



Bungalook News

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Come and join us on our next
Friday Walk/Excursion

Friday 28 September 10 am

Knox Environment Society Nursery

Come and see the exciting new developments

Melways 74 A5

All welcome



The wattles are ablaze, thousands of trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted. But we would like some more rain.

Meanwhile Bungalook continues to thrive.

Administration

How lucky are we to have such a friendly bunch of volunteers who not only come along to Bungalook day by day, but who are also willing to provide expertise and advice from their field of 'work' over many years?

One of our volunteers, Mark, has spent endless hours drawing on his expertise in analysing a situation, and then processing the information gleaned into reference documents which will be invaluable when looking to the future.

The first one dealt with our needs, prior to purchasing a new laptop. Information including administration records, photos, production data, and a mass of miscellaneous information is now being systematically downloaded from private computers to enable easy access when required.

A major document assessing all aspects of the running of the nursery was again formulated by Mark. This enabled us to understand the myriad of tasks required. With this information, understanding future forward planning has been made so much easier. There is still a way to go but in the meantime many tasks are being shared more and more.

OH&S legal requirements have also increased over the past few years. With information drawn together a much clearer understanding of those requirements will help those responsible.

And lastly. When the nursery moved from the Council nursery in Jolimont Rd. in 2001 a planning permit from Council (issued in 2000) was required. Some months ago, we became aware of the need to amend that permit. After months of consultation with volunteers and Council officers an application for amendments has been submitted to Council. We await a decision.

The working nursery – where we love to be!!

The past few months have seen many improvements to the facilities at Bungalook.

After a rather hot summer the new shade cloth erected just before Christmas was taken down to allow the winter sun stream down on our healthy stock before sending it off for the planting season to the many projects in Whitehorse and just beyond. This new addition was a great success.

New benches in the igloo and shade house are replacing the old metal doors, while the older benches are now being used in a couple of outside areas. A great improvement. The heat bed has been re-set, many new large and smaller push-in labels are helping both our volunteers and customers identify stock, the buffer zones around the nursery are being replanted and labeled, and much more is now being planned!!

Again, our thanks to Council and advisory committees, who have supported Bungalook in purchasing our ever-improving stock for your local revegetation projects. We still have Whitehorse Council Spring Festival to come in October.



As an experiment a **Spring Open Day/Sale Day** will be held on Saturday 8th September. As well as coming to purchase some plants we hope those planning next year's projects will take the opportunity to come along and see if we can provide some helpful information. This may also be an opportunity for those with **Gardens for Wildlife** vouchers to either choose the 20 free plants available, maybe buy a few extra plants or talk of their plans for the coming months.

Production for next year's stock is beginning to swing into action. Cuttings and sowing seed will continue for many months to come. By having an idea of what is required we can hopefully plan to grow and nurture the stock required. Early orders are greatly appreciated.

Production May – August 2980
Hours May – August 999.05
Congratulations and thanks to all.

KES (from seed provided) 96 Total 3076

Margaret Witherspoon
Secretary/ Nursery Coordinator
22 August 2018

In August some of our beautiful wattles start to flower. September 1st is Wattle Day, so take a walk in our local parks this spring and admire some of Australia's signature plants. Local varieties are available at Bungalook.

Photos: Ian Moodie, Marion Siseman

Acacia pycnantha (Golden Wattle)



Acacia stricta



Acacia melanoxylon (Blackwood)



Out and About

Yarran Dheran Advisory Committee



Photo: Courtesy Yarran Dheran Advisory Committee

National Tree Day 2018

We had a very successful National Tree Day today – with 55 people attending, we planted 500 plants. It was cold but the rain held off till the afternoon – much better for the workers and good for our plants. Thanks everyone, Yarran Dheran keeps looking better and better. Plants were funded by Melbourne Water.

Recent bird sightings – May -June 2018

We've had some great sightings of late – a powerful owl and a rose robin on the Mullum Mullum Park side of the creek, and a Southern Boobook Owl, roosting in a tree along the Schwerkolt Track near the creek. (Sighting by Ian Moodie) It's a first sighting of the rose robin in our area; the sighting of the powerful owl confirms its presence in our area. We have seen the Southern Boobook Owl before but rarely!

Working bees for the rest of the year

7 October

4 November

2 December

This is an opportunity for you to enjoy yourself in a healthy outdoor activity, in good company, as well as helping us improve this beautiful reserve

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Southern Boobook Owl . photo: courtesy Ian Moodie



Rose Robin

Wildflowers in Yarran Dheran

When: Friday 21 September, 10-11:30 am

Where: Meet at the Yarran Dheran Information Centre, Ashburton Drive, Mitcham

Cost: Free

Bookings: gay.gallagher@bigpond.com

Join a guided walk through Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve and see some of the many wildflowers that bloom in the Mullum Mullum Valley in springtime. This walk will be led by well-known local environmentalist and noted nature photographer, Ian Moodie. Children are welcome.

Blackburn Creeklands Advisory Committee

An article on the Blackburn Creeklands website is of great interest to our volunteers at Bungalook Nursery. We are forever faced with removing Flickweed from our stock and grounds in general. Now is the time to attack it in your garden before it sets seed and 'flicks'.

Weed of the Month



Our Weed of the Month is **Flickweed** (*Cardamine hirsuta*). Flickweed is an annual plant native to EurAsia that can be very invasive. Our photo shows it beginning to reappear in the park. It shows a cluster in Furness Park north of the bridge. It grows best in damp, recently disturbed soil – e.g. (ironically) following weeding. These conditions are prevalent in plant nurseries and it may be introduced with nursery plants. It produces small white flowers and then thin seed pods. It gets its name from its “explosive” habit of “flicking” its ripe seeds when the plant is touched – so it is much better to weed out before it flowers and sets its seeds in Spring until Autumn.

Courtesy; Blackburn Creeklands Website

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Advisory Committee

Would you like to be a friend of the lake?

Your help is needed in a wide range of activities run by the Advisory Committee, including:

- Education program
- Discovering the local natural history
- Understanding the environment of the Lake
- WaterWatch - Sampling and monitoring water quality
- Tree planting
- Weed control
- Propagation of local native plants
- Staffing the Visitor Centre on Sunday afternoons

Contact a Blackburn Lake Sanctuary representative

If you have any questions or concerns about the lake, activities or how to get involved. Please contact the relevant people below.



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Activities for the rest of the year

Saturday 6th October

Creeklands Bird Survey with Ian Moodie and Pat.

Sunday 14th October

Wildflower Walk with Tony Slater 2 pm at the Visitors' Centre

Saturday 10th November

Spring Bird Survey 7.30 am for an 8 am start with Ian Moodie and Greg Oakley.
Raisin toast breakfast afterwards.

Tuesday 13th November

The Importance of Tree Hollows with John Harris. 7 pm.

Thursday 15th November

TWIGHLIGHT WORKING BEE 6 – 8pm followed by a supper to celebrate a great year
of working in the bushland at the Sanctuary.

OR If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback please contact us via Facebook, email contact@blackburnlakesanctuary.org.

Courtesy Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Advisory Committee website

Wurundjeri Walk Advisory Committee

October 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the first community planting held in Wurundjeri Walk (then known as the 'Blackburn South Recreation Trail').

At the first planting activity in 1988 two hundred local residents and supporters from neighbouring bushland reserves planted more than 1,000 trees and shrubs on Fulton Reserve in Blackburn South (now known as the Wurundjeri Walk Wetlands). This was the first major community planting activity on the ex-Healesville Freeway land in the City of Nunawading.

Since that day on the 28th October 1988 the park has developed into a major bushland park, much-loved and utilised by the local community. This has occurred with a positive and continuing collaborative relationship between our local council, an active community advisory committee and a vibrant Friends group.

A history of the park, authored by inaugural advisory committee member David Berry, will be launched on the day.

Read our [30th Anniversary Invitation](#) for more information about the celebrations

Come and join us on Sunday November 18th, to celebrate the 30th birthday of Wurundjeri Walk in Blackburn South.

Official Welcome at 12 noon.

Sausage sizzle from 12.30pm

Face Painting 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tree and shrub planting

Guided Park tours at 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm detailing the history of Wurundjeri Walk, park improvements, fauna sightings and habitat values.

Working bees for the rest of the year

21 October	Clean up, mulching and weeding.	18 November	30 th Anniversary celebrations
9 December	End of year get together		