

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

Up Coming Events

Sat 8 Jul, 4.30-6.30 pm

Spotlight Walk with Upper Yarra LG Reefton

Thurs 13 Jul, 10 am – 1 pm

Coranderrk Bushland Orchid Survey with ANOS & Mt Toolebewong & District LG

Thurs 13 Jul, 7.30 pm

HEWI committee meeting via Zoom

Thurs 10 Aug, 7.30 pm

HEWI committee meeting via Zoom

Thurs 7 Sept, 7.30 pm

Special Meeting to change Rules with guest speaker & supper

Thurs 14 Sept, 7.30 pm

HEWI committee meeting

Thurs 9 Oct, 7.30 pm

HEWI AGM (probably) via Zoom

We hope everyone is keeping warm and dry in this typical winter weather. We have a few members feeling “under the weather” and we send them our best wishes for speedy recoveries.

Special Meeting 7 September

Please put in your diaries now Thursday Sept 7th, as we will hold a Special Meeting (with a guest speaker and supper) to vote on a resolution to change from our 2006 Rules to the 2012 Model Rules for associations. Members were sent the documents in May, and all responses have been positive. In order to pass this resolution, we must have 75% of our members vote in favour. The meeting agenda and proxy voting forms will be sent to members early August, at least 21 days before this meeting.

Coronation Park Planting 28 May

We celebrated 31 years since Bushlink commenced protecting Healesville waterways, and 21 years of planting in Coronation Park by HEWI with the Lions Club and the community. It was great to get some of the original “band” members back together, and create a new vegetation patch in the park. 700 tubes were planted on the day under marquees to keep us dry – a successful technique we might use again. We thank our partners - the Healesville Lions Club and Yarra Ranges Council - for their support, especially the Bushland Team (Paul, John and Matt).



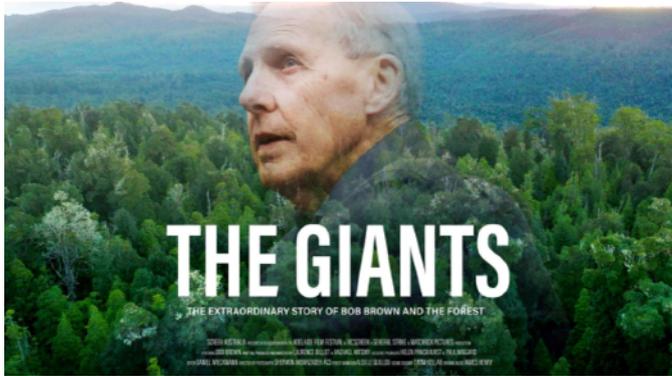
Planting under cover



HEWI & Bushlink members

The Giants Sun 28 May

Our screening of this documentary about Dr Bob Brown and Tasmanian environmental campaigns was a great success, with 80 tickets sold. Our afternoon tea was much appreciated, and we gained two new members. Friends of Leadbeater's Possum sold around \$500 worth of goods to fund their activities, and Mt Toolebewong & District LG, Chum Ck LG and BirdLife Yarra Valley handed out valuable information. We thank Yarra Ranges Council for supporting us with this community engagement activity. We also liaised with Warburton Environment for the screening of the film, and their session on Saturday 1 August at Warburton had 75 people attend.



Lou, Karen & friend

Coronation Park 20 June



Karen thanking Dean

We celebrated 10 years of corporate volunteering for us by Cummins Filtration, Kilsyth, with Healesville Primary School and Melbourne Water. We planted another 1000 tubes to finish off the area started on 28 May with two Grade 3-4 classes and their teachers. Karen provided a nature walk around the park for one class while the other was planting – several students have observed platypus in the Watts River and shared their experiences.

Most of the original community group wooden signs have rotted, so we took a photo of each class at the 21 year old Healesville Primary School wooden sign, as it may not be there next year. Some children mentioned that their parents had planted with us years ago, and it's great to know that we have influenced two generations so far. Dean from Cummins was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from HEWI, and they look forward to



1700 plants now in

coming again next year.

Thanks to our members – Bronwyn, Evelyn, John and Bob - for assisting, Melbourne Water for the BBQ lunch, and council and the Bushland Team for their set up and provision of a marquee, plants and tools. This was our final activity for our 5 year council Protecting Plants, People and Place Community Partnerships grant.



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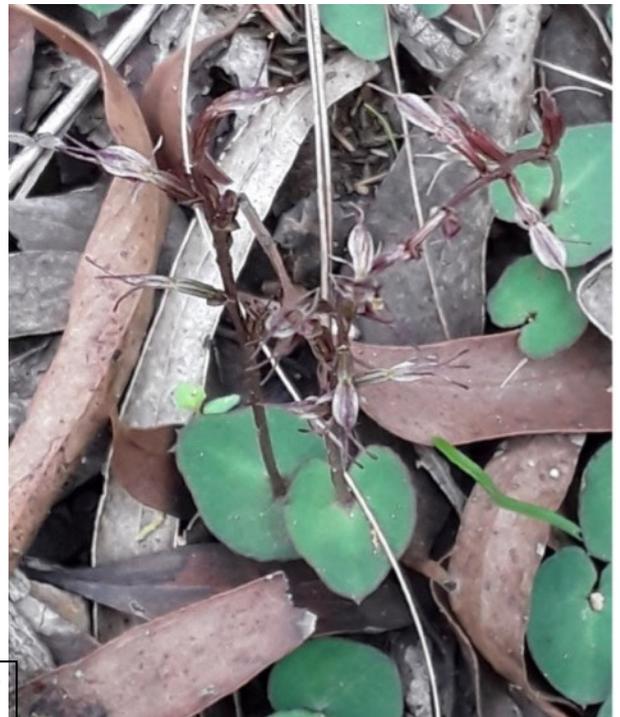
July events

We have two members' activities in conjunction with other groups this month. On Sat 8 July, we will partner with Upper Yarra LG for a spotlight walk at Upper Yarra Reservoir Park, our first "Valley to the Mountains" YRC Community Partnership grant event. The walk starts at 4.30 pm with a chat, BYO cuppa and snack, and we'll start spotlighting around 5 pm. There are a few places left, so contact Karen if you'd like to come via admin@hewi.org.au.

On Thursday 13 July, we will partner with the Australian Native Orchid Society and Mt Toolebewong & District LG for a winter orchid survey in the Coranderrk Bushland, at the rear of Healesville Sanctuary. We'll survey the two burnt areas for orchids, particularly Greenhood and Helmet Orchids. The meet time is 10 am sharp at the front entrance car park, and we'll carpool to Gate 1 off Badger Avenue. There's an optional lunch stop around 1 pm at Badger Weir to look for helmet orchids. BYO all food, drink and a fold up chair. RSVP essential to Karen by Wed 12 July, as we must have an accurate attendance list and contact details for the Sanctuary. admin@hewi.org.au



Helmet Orchid



Mosquito Orchid

Donations

We give donations to one or two environmental organisations to support their campaigns at the end of each financial year, as per our Strategic Plan. This year we have donated \$100 to the Victoria National Parks Association to stop rogue logging, and \$93 to the Australian Conservation Foundation for its campaign to stop land clearing.

Environment Victoria People Power Workshops

Over 4 online workshop sessions, you'll join others from across the state to:

- Learn new skills to organise your community for environmental and climate action
- Hear about Environment Victoria's approach and discuss strategies for building power across Victoria
- Make new friends and take the next steps towards big wins in fighting the climate and environmental crisis here in Victoria

The People Power Workshops run across July and August, and people are asked to commit to all 4 workshops. They will be practical and challenging, and will involve both large and small group activities. Workshop dates: Wed 19 & 26 July, 2 & 9 August 6.30-8.30 pm.



A HEWI member, newsletter assistant and “professional grandfather” achieved a milestone birthday this year. Here he is next to a tree planted at Moora Moora to celebrate his 80th. Belated congratulations, Bob!

Reduce Your Plastic Consumption

Older clothes were better made, from more lasting material, with less plastic. Do regular Op Shop tours with a carload of friends. In Healesville we have the Lion’s Den (now in Old Lilydale Rd), Salvation Army near the Post Office, and the Living and Learning Centre one at the East End. And isn't it good to know that when you buy better and cheaper, you are supporting a worthwhile, local organisation?

The Healesville Living & Learning Centre will run free Op Shop Tours later in the year, so follow their Facebook page to get the notices.

Sadly, soft toys made from synthetic material won't break down easily after your child has outgrown them, and can leach micro-plastics over many years of washing. Look for natural fibres when buying your child's furry friends.

NAIDOC Week 2-9 July

National celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country. This year's theme is "For Our Elders".

Home Energy & Sustainability

The increases in energy prices this quarter will impact all states at different times. Check out these sites for tips on how to reduce your consumption and hopefully lower your costs.

- <https://www.yourhome.gov.au/>
- <https://energytips.org.au/>
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