



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

Manningham Seminars: 9840 9789

Deep Time Dreaming - Uncovering Ancient Australia

This seminar charts the revolution in Australia's timescale over the past half-century. Historian Billy Griffiths is the author of *Deep Time Dreaming: Uncovering Ancient Australia* and follows the activities of some of Australia's pioneering archaeologists. He investigates what it means to live in a place of great antiquity, with its complex questions of ownership and belonging.

- **Wednesday 6 March 7.30pm, Grand Hotel, Warrandyte**

Bats - fascinating creatures of the night Lindy is internationally recognised as an expert on the ecology and conservation of insectivorous bats. In this seminar Lindy will share her extensive knowledge and enthusiasm for microbats, explaining their ecology, habitat requirements and fascinating life history. This seminar will cover local species and what they need to survive. On the night following the seminar we will take a riverside walk with ultrasonic eavesdropping equipment to 'see' how many species can be detected. If you plan to join the river walk, please bring a torch and wear suitable shoes and clothing for the weather conditions on the night.

- **Wednesday 3 April 7.30pm Grand Hotel, Warrandyte**

Yarra Glen Art Show

9th - 11th March 2019

Yarra River Walk & Talk

Take a walk around Studley Park and hear the stories of the river, its rich history and learn about its complex ecology. Some unsealed and steep surfaces.

Register with Yarra Riverkeeper: <http://bit.ly/yarrawalkandtalk>

- **Sunday, 17 March 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Studley Park Boathouse**

Exciting observation by our Facilitator Karen Garth. Sugar Gliders were found nesting in a decaying stump on the Grace Burn within the RSL property two years ago, when disturbed by a planting session with Healesville High School students. Last Wednesday evening, Karen checked out the stump, and two Sugar Gliders emerged at 8.35 pm! The stump is in danger of falling into the creek, but we hope to work with the RSL to place a nest box in the large trees nearby so that they have a less precarious nest site until the planted saplings provide natural habitat again in the future.

STOP PRESS: SAVE TOOLANGI CASTELLA FOREST!

- **This Sunday, March 3, 3pm 165 Spraggs Road, Toolangi**

Protecting Our Forests

The much-anticipated Hearing in the Federal Court of Friends of Leadbeater's Possum v Vic Forests late last month has been adjourned by Justice Mortimer to June 3, 2019, for 3 weeks. This delay is due to a late affidavit filed by Vic Forests which Judge Mortimer agreed would require more time for FLBP's expert witnesses to study.

HEWI ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Clean Up Australia Day - Pick Up for a Platypus! ([click link](#))

HEWI clean ups are organised for our Waterwatch monitoring days so that community volunteers have the opportunity to observe these testing procedures as well as assisting us to clean up both the waterways flowing through Queens Park and the surrounding recreation areas.

Our collected litter is audited by Julie Hanman, Council's River to the Bay Facilitator, with bar graphs produced to show the results. All bags and gloves are provided by Clean Up Australia and refreshments will be available. Your assistance would be most welcome!

- **Friday, March 08, 9-11.30am, Picnic shelter behind Pool**

Rotary Dogs Day Out

We hope to have a stall at this event to share the wonders of invertebrate life in the Watts River with event participants. The importance of

1. having dogs on lead by waterways so they don't frighten platypus, waterbirds and other wildlife
2. picking up dog faeces and putting them in a bin, and
3. community/ council revegetation work by along the Watts River will also be highlighted.

- **Sunday 17 March, 11- 3, Coronation Park, Healesville**

Waterbugs With HPS Students

Our annual waterbug discovery sessions with the Year 4 students who planted along the Grace Burn last year as Year 3s. This is such a fun morning and all members are invited to attend and enjoy the excitement of these young children as they find another tiny invertebrate!

March

- 08 Community Clean UP
Waterwatch phys/chem testing
Queens Park & waterways
9.00 – 11.30am
- 11 HOLIDAY
- 14 HEWI C'tee meeting
Rm 1, HL&LC
7.00-9.00pm
- 17 Rotary Dogs Day Out
Coronation Park
11am – 3pm
- 20 Cr McAllister
- 21 Girl Guides Spotlighting,
Wirrup Yaluk
6.00 -7.30pm
- 22 HPS waterbugs
Year 4H & Year 3/4B
Grace Burn
- 22 Enviro Vols Networking
Karwarra Gardens
4.30-7.30pm
- 24 ECTOPIA
- Mar 31 – Apr 6 Leadbeater's
Possum Awareness Week

APRIL

- 02 HeHo/LLBP Habitat
Restoration Forum
Brolga Room H. S.
10am -4pm
(invitation only)
- 02 Community Spotlight Walk
Badger Weir 6.30-8.30 pm
- 07 Daylight saving ends

HEWI memberships

We are most grateful for a \$25 deposit paid into the HEWI account on Jan 24, but Bron would be pleased to know your name for her files! Bank First.

Our direct credit details are:
Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633-000,
Account No: 142891209.

Account name: Healesville
Environment Watch Inc. **(Please enter your name)**

Please note: (*Working with Children clearance essential – easy to obtain from your local post office.*)

> **Friday, March 22, 9.00am – 11.30am, Q' Park picnic shelter**

Yarra Ranges Environmental Volunteers

This year's celebration and thanks from the Mayor and all Councillors for the vast number of hours contributed by volunteers in various environmental activities and advocacy will also provide an opportunity to meet the new CEO in the delightful surrounds of Karwarra Gardens. We recommend this annual networking opportunity to meet equally passionate folk from all over the shire. Light supper and refreshments amply provided.

RSVP: yarraranges.vic.gov.au/EVC2019 by March 15

> **Friday, March 22, 4.30- 7.30pm, Karwarra Gdns, Kalorama**

Spotlighting at Badger Weir

This event will be an unique opportunity to discover how the wildlife has survived after the massive storm damage that has taken years to repair for public admission into this section of the Yarra Ranges National Park. HEWI is incredibly fortunate that our facilitator, Karen Garth, is a professional eco-tourism guide and has a deep knowledge of local wildlife and their habitats. She will be ably supported by an experienced volunteer spotlifter, Jan Faulkner.

Cost: \$10.00 per individual. Bookings are essential: please call Karen on 5962 5115 or email: gbfacilitator@gmail.com for conditions and full details.

> **Tuesday April 02, 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

Healesville Community Renewable Energy

HCoRE organised two community meetings recently and were very pleased with the outcomes - 60 Expressions of Interest for a phone call from Mondo, the chosen mini-grid provider, with 40 already indicating that they would sign up for a home visit from the local installer, Stefan. "Very happy with this as a first step on our 'long march'!"

This is an amazing achievement within less than 2 years as a not-for-profit group of volunteers and HEWI congratulates all those who have worked consistently towards a zero emissions township, led by their indefatigable / inspirational community leader, Jeff Barlow. Jeff welcomes enquiries: jayenbee1@gmail.com

25 Years Of Waterwatch!

Minister Neville recently congratulated Waterwatch volunteers across Victoria who put in countless hours of their own time to support the health of our environment and waterways. "This is a great example of initiatives funded by the government that are run by the community and support the community."

The Melbourne Water Waterbug Census program has been running since 2014 and has had over 4,000 people involved in events, training and the collection of over 190 data samples. That's included identifying and counting around 20,000 macroinvertebrates! *So let's congratulate our own Waterwatch team from Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare and HEWI volunteers for their 15 years of monthly monitoring of local waterways!*

Your Committee members attend many forums with reports submitted to every meeting. HEWI members are welcome to view the Minutes of these meetings and to offer to attend on our behalf if you have specific interest in any forum. You are also most welcome to join our committee, assist with activities and/or contribute to our advocacy.



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