

Up Coming Events

July

Fri 30, Planting Day with Healesville PS, Coronation Park. WWCC required for volunteers. 9.30 – 1.30 pm approx.

August

Sun 1, National Tree Day, Everard Park, Maroondah Hwy, Healesville, 9.30 – noon

Thurs 12, HEWI meeting, 7.30 pm

We hope all members are now getting over the destructive storm and power outage last month. Council is providing extra services and you can call them on 9294 6905 or 1300 368 333. A special collection from nature strips of storm damaged vegetation will take place from mid July, so keep an eye on their information <https://www.facebook.com/yncouncil> or <https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Council/Storm-Emergency-Information>.

Our June meeting was delayed due to the loss of power, but three committee members met on 23 June to concentrate on finalising the draft Strategic Plan. Three priority areas were identified at our workshop, and the committee has added a section on Governance. All members will receive the draft via email, and any comments are required by the committee before our 12th August meeting.

Library Display

Our Healesville library display was delayed due to the storm, and unless another group requests the space, it will stay until the end of July. We have a competition about the display for members of the public to create some engagement.

Healesville McDonalds

We thank all members who responded to our call to action and commented on the amendments McDonalds sought for their proposed restaurant on Maroondah Highway. It seems they have lodged two more amendment requests since 5 June and we'll keep you posted.

Planting Days

Our planting day with Healesville Primary School is still planned for Friday 30 July – Schools Tree day - and we will have a Community Planting morning at Everard Park, Maroondah Highway, Healesville, on Sunday 1 August from 10 am until noon, commencing at 9.30 am with a free morning tea. Covid safe protocols will be followed and registrations are essential in case numbers are limited. Please let Karen know asap if you are coming to admin@hewi.org.au and if you can help set up and assist with refreshments that would be appreciated.

HCoRE

We congratulate HCoRE on their successful application for a grant of \$428,500 from Sustainability Victoria for a Community Power Hub. As one of several groups which supported their application, we are delighted with their success.

FOLbP “The Message of the Lyrebird” Film

Another group, which we regularly support, is Friends of Leadbeater’s Possum. They will be showing a fundraising film “The Message of the Lyrebird” at The Memo, Healesville, on Sunday 15 August at 2.30 pm (tbc). Proceeds will support the Great Forest National Park campaign.





Murrup Brarn

The Friends of Murrup Brarn/Yarra Flat Billabong have decided to down tools, and we commend them for their years of hard work revegetating and protecting this important area at Yarra Glen. We have assisted on their planting days, held a bird walk and Frog Evening here in the past two years, and plan more activities in this part of Ryrie Ward in the future. Council now manages this reserve, and the Friends have kindly given a donation of \$1426 to HEWI before they wind up, for which we are most grateful.

More ways to avoid plastic...

There once was a song, "Everything's gonna be plastic by and by". It's come true: we even have plastic inside us, and it's time to change. Here are a few more ways of divorcing from plastic:

- Be a metal head! Metal has the highest recovery rate (88% in Australia) for recycling or reuse. Look for metal alternatives to plastic, which can be recycled easily.
- It's difficult to buy things that are not packaged, but you can go for minimal packaging, using recycled materials, and easy to recycle.
- Shampoo and conditioner bars are becoming increasingly popular - look for ones which suit your style or hair. You'll avoid using a whole lot of plastic every few months.
- Avoid disposable razors and purchase high-quality ones with replaceable heads. You can even collect the razor heads in a jar and contact your local chemist or medical centre about sharps disposal and recycling services.

Plastic-free July

This is a global movement, click [here](#).

Yarra Ranges Shire webinars

You will find links to 12 recorded webinars on environmental topics [here](#).

Gardens for Harvest webinars

This page currently has three. Worth checking occasionally for [more](#).

Solar savers

Our shire is also part of a group of councils that assist people to go solar, check it out [here](#).

Deodorant and body scrub made as you watch

Live webinar Wednesday 21 July, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Learn to use ingredients from your kitchen! Click [here](#).

Permaculture Yarra Valley

is a vigorous local organisation with about 240 members and growing. They run a variety of interesting activities. Check them out [here](#).



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