

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

Up Coming Events

May

Mon 23 May

YRC Tree Hollow Recovery Project Zoom talk organised by the Yarra Ranges Landcare Network. Everyone welcome. Request an RSVP link from Brian Davey

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June

Thurs 9 June 7.30 pm via Zoom Committee meeting

Fri 17 June, planting Coronation Park with Healesville PS 9.30 – 12.30 WWC holders only

Sat 18 June, Afternoon tea with Badger Ck CFA & Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare tbc

August

National Tree Day Sun 7 August, 10 - noon, Badger Creek

The committee did an annual review of our Strategic Plan actions this month, and it is pleasing to see that we are well on track for most of our measures of success despite Covid restrictions. Our plan was designed to be realistic, achievable and positive, and we have already gained three new members this year after attending or holding events. Key achievements will be included in the AGM Annual Report.

We're still looking for another member or two to help with the update of our Rules to align with the Model Rules 2012. It is planned to have a 2 hour weekend session over a pizza lunch at the HLLC in June to go through our 2006 Rules and list suggestions for improvement. If you would like to help, please let Karen know admin@hewi.org.au .

HEWI Activities

Native Seed Propagation Workshop

Our recent successful activity was our Native Seed Propagation Workshop. Nine participants, four of whom were members, came along to learn from HEWI member, Coral Jeffs, about the variety of native seed types and methods to ensure germination. Everyone took home several seed trays to nurture until Spring, when we will come back together to put into tubes. Some seedlings will be kept for home gardens and some for a local planting next year. We thank the Mountain Views Mail, U3A, Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare Group, Healesville Plants, Yarra Ranges Council and the Healesville Living & Learning Centre for their support for this event.



Seed tray



Seed Workshop participants and Coral

Children’s Waterbugs Workshops.

Our community engagement has expanded into the pre-school sector, and Karen is delivering Waterbug Workshops to two kinder aged groups. Robyn Jane Childrens Centre was first off the mark in April, with thirteen children and three staff having fun trying to catch and identify waterbugs from Badger Creek. All were given our Healesville Waterways brochure, which was produced for us by Yarra Ranges Council in 2019.

Healesville Primary School Planting morning

Members with current Working With Children cards are invited to help us plant at Coronation Park on Fri 17 June from 9.30 – 12.00. The June floods and storms last year postponed our 2021 event, but it’s all systems go for 2022. As it’s a small site, we will also incorporate a walk along the Watts River for the students to



Set up at Robyn Jane Children’s Centre

spread the group out. YRC staff have prepared the site and will supply plants, and HEWI will provide morning tea for our volunteers. Please let Karen know if you can assist with this event admin@hewi.org.au.

First Aid Qualifications and Child Safe Regulations

Some committee members have undergone training this month to update their First Aid qualifications and learn about the new Child Safe Regulations, which commence on 1 July. It’s not yet confirmed, but we expect to meet with the Badger Creek CFA and Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare Group members on Sat 18 June for an afternoon tea and chat about what we all do.

National Tree Day Sun 7 August

We will join with Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare to plant a site on Badger Creek Road at the rear of Healesville Sanctuary. The YRC Bushland staff have commenced site preparation and council will supply the plants.



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