Council Spring Festival on Sunday 15 October. With Greenlink we'll be assembling displays and giving away plants to the public, along with information and encouragement that indigenous plants be incorporated in our local gardens.

The overhead irrigation system needs to be completed prior to summer enabling shade cloth be installed. The igloo and shade cloth need to be washed before summer. And there's always weeding. There's much to do!

Propagation May to August 3,500.
Volunteer hours 1,035 – upward again!

Margaret Witherspoon
Secretary/ Nursery Coordinator
23 August 2017

Congratulations to . . .

David Berry and the Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society Inc. (BDTPS)

Fighting for the Trees - the story of the Blackburn & District Tree Preservation Society, was officially launched in June 2017 at the Blackburn Lake Information Centre. Over 120 people attended, including local and state government representatives.

The book is now available at \$25 per copy for Tree Society members and \$30 for non-members.

Les Smith 50 years on the Tree Society committee.

Les is still an active member of the BDTPS having played a leading role in the society, and been involved with many organisations for so many years. Les was awarded in the recent Queen's birthday honours list with an OAM (honorary). We look forward to reports of the presentation at Government House in the months to come!

And from Greenlink:

Trevor Eddy and Robert Jones – Caroline Chisholm awards

Greenlink is very proud to announce that two of our members, the President Robert Jones, and Treasurer Trevor Eddy, received the Chisholm Volunteer Award 2017 presented on Thursday 8th June at a ceremony in Burwood. Both members were recognised for the fantastic work, time and energy that they devote to Greenlink. Congratulates to both of them.

Special congratulations goes to Trevor who also won the Chisholm Volunteer of the Year Award for the great work that he is doing with numerous Community Groups in Chisholm and other regions. He was nominated by two of those groups: Greenlink and Burke and Beyond. The awards were presented by the Hon. Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Julia Banks MP for Chisholm.

Out and About

Below the Lake Friends Bush Care Major Day Out

Bushcare Major Day will be held on Sunday 17th September (or a day close to that date).

Website: <http://conservationvolunteers.com.au/what-we-do/bushcares-major-day-out/>

Below the Lake Friends will be having our session on Saturday 9th September - come to Jamieson Reserve below the lake - meet at the cage. 2-4pm. We'll be delighted to welcome helpers of any age and will have a scrumptious tea to celebrate progress when we are done.

Lynette Hogan <l.hogan@optusnet.com.au>

0437 294 337 (was 0421 605 181)

Yarran Dheran – National Tree Day

A total of 69 enthusiastic workers attended National Tree Day at on 30 July, including some 50 members of the Box Hill Buddhist Society. Between us all, we planted over 500 trees, shrubs and grasses. This follows the planting of some 150 plants by Mitcham Primary School early in June. Yarran Dheran suffered badly during the long drought and we are hopeful that all this work, together with the enthusiasm of our working bee group, will see a huge improvement in the biodiversity of plants and the health and beauty of our Reserve

Upcoming events

Yarran Dheran – from Gay Gallagher

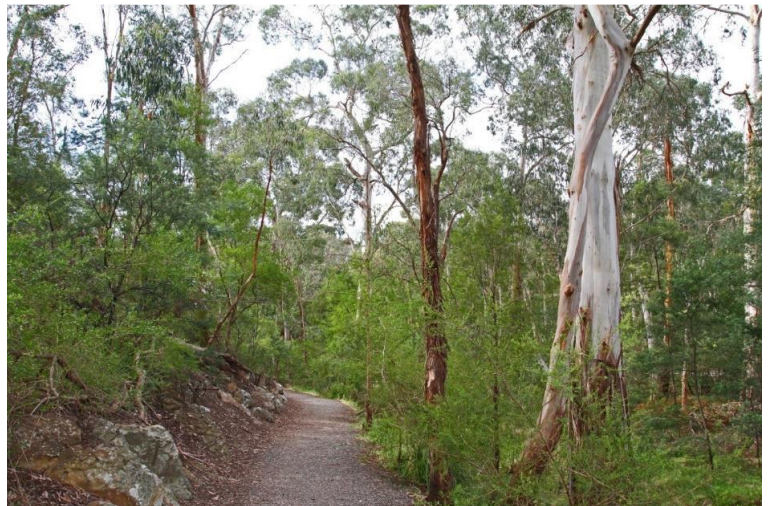
Wattle Day The wattles in Yarran Dheran are looking fantastic this season. Join Mart Hagel for a presentation and guided walk on Saturday 2 September.

Wildflowers in Yarran Dheran come and see the wildflowers and orchids that bloom in the Mullum Mullum Valley with Ian Moodie on Thursday 28 September.

Frogs We have 4 species of frogs in Yarran Dheran. Find out about them, and frogs of the surrounding areas, by attending a presentation and walk with David De Angelis on Saturday 7 October.

Walk the bushland and see the special features of Yarran Dheran and Antonio Park with local guides on a circuit walk on Sunday 8 October.

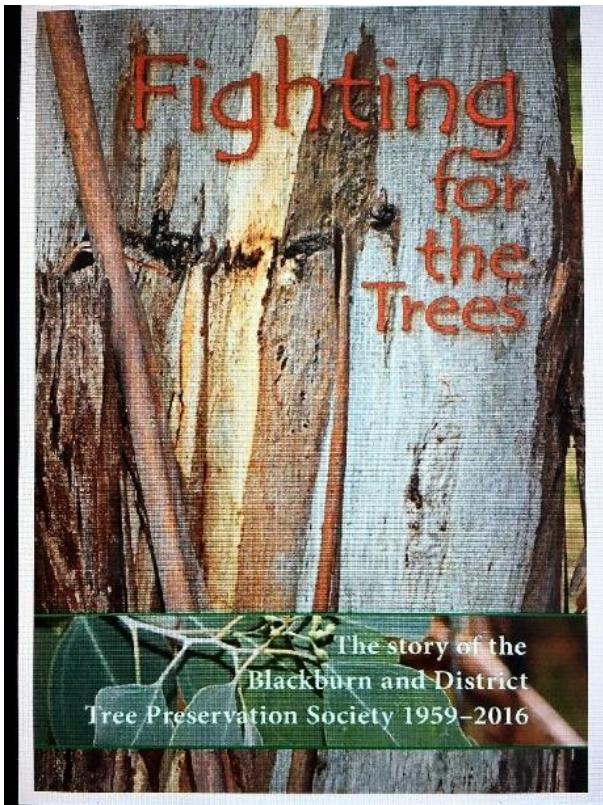
All bookings at gay.gallagher@bigpond.com



Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Row, row, row your boat. Tuesday 19 September 11am – 11.30 am. Cost: Free. Bookings essential: 9262 6555 Conducted by Lisa Moloney, Blackburn Lake's Education Officer, this stunning tour will take you on a historical journey of this beautiful open space. Reminisce about days gone by when the surrounding parkland was abundant with wild flowers and native birds, and picnic grounds crowds would gather for an afternoon of rowing and entertainment. Coffee/tea included.

Courtesy: Whitehorse News – September 2017



Fighting for the Trees – **Hurry – stocks are running out!**

The story of the Blackburn & District Tree Preservation Society, was officially launched in June 2017 and is now available at \$25 per copy for tree society members and \$30 for non-members.

Please contact David Berry on 0413 457 184 or email bdtpsociety@gmail.com to secure your copy.

Fighting for the Trees details the history of the Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society since its inception in 1959 up until the end of 2016. During this period, far-sighted residents, initially in Blackburn, but ultimately throughout the City of Whitehorse, believed that community action; political lobbying and perseverance could, and would, preserve and enhance the local and wider environment for the benefit of all. Whitehorse residents owe these people a deep sense of gratitude for the green and leafy character of Whitehorse today – a jewel in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

The book is an important social document as it shows how much can be achieved by individuals and community groups working together with a strong sense of purpose. Readers of the book, particularly Whitehorse residents, will find many familiar references to people, places, events and activities (including references to Bungalook and Greenlink nurseries). The book contains beautiful illustrations of indigenous flora by Iris Hocking and many photos, newspaper articles, notices, posters and more. The book is a great compilation of environmental activism.

(Information and photo kindly supplied by David Berry, the BDTPS and Greenlink Box Hill)

The Bigger Picture

“City of Whitehorse Tree Study –

In our last Bulletin we advised that Council adopted a recommendation to extend Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) protection across the whole Whitehorse municipality. The recommendation, made on 18th July 2016 was based on a strategic study by consultants, Planisphere.

Council has sought authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme to extend the SLO.

Almost a year later with a request still with the Minister and awaiting authorisation we are left wondering how many significant trees will be left by the time the process concludes?

See: <http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/treestudy.html>”

(With thanks to the Blackburn Village Residents Group Inc., BULLETIN 92, June 2017.)

The Bellbird Dell Reserve
40th Anniversary

Free
Event **Saturday, Sept 16th**
10:00 am – 1:00 pm



* Support by Vermont 5th and Vermont Lions

**Come and celebrate 40 years
Of the Bellbird Dell Committee**

Meet at George Rd
entrance, (Melways 62 J6)

