

#### Up Coming Events

##### March

**Sun 6 Mar**, 9.30 – noon, Clean Up Day Yarra Glen Recreation Reserve,

**Thurs 10 March**, 7.30 – 9 pm, HEWI Ctee Meeting – all members welcome

**Sun 3 April**, Healesville Home Grown Food Fair, Coronation Park, 9 – 2 pm

##### April

**Thurs 14 April**, 7.30 – 9 pm, HEWI Ctee Meeting – all members welcome

##### May

**Sat 14th May**, 10 - noon, Native Seed Propagation Workshop. \$15 members/\$20 non members.

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2022 - we hope all members had a lovely festive season and summer break. Our Christmas picnic and spotlight walk at Badger Weir was a great success, and we saw plenty of Greater Gliders and welcomed a new member. It was lovely to socialise and enjoy ourselves after a trying year.

We congratulate our friends, Kevin Mason AM, who was awarded a National Australia Day honour for services to the environment and conservation, and HCoRE for their Yarra Ranges Council Environment Achiever Award. Well done all!

Our first community event for 2022 was a pop up event at Healesville with a Platypus/Waterbugs theme on Saturday 12 Feb. We shared an information stand with No Reason 4 Rubbish and Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare. An interactive waterbugs discovery and identification session was held, and Kylie turned a few heads with her hat. Information was given out about our three groups, with the aim of motivating residents to protect our waterways. This was the first time this event was held, and is part of a series of environmental events every Saturday morning throughout February. Thanks to Lou, Liz and Bronwyn for representing HEWI.

#### Clean Up Day

Our second event for the year will be Clean Up Day on Sunday 6 March at the Yarra Glen Recreation Reserve. We will collect litter as we take a bird walk beside the Yarra River and through Murrup Brann (the billabongs) if time allows. BYO gloves and tongs if you have them – some equipment will be supplied. Binoculars could be useful, and bring a cup for a hot drink. HEWI will provide some morning tea from 9.30 – 10 am, and we will walk until approximately 11.30 am before tallying up our rubbish versus recyclables. Park in the first car park on the right as you enter the reserve – HEWI and Clean Up signs will be obvious. No dogs please. RSVPs for catering would be appreciated. You can register via the Clean Up site, let Karen know or just turn up.



*Members enjoying morning tea at Yarra Glen Recreation Reserve in Nov, 2019.*

### Healesville Home Grown Food Fair

This new event on Sunday 3 April from 9 am – 2 pm is being organised by the Healesville Community Garden, and will showcase Coronation Park. There will be family activities provided by Healesville Library, tours of the community garden, a roving “Red Tomato” spruiker, music and community stalls – including HEWI promoting protection of our waterways and revegetation of the Watts River banks. This planting project was commenced 20 years ago by the Lions Club, and will feature in our display. Karen will provide a free guided Nature Walk from 11.30 am until 12.15 pm.

### Submissions update

Having objected to the amendments sought by McDonalds for a fast food restaurant at 17-25 Maroondah Highway, Healesville, and their decision to take this to VCAT after council refused their application, we were able to submit a Statement of Grounds by 8 February to VCAT. The hearing will be in July.

After the release of the Environmental Effects Statement for the Warburton Mountain Bike Destination, we submitted to engagevic our objections to any mountain bike trails in the Yarra Ranges National Park on Mt Donna Buang in January. This council led initiative is better suited to multi use state forest and has no place in a crown reserve designated for the highest conservation protection. Our submission used council’s environment strategy goals to highlight our concerns and how this proposal goes against every one of them.

### 2022 Meetings

We are hoping to resume “in person” meetings at the Healesville Living & Learning Centre for March and April, and in the colder months will probably use Zoom. All members are welcome. Please let Karen know if you’d like to be sent the link to the meetings.

### Frogs of the Yarra Ranges: Identification, ecology and conservation

Learn about the frogs of the Yarra Ranges and surrounding areas, including those most commonly encountered, some that are threatened, and others that have established through introductions. Hear the calls of the various local species and learn some of the key characteristics used to identify them, as well as aspects of their biology, habitat preferences and threats they face.

Event details Saturday 26th February [Link](#). 10am to 11.30am, Webinar with Q&A session  
PRESENTER: David De Angelis is a naturalist, environmental educator and consultant with a particular interest in the conservation and ecology of frogs and reptiles.

### 2022 Learning for Sustainability Conference

**8:45am - 3:00pm, Friday 25 February, 2022** [Link](#) Online \$20 - \$35

The Learning for Sustainability Conference offers professional development and networking opportunities for early years, school and community members interested in living and acting more sustainability. Featuring a keynote address from Dr Rebecca Huntley, author of *How to Talk About Climate Change In A Way That Makes A Difference*.

### Sustainable Living Festival [Events](#)

- There are still some events:
- \* Make Meals Out Of Leftovers
  - \* Sustainable Floristry
  - \* Reflection: A Walk With Water
  - \* Bees In The City & Suburbs
  - \* Repair Cafe
  - \* To Which We Belong

### Upcoming Permaculture Events

**10 am - 12 noon, Saturday 26 February, 2022**

Healesville Community Pop-up Space (between the Memo and the Library)

Also, the following activities are planned for **March**: [Permaculture Week 2022 – 18 to 27 March](#)



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