

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

#### Up Coming Events

##### September

##### Thursday 8 Sept

7:30pm

HEWI meeting via Zoom.

##### Saturday 10 September

2-4pm

Kevin Mason OAM celebration

Healesville Sanctuary

##### October

##### Sun 8 October

8am-1:30pm

Promotional Stall

Healesville Market

##### Thursday 13 October

7.30pm

AGM Darron Honey Centre

##### November

##### Sun 20 November

9:30am-3pm

Coranderrk Bushland Orchid

Survey with Landcare & ANOS

#### Committee Update

We hope everyone is starting to dry out and warm up as the Spring weather finally arrives. Where possible, HEWI partners with other local groups to deliver activities, and one recent success was Tree Day at Badger Creek with Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare. Members of the Badger Creek Community group and residents of Melbourne suburbs also came out on a sunny day to create more habitat for local wildlife, as did local MP, Cindy McLeish.

#### Wildflower walk

HEWI members are also welcome to join the landcare group for a wildflower walk at the Juliet Ave Bushland Reserve, Badger Creek, from 1 pm on Sat 3 September. [RSVP](#) by Thurs 1 Sept. We hope to find some early Spring orchids flowering.

#### AGM

Please also mark in your diary now our AGM, to be held at the Darren Honey Centre, Healesville, from 7.30 pm on Thursday 13 October. Our guest speaker will be Wendy Probert from the Australian Native Orchid Society (Vic). She has fabulous photos of orchids from across the Yarra Ranges and has been working on orchid conservation locally and across the state for many years. Supper will be provided and so please [RSVP](#) by Mon 10 October. We urge all members to consider volunteering

on the committee, even if for a few years, to help spread the load and contribute fresh ideas to our discussions and activities.



#### HEWI Rules & brochure updates

Our subcommittee is still working on updating our Rules, and we hope to present a final draft to the committee soon. Our revised brochure is about to go to print with the kind assistance from Yarra Ranges Council. We thank member, Coral, once again for her wonderful desktop publishing skills and many volunteer hours spent on the brochure.

## Membership

Thanks also to those who have renewed their membership and paid for a few years to cut down on our administration. The committee recently approved a new category – Affiliate Membership – aimed at educational institutions and businesses. This category does not have a voting right, and is commonly used by groups to seek support without obligating the member to attend meetings and vote on issues.



## Kevin Mason OAM celebration

All members received an email about the celebration of Kevin's national Australia Day award. You must RSVP to Sandra (0418 540 145) by Fri 9 September to get entry into the Sanctuary.

## Promotional stall Healesville market

Finally, we seek assistance from all members to help us at a promotional display at the Healesville Market on Sunday 2 October. Member, Vicki Paris, has kindly made space available for us on her stall, which is right beside Church St. This is a key action supported by members at our Strategic Plan workshop to help raise our profile in the local area and beyond. Please let us

know if you can spend an hour or so between 8am to 1.30 pm and which times you'd prefer.

[admin@hewi.org.au](mailto:admin@hewi.org.au) .

## Orchid Survey Coranderrk Bushland

After our AGM talk, we hope our members will be inspired to learn more about local orchids. We have been invited to join Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare and ANOS members on a survey for mid Spring orchids in the Coranderrk Bushland on Sunday 20 November from 9.30 am. BYO all food and drink, and we will have the use of the Bush Hut. Limited numbers, [RSVP](#) essential, by Thurs 17 Nov.

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Learn how to record local biodiversity by joining Council's [Bioblitz](#) this September using [iNaturalist](#) , and join the Yarra Ranges Landcare Network's presentation on [Wildlife Camera Monitoring](#) Wed 7 Sept at 7.30-8.30 pm. All members of the community are welcome.

### What's growing on?

The [Gardens for Harvest Facebook](#) page is a fount of information and help.

### November Election

Members are urged to contact local MPs and aspiring members before the November election to convey their concerns for the environment and suggest actions. The Greens event on 2 Sept is the launch for their local candidate, in the Darron Honey Centre.

### Victorian Forest Alliance

Given the coming state elections, various forest-protecting groups have formed the [Victorian Forest Alliance](#), to campaign for the end to native forest logging.

### Sustainable Gardening Australia

[Gardening for Climate events](#) 6 & 16 September. 12:30 to 01:30 pm

. Healthy soil stores carbon, lots of it. So building the soil food web beneath your feet can reduce your emissions, store carbon and help your home, garden, the local wildlife, your community adapt to a warming climate. Water smart techniques are discussed in the second webinar.

### More ways to unplastic your life

- Sundried clothes are better for the environment than using a clothes drier, but the pegs should not be plastic. Stainless steel lasts forever, or good quality wooden or bamboo pegs are good too.
- Bamboo towels and face washers won't produce microplastics when being used and washed.
- Some great for-purpose companies offer toilet paper subscriptions to order bulk toilet paper — you get months' worth of supply, all in plastic-free packaging delivered to your doorstep.
- Plastic toys typically break easily and are usually not recyclable. Avoid buying plastic toys by looking for high-quality wooden ones (or other materials) that will stand the test of time.



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