



HEALESVILLE * CHUMCREEK * YARRAGLEN * BADGERCREEK * STEELSCREEK * 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

Successful

Renewable Energy Communities

Healesville CoRE are very pleased and excited to have secured three high profile speakers from three different and dynamic community energy groups.

Dan Coddell from CORE Geelong (and Geelong Sustainability)

Chris Weir from the Bendigo Renewable Energy Hub

Cambell Klose from Indigo Power, the first community retail power company in Victoria.

FREE refreshments.

** Saturday 9 November 10.30am – 12.30pm, Darron Honey Centre,*

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Climate Reality Project

Yarra Glenenergy and the Yarra Glen & District Living and Learning Centre are pleased to host a special presentation on climate reality, part of a global event through Al Gore's organisation.

Michael Snow will provide a presentation and conversation on what it means for our families and communities and what we can do together. Light refreshments served.

RSVP : by 15 November 2019 on 9730 2887 or vgdlc@bigpond.com

** 21 November, 7- 8.30pm, Yarra Glen Memorial Hall, McCoombe Room*

The Dark Side of Night Lighting

Learn how artificial light from housing and street lights is impacting our native mammals including the tammar wallaby, fat-tailed dunnart and sugar glider.

Bookings: Not required. Cost: Free

** Wednesday 4 December 7.30 - 9pm. Manningham Civic Centre, Function Room 2, 699 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster.*

Climate and Health Alliance

HEWI supports this alliance and recently signed their petition to Nine Publishing (the Age and Sydney Morning Herald) requesting more and better climate coverage. It is also on our facebook page.

[Can you share our petition with your friends, family and network so we can get appropriate media coverage of this defining issue of our time?](#)

"We're calling on Nine to sign up to **Covering Climate Now** and join the 350 media outlets around the world who have committed to properly reporting on the climate crisis." **Add your name at** <http://caha.org.au/nine>

Your committee are most appreciative of all 30th celebration participants who contributed to our highly successful and energising day. This month we are also hosting our 30th AGM and the monthly meeting will follow immediately after supper. Please consider offering for our new committee as we desperately need to replace those leaving. New members will be essential if HEWI is to continue our successful activities and advocacy.

30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our members have already received the agenda for this AGM as required by our Constitution, but everyone who receives this newsletter is welcome to join us. All committee positions are declared vacant and we are losing two of our 2018-9 committee.

So please consider nominating yourself, we are in dire need of extra support to maintain a viable group. Supper will follow the AGM and then we will have our November meeting for which all are welcome to stay -- usually only 90 minutes and user-friendly!

> *AGM 14 November, room 1, Healesville Living and Learning Centre, 6.45pm for 7.00pm - 8.00pm*

> *November meeting, room 1, HL&LC, 8.20pm - 9.40pm*

COMMUNITY WALK

This spring walk will be led by our facilitator Karen Garth and Barry Sheffield, Friends of Yarra Flats Billabongs, along the revegetated the banks of the Yarra River within the Murrup Brann wetlands, Yarra Glen and then across to Spadonis Reserve, Yering. Our guides will discuss the importance of revegetation to river health and biodiversity.

Murrup Brann was originally known as the Yarra Flats wetlands and HEWI members joined local groups for revegetation days both before and after the 2009 fires which raced across the billabongs. There was also extensive regeneration after the fires and the area is now a prolific nature reserve. Council and Tertiary land conservation students have revegetated Spadonis Nature Conservation to protect the Yarra River along the eastern boundary.

Morning tea will be provided, but bring your own water, sunscreen, hat and binoculars. HEWI members free, non-members gold coin donation appreciated. RSVP: Karen 5962 5115 or gbfacilitator@gmail.com by Friday, Nov, 22

** Saturday 23 November 10.00 am - 12.30 pm*

> *Car pooling preferred, we will meet in carpark behind the library at 9.30am*

MANAGING A FIRE - Responsive Ecosystem

presented by Robyn Adams for Environment, Yarra Ranges Council

- The impact of fire on wildlife
- The benefits of ecological burns
- How to manage a burn effectively

Robyn Adams has been involved with bushfires and fire ecology since the late 1970's. Until 2008, Robyn was a Senior Lecturer in Conservation Ecology/ Environmental Management at Deakin University, and for over 20 years co-ran a highly successful unit in Bushfire Management. Her research interests have focused on bushfire fuel dynamics and on the ecological effects of fire-fighting chemicals. Robyn also has extensive practical experience in bushfire-fighting through her involvement in her local Fire Brigade. (morning tea)

> Saturday 16th November 10am to 1pm Birdsland Education Centre, Birdsland Reserve, 271 Mt Morton Rd, Belgrave Heights

[Register Now](#)

NOVEMBER

- 09 Successful Renewable Communities
Darron Honey Hall, Healesville
10.00am – 12.30pm
- 14 HEWI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Room 1, 7.00-8.00pm
Healesville Living & Learning Centre
1 Badger Creek Road
- 14 HEWI November meeting
Room 1 HL&LC
8.20 – 9.45pm
- 15 WW Phys/Chem
Grace Burn
9.00 – 10.00am
- 21 HEWI Facilitated Orchid Walk
Healesville Garden group
- 21 Climate Reality Project
Yarra Glen Memorial Hall
7.00 – 8.30pm
- 23 Community Walk
Murrup Brann & Spadonis Reserves
Car pooling - Library carpark, Healesville
9.30am – 12.30pm

DECEMBER

- 4 The Dark Side of Street Lighting
Doncaster
7.30 – 9.00pm
- 12 HEWI Meeting
Venue tba
- 13 WW/phys/chem
Grace Burn
(9.00-10.00am)

Our warm HEWI welcome to our new member Heather

NATURE FOR LIFE RALLY – Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA)

We will be urging for:

- New and better-funded National Parks.
- Better protection for our forests, rivers, beaches, oceans and wildlife.
- Stronger laws to protect threatened species and habitats

We need everyone to bring a banner, sign, puppet or other craft work to represent the special place you think deserves better protection from the government. Together we will demonstrate the breadth of action required and the passion we have to make it happen. [Are you in?](#)

★ *Thursday 28 November, 12pm–2pm, Parliament steps, Spring St, Melbourne.*
(BYO picnic in Treasury Gardens)

HEWI REPORTS:**HEWI 30th CELEBRATION FORUM**

We were absolutely delighted with the response from members, friends, agency staff, the Mayor and five Councillors to this day. It was not designed for individual accolades or achievement recognition but merely an opportunity to network and enjoy a special day together. Which we did!

The catering was beautifully presented, and delicious! The birthday cake(s) was a highlight and simply superb. The HEWI slides covered most of our regular activities and our guest speaker, James Goldie, Monash Climate Change Communication Research Hub, described their current approach - reaching out to communities with regular climate update graphs in local newspapers. (Lilydale records published in the Leader every week).

Lunch was another popular meal and allowed participants to circulate again. We were encouraged by the large number who stayed with us to discuss our forum questions and complete the questionnaires for future guidance to our committee. These are being collated and will be followed up at our next meeting.

Our terrific MC wound up the day with a very few words followed by that contemplative, thought-provoking film "The Great Forest".

HUGE congrats to all involved with the planning/processing/assisting of our special day!

With our grateful acknowledgement of Yarra Ranges Council and Healesville Community Bank for their supporting grants for this event

VICTORIA'S BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION LAWS

Reforms to Victoria's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 passed the Victorian Parliament on 29 August 2019. Implementation of the reforms over the next 12 to 24 months, and funding commensurate to the challenge faced will be key tests of whether the Victorian government is serious about meeting the challenge of the state's declining biodiversity. The key test for the implementation of the reforms will be the development of revised lists of threatened species, the rollout of the new obligation on public authorities to give "proper consideration" to biodiversity conservation, and whether the Department develops implements a program to identify and designate critical habitat using the Act's new provisions.

EJA report

Yarra Ranges Council is currently researching our current biodiversity and YREAC has been requested to assist this research.

Enjoy this wonderfully green spring and our very special flora and fauna across the unique region in which we are so fortunate to live. To protect our biodiversity is a privilege!

