



HEALESVILLE * CHUM CREEK * YARRA GLEN * BADGER CREEK * STEELS CREEK * TARRAWARRA * TOOLANGI

We wish to acknowledge The Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of our region, and all Aboriginal Elders, past and present.

News In Brief

The Brush-tailed Phascogale

Learn about the biology and ecology of the elusive Brush-tailed Phascogale (or Tuan) and how you can help this threatened species to persist. This medium-sized marsupial has a large, black, bottlebrush tail and is listed as threatened in Victoria. Jess Lawton will discuss her research on the occurrence of this species in a modified environment.

Enquiries: 9840 9789 or email csadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au

> *Wednesday 5 June, 7.30pm, 110 Yarra Street Warrandyte*

Container Deposit Scheme

HEWI members and friends recently signed a petition to the Victorian Government for this long-overdue container deposit scheme to be introduced in this state. This petition was organised by the Dandenong Ranges Renewable Energy Association.

The Hydrogen Revolution

Presenter Professor John Andrews (Hydrogen Specialist), RMIT University and author of 'Doing more with less'. "New CSIRO ammonia, membrane and electrolysis technology should make it possible for Australia to safely export massive quantities of hydrogen energy generated using surplus renewable energy". DDREA event.

> *Tuesday June 18, 7.30-9 pm Emerald Library*

Workshop: Introduction to botanical art

Join Karen Carter and develop your observational illustration skills to accurately depict botanical detail using graphite pencils. Plant specimens will be discussed with emphasis on features that should be illustrated for scientific identification. A complete workshop outline, which discusses equipment, basic botanical drawing techniques and further readings is included. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please mail csadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au or phone 9840 9129 to ensure a place.

> *Saturday 29 June 2019, 11.00am to 2.00pm. MC Square 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster*

Warm HEWI welcome to new members Del and Frank with a welcome return to Penny!

There must have been something special about the Yarra Ranges in 1989 – as Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater and HEWI are both celebrating 30 years of continuous environmental activities and advocacy this year! Appreciative thanks to the Healesville & District Community Bank for a \$500.00 sponsorship towards our venue and speaker expenses for our October 20 Celebration. (HEWI display in the Bank during August).

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

LIBRARY DISPLAY for ENVIRONMENT DAY/MONTH

Our feature this year will be the plight of Leadbeater's Possum, *Gymnobelideus leadbeateri*, and the Greater Glider, *Petauroides volans*, listed as Critically Endangered and Vulnerable respectively. There will be a stunning centrepiece of a knitted quilt by artist Karena Goldfinch, who is a finalist in the Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art. *Best wishes for May 30th Karena!*

There will also be a small display of local media articles covering HEWI activities and advocacy over the years. Your comments would be appreciated.

**June 1-31, Healesville Library.*

FRIENDS OF LEADBEATER'S POSSUM INC. v VICFORESTS

The 'Friends of Leadies' volunteers are seeking to hold the native forest logging industry in the Central Highlands to account for its impact on federally listed species, including the Possum and the Greater Glider, under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, alleging that logging has not been, and will not be, conducted in accordance with the 1998 Regional Forest Agreement (RFA). The case concerns the magnificent Ash and Mixed Species forests on the ranges around Healesville to Eildon and the Baw Baws, providing habitat for many species, including those listed. Everyone is welcome to attend a possibly 3 week Hearing on any day.

**Hearing opens Monday, 3 June at the Federal Court, Melbourne*

NOTE: RFAs for the Central Highlands meeting, June 11 at the Memo, Healesville

ANNUAL COMMUNITY REVEGETATION

This is always an impressive event, with 90 participants from tiny playgroups to our young primary students with Cummins and Council teams, Melbourne Water staff and HEWI volunteers – with even more most welcome!

It will be another milestone occasion, celebrating 30 continuous years of plantings along local waterways and our supporting Healesville Primary School students celebrating their mighty contribution of 20 successive years!

Another highlight is we will be planting a buffer along the Grace Burn where the old pathway was finally diverted away from the eroding edge of the creek - one of our enduring advocacy requests finally achieved. Last year we were also joined by Nikki Madgwick and her HICSA Play Group so we are looking forward to their company again this year. Please in us - this is a fun experience, with a pleasant BBQ lunch. Current Working with Children card required - free for volunteers. Contact Maureen to apply. ** Friday June 21, 10am - 1.00pm*

MAY 27 – JUNE 02
RECONCILIATION WEEK

MAY 31 Indigenous Cultural
Literacy for Community
Groups
Nan Francis Room

JUNE:

01 Faunal Emblems Event
Trust for Nature
Wanderslore 10am-1pm

1-30 HEWI/ FLBP Display
Healesville Library

05 ENVIRONMENT DAY

10 HOLIDAY

11 Workshop: The Central
Highlands
Regional Forest
Agreement
Memo, 5-7pm

13 HEWI meeting
HL&LC Rm 1
7.00-9.00pm

14 WW phys/chem
monitoring
With Melbourne Water
supervisors
Grace Burn near picnic
shelter
9.30 – 11.30am

21 Annual Community
Revegetation
*celebrating HEWI 30
years; HPS 20 years!*
Grace Burn near picnic
shelter, Queens Park
10am – 1.00pm

29 June – 14 July School
holidays

JULY: Year 2/4
YRC Grant
Protecting plants,
people, place

11 HEWI meeting
HL&LC, Rm 1
7.00-9.00pm

12 WW phys/chem
Grace Burn
Wallace Pde and
Queens Park

28 National Tree Day
Farnham Rd, Healesville
10am -12noon

HEWI's 30 YEARS CELEBRATION EVENT OCTOBER 20, 2019

Everyone invited!

Please note the correct date for this event and place it in your calendar now – (with my abject apology for the incorrect date in last issue). Your committee has already made a successful application to Healesville Community Bank and is currently applying for a small grant from Council to assist with our proposed organisation of this special event.

REPORTS:

COMMUNITY WALKS

The May facilitated bird walk was cancelled due to the adverse forecast for a family event. However, we have been invited to lead a Carers' walks in Queens Park, and our facilitator, Karen Garth has programmed another Bird Walk in Spring through the Yarra Glen wetlands of Murrup Brann. HEWI members have enjoyed many planting sessions there with the Friends' group, before and after the 2009 fires, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to renew acquaintance with these Yarra Flats billabongs.

NOTE: Karen is also planning another spotlighting evening at Donnelly's Weir in August.

VICTORIA'S FOREST PROTECTION SURVEY PROGRAM OPEN DAY

This very interesting, informative day was poorly attended as only 6 attended. I was the only person from this region with others from the Dandenongs, Kinglake, and outer NE Melbourne. We went to the Mountain Ash forest at Starling Gap, beyond Powelltown, where DELWP staff associated with their flora and fauna inventory program, and one from Arthur Rylah Institute described their work and enabled much discussion.

I was generally quite impressed with the DELWP people. They had their hearts in the right place and were conservationists. It would be nice if we could somehow influence their superiors to let them do the job they would like to, although it seems that things have improved in the last couple of years and they have been able to prevent VicForests logging quite a few areas as they have found endangered species in many proposed logging coupes. The leader of the DELWP forest protection survey group is Jamie Malloy.

Michael Feller

FRIENDS OF THE HELMETED HONEYEATER 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Friends celebrated with a symposium Saturday 25th May: working to secure the future of the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater with expert speakers and panel to explore past, present and future options for this highly dedicated group.

Several HEWI members attended; many of us have enjoyed close association with the HeHos and continue to do so through our long advocacy for the Yellingbo Conservation Area (from 2012 and the first VEAC investigation into protecting specific habitat for endangered fauna species- to the current on-going saga). We have sent our congratulations on behalf of all members.

HEALESVILLE BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY GROUP

HEWI representatives meet regularly with local DELWP and Council staff, and the last meeting featured Owen Gooding, CFA, with a 'Fire Resistant' gardens theme .

There will be another "Living with Fire" event in late September at the Memo to hopefully attract a large community audience as attended in 2018.

Your committee is so grateful to all our members and friends supporting HEWI in the many different aspects of our engagement. We are always looking for new members for the committee and articles for this monthly newsletter would also be most welcome.

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