



Bungalook News

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Come and join us on our next Friday Walk

Friday 23 March 9.30 am

Bushy Creek, Box Hill North, behind Greenlink to
Memorial Park and maybe a little beyond.

Meet cnr. Dorking Rd. and Wimmera St.

Melways 47 F (park in nearby streets)

All welcome

Waiting for Rain - Moving from high to late summer - February 2018

Administration

On Friday 15th December 2017, we celebrated in great style 30 years since the establishment of our community nursery. Commencing in the Council Nursery in Jolimont Rd. Forest Hill, the big move was achieved in 2001-2002. From what was a casual beginning, Bungalook Nursery in Fulton Rd. is now a professional voluntary run organisation. Along with the Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society, bushland parks Advisory Committees, Greenlink Box Hill, other lobbying groups and the growing awareness of Councils, other governmental bodies and the public, we can be proud of our green and leafy environment. However that doesn't mean that there aren't huge challenges to face with high rise apartments and dual occupancy. (see article on page 3)



Congratulations to David Inglis and Cecily Falkingham who were the recipients of Whitehorse Council Australia Day Awards. As Citizen of the Year David was recognised for more than 45 years volunteering including involvement with Wandinong Sanctuary and the Tree Society for all those years.

Cecily has devoted her time on a state and local level to environmental sustainability and protection over many years. A gifted naturalist we were privileged to have her accompany us on a walk through Hillcrest Reserve recently.

left: Cecily Falkingham

Nursery News

By far the greatest improvement to the nursery for some years is the new shade area. Installation of new underground pipes, overhead extensions, wire supporting system and finally connection of the sprinkler system took many months. The final installation of the shade was accomplished on the Wednesday morning before Christmas – just in time to cope with the summer hot dry days.

Tubing up small seedlings continues; looking forward to a busy autumn and winter planting season in our local parks, schools and gardens.

Improvements at the nursery have included purchase of new tools, as well as planning some new shelving and benches to replace our make-shift re-cycled metal doors and racks.

Seed and cuttings collection is coming to an end for the summer season. Thanks to those who have, cleaned and catalogued seed which is now being stored in the seed bank. Some seasons we manage to collect more species than

others, which is unavoidable. As well, some species must be sown fresh, others can be stored for years. All a learning process!

Two visits to the nursery are planned for the coming months. Participants in the Gardens for Wildlife scheme will be visiting Greenlink and Bungalook nurseries in April to familiarise themselves with what we do, what we grow and what may be available for growing in our local gardens.

In May a group from the Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association (IFFA) will be visiting Greenlink, Bungalook and the ParksWide nurseries. Wanting to connect community nurseries more, this association advocates a truly professional approach to the production of our local indigenous plants.

Production **8177** plus Knox Environment Society KES (seed provided) August to November 1242, November to February 708
Volunteer Hours **1064.70 hours**

Margaret Witherspoon
Secretary/ Nursery Coordinator

Out and About – for further information, see relevant websites

Buckanbe Park, Vermont

Blues at Buckenbe
Sunday 18 March. 3 pm to 7 pm.
Featuring Paul Williamson's Hammond Combo and The Gospel Blues.

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Wetlands and Waterways (5-12 yrs old)
When: Wednesday 11 April, 10am-12pm
Where: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre (Central Road, Blackburn)
Explore the wetlands of Blackburn Lake Sanctuary and learn about where the water comes from and how we can protect this very special habitat.

Breakfast with the Birds

Saturday 21 April. 7.30 am to 10 am.
Annual Autumn Bird Survey.
Bring binoculars if you have them, and kids, please bring an adult!
Meet at the Visitor Centre. No bookings required.
Join us afterwards for the species count, whilst we enjoy a cuppa and raisin toast in the sun.

Yarran Dheran

Images of the Bush (10-18 yrs old)
When: Thurs 12 April, 10am-1pm
Where: Yarran Dheran Bushland Reserve Visitor Centre (Ashburton Drive, Mitcham)

How do you view the bush? Come along and use your artistic skills to make some images of the bush. Choice of media includes photography, land art, drawing and painting. If photography is your thing then bring along your camera (or other device) to take photos or to take home photos of your land art.

A mini art show at the end of the session will allow you to see how others view the bush.

For more information contact contact Lisa Moloney on 9262 6211 or email parkswideeducation@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Tree Protection Controls on Private Land in Whitehorse

Municipal Wide Significant Landscape Overlay - Amendment C191 to the Whitehorse Planning Scheme

Amendment C191 applies a citywide Significant Landscape Overlay to all residential land in Whitehorse (not currently included in a Significant Landscape Overlay) from 8 February until 31 December 2018.

The amendment is designed to prevent the unauthorized removal of large, established trees and provide more protection for the landscape character of Whitehorse.

The planning controls are interim only and will be reviewed at the end of 2018.

They apply to most of the residential land in Whitehorse and more specifically all residential land in the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, General Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone and Low Density Residential Zone **that is not already covered by an overlay**. Please note that these interim controls do not change the zoning of any land in Whitehorse. Council has recently notified relevant landowners by letter of their obligations under Amendment C191 regarding these new tree controls. Owners unsure as to which residential zone and/or overlay applies to their neighbourhood can refer to the following link for details:

<http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Whitehorse-Maps.html>

In essence Amendment C191 means that a council permit is now required to remove, destroy or lop a tree on private property. This does not apply to:

- A tree less than 5m in height and having a single trunk circumference of 1.0 metre or less at a height of one metre above ground level (NB: 1 metre circumference = ~ 32 centimetres diameter or around two hand-spans); or
- The pruning of a tree for regeneration or ornamental shaping; or
- A tree which is dead or dying or has become dangerous to the satisfaction of the responsible authority; or
- A tree outside the Minimum Street Setback in the Residential Growth Zone. This means that any tree that has a trunk circumference of greater than 1.0m at 1.0m from the ground and/or a height of 5 metres or more requires a planning permit to be removed.

A permit is not required to remove a dead, dying or dangerous tree to the satisfaction of Council.

To discuss whether or not a permit is required, please contact Council's Planning and Building department on 9262 6303.

Amendment C191 doesn't stop development however any proposed development must comply with the overlay. Careful design and planning is required to allow for the retention of protected trees or provides reasonable evidence for tree removal and allows for new canopy tree planting.

Provided by :
David Berry: President Blackburn and District tree Preservation Society inc.





Invitation

Cootamundra Walk

Celebrating 40 years

Music in the Park

Near Bell St.

Between Pope Rd. and Francis St.

Melways 48 A8

Friday 16th. March from 5.30 p.m. onwards

***Music from 6.00 p.m. until dusk
provided by amazing musicians
from our Blackburn community***

***Free sausage sizzle or BYO barbecue food,
Easter Egg Hunt***

BYO picnic, drinks, rugs and/or chairs

***Sponsored by Cootamundra Walk
Advisory Committee and
Whitehorse City Council***

Do come along

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