

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

Up Coming Events

December

Fri 10 Dec, 6.30 pm, Members' event Badger Weir

February '22

Thurs 10 Feb, 7.30 pm, HLLC HEWI Ctee meeting

March '22

Sun 6 Mar, 10-noon, Clean Up Day Yarra Glen

Forest Defenders Documentary

During October, as part of our YRC Community Partnerships grant, we provided a free online viewing of the Bob Brown Foundation's documentary "Forest Defenders" as another covid lockdown prevented us from having a public showing at The Memo, Healesville. This film followed a past campaign in the takayna/Tarkine rainforest in the northwest of Tasmania, and the vision of this magnificent forest and coastline was beautifully captured.

Unfortunately, council received some comments from people who thought that by promoting the film via their Culture Tracks site, this was an indication that council supported all of the actions shown in the film. Without any warning, council removed the link on Culture Tracks and provided us with a new link to distribute. We have written to council to express our disappointment at the lack of consultation with our committee before they took this action, with a view to ensuring it won't happen again.



After requesting to view the film, respondents were sent a link to a Zoom discussion on Thursday 28 October with Scott Jordan from the BBF. This was attended by 16 people, including three non members. Scott, who has lived in Burnie all of his life, is an ex miner and has worked as a campaigner for the BBF for seventeen years. He shared his extensive knowledge and passion for the Tasmanian forests under threat from harvesting and mining operations, and answered many questions.

We thank council events staff for their valuable training sessions before the online discussion and participation on the night to run the event, and our Treasurer, Sandra Schoffer, for successfully managing the event to completion despite the challenges.

2021 AGM

Our AGM was held via Zoom on Thursday 11 November, and our guest speaker was Jenny Weber from the BBF, who told us about their other campaigns. Issues currently of concern include Swift Parrot decline, krill over-harvesting, intensive salmon farming causing degradation to inlets, a new airfield proposed in Antarctica and the Adani mine. Steve Meacher, President of the Friends of Leadbeater's' Possum, then gave an update on their case against VicForests, which they have taken to the High Court.

Changes to the Victorian Code of Forest Practice, which were announced by the government in the first week of November, have adversely affected at least one court challenge by Kinglake Friends of the Forests Inc.

The current committee was returned to their positions – Chair: Bronwyn Baade, Treasurer: Sandra Schoffer, Secretary: Karen Garth, Ordinary Committee: Jan Smetak (Minutes Secretary) and Lou Sbalchiero. Bronwyn's Annual Report will be emailed to members.

Vale Adrian Francis

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Adrian Francis in September -some members may recall a HEWI visit to Candlebark Farm many years ago. We send our condolences to Nan and the family.



Members' Christmas Dinner and Spotlight Walk

We invite all members to join us to celebrate the end of a hard year from 6.30 pm on Fri 10 Dec at Badger Weir Picnic Area. BYO picnic/BBQ dinner, drinks, a fold up chair and a torch. HEWI will provide sweet treats. We thank Parks Victoria for permission to stay after the park closes to spotlight for Greater Gliders and other nocturnal wildlife. Current covid restrictions will be followed. Please RSVP by Wed 8 December to admin@hewi.org.au so we can supply enough treats for everyone.

[Ungas your home](#): here is the recording of a Nillumbik Council webinar, which is available for the rest of this year.

[Yarra Ranges Council webinar: natural pest control](#)

Tuesday 23rd November 2021, 7-9pm

Learn about the best ways to manage pests in the garden, without harming people, pets or the environment! Discover a wide range of sustainable solutions to most common garden pest problems, and how to increase their effectiveness through the system of integrated pest management.

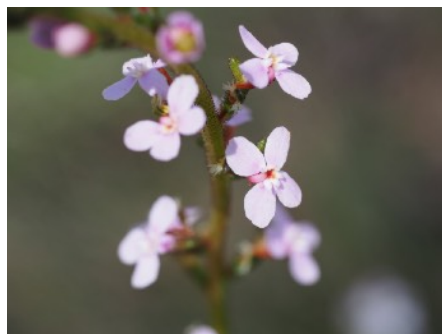
[Solar for business](#)

Thursday, 25 November, 6:30 to 8 pm

Reducing energy costs can save lots for businesses. This free Manningham Council webinar may help you to do it. Registration is essential.



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