

HEALESVILLE * CHUMCREEK * YARRA GLEN * BADGERCREEK * STEELSCREEK * TARRAWARRA * TOOLANGI

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

Up Coming Events

June 1-30

HEWI Healesville Library display

Sat 1 June, 10-1

YRC Fungi Walk Mt Evelyn
1.30 – 3.30

Upper Yarra STP visit with Mt
Toolebewong & District LG

Thurs 13 June, 7.30 pm

HEWI Committee meeting online
via Zoom

Fri 14 June, 9.30 – 12.30

Planting with Healesville PS -
WWCC required

July tbc

Hollow Tree Watch and
spotlight walk Coronation
Park, Healesville

We hope everyone is keeping cosy and warm now the chilly weather has arrived. There's plenty of fungi to be seen and the autumn greenhood orchids are starting to appear.

Badger Creek Community plan launch

Karen and Sandra attended this event on Sun 29 April, and shared a stall with Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare. We gained a new Family member, the Coulsons, from Badger Creek – welcome to Kristie, Ross and the girls! We had some good discussions with locals and Sanctuary visitors about weeds, pest animals and local wildlife.

Yarra Glen Guides Open Day

Karen attended this event on Sunday 5 May to promote the environmental activities we have delivered for them as part of our YRC Community Partnerships grants. Our next activity will be a spotlight walk through Murrup Brarn next term. Six new memberships were received for the guides on the day – a great result.



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Vale Andrew Blair

We have passed on our condolences to Margaret and family on the passing of Andrew recently. He was an active HEWI member for many years, supporting many of our activities and endeavours including assisting with the setting up our original website. As well as being a keen photographer and contributing many photos to our publications, Andrew advised our past Secretary on various camera purchases and getting the best shots! Many of our publicity shots and orchid/fungi photos have been taken using that camera. Here's the latest...



Governance matters

Recent changes by the ATO indicate that not for profit associations will have to file tax returns, unless they can prove charitable status. Two committee members have attended webinars about this, and we need to update our info on the Australian Business Register. We are working through the implications and aim to be exempt from providing annual tax returns.

We have finalised the update of our Finance Policy and Procedures, and hope to finalise our Child Safety Policy and Procedures at our June committee meeting. Members will be sent copies after this.

Uplifting news

It seems that all we hear is bad news about the environment, but [Sam Bentley](#) creates accessible videos about positive solutions helping our planet, focusing on climate initiatives and uplifting environmental news. His content aims to inspire action and spread awareness about the innovative efforts leading us toward a sustainable future. Each story is a celebration of progress, designed to inform and encourage a global audience to join the movement of making a lasting positive impact.

June events

On Sat 1 June we have a joint walk with Mt Toolebewong & District Landcare to view the Upper Yarra treatment plant, wetlands and revegetation area for Helmeted Honeyeaters and lowland Leadbeater’s Possum, 265 Dalry Rd, Launching Place. Participants must do the short online YVW safety induction. Contact Karen for the link admin@hewi.org.au and RSVP by Friday 31 May. There’s a YVW video about the reveg project [here](#).

Our annual planting with YRC, Melbourne Water, Cummins Filtration and Healesville Primary School will be on Friday 14 June, 9.30 – 1 pm, at Coronation Park. Volunteers must have a current WWCC. Melbourne Water usually provides a sausage sizzle and HEWI will provide morning tea and hot drinks for adults. BYO gloves and a cup.



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We're keeping an eye on the following planning applications, and you are encouraged to make your own submissions if you can – two are open now...

10 Wilson St, Healesville. A planning application/building permits will be required for the 3 trams recently moved onto this site, and the new building.

Badgers Brook Winery Amusement Park - Penny and Karen will attend the VCAT Hearing on Fri 31 May in Melbourne.

163 Albert Rd, Badger Creek - New application lodged 22 May for Buildings and works to construct an outbuilding shown on plans as a Pottery Studio. Application was approved 27 May.

265-269 Maroondah Highway, Healesville (old French's Laundry site) - [Submissions](#) open. Mixed use, accommodation, vegetation removal, reduction in parking.

300-308 Maroondah Highway, Healesville - [Submissions](#) open. Function centre, townhouses, reduction in parking, changes to shops.

23 Maddens Lane, Gruyere - The [application](#) was changed on 6 May to Use and development of a winery and small second dwelling, and display of business identification signs. Of concern is the omission now of the vegetation that has been removed and building work on the existing dwelling.

419 Don Rd, Badger Creek (Big 4 Holiday Park) - Council is awaiting further information.

Councillor Meetings

Our monthly meetings with Cr Fiona McAllister are usually on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month. If members have any matters of relevance to HEWI that they wish discussed with her, please let the committee know via admin@hewi.org.au.

Waste watch

- Buy less. Choose well. Make it last.
- Second hand is probably better made, from better materials. It reduces waste and cost.
- Discover the world of fashion rentals: if you have a special occasion coming up and need a fab, one-time only piece to wear, don't buy, rent it.
- Currently, cling wrap cannot be recycled. It will damage recycling equipment if you put it in the yellow bin. Instead, invest in silicone or beeswax food covers that can be used an infinity of times. You'll soon save their initial price.
- After you've washed your reusable cups, straws or cutlery, put them where you'll need them: the car cup-holder, handbag, work bag. That way, you'll have them on hand out-and-about and can say NO to single-use plastics.

Three book suggestions from Bob

* Prominent Australian climate scientist, Jöelle Gergis, has written a wonderful book, *Humanity's Moment: A climate scientist's case for hope*. It gives you all the facts, is a recipe for action and a call to arms.

* It's perhaps no coincidence that her American colleague, Michael Mann, has had a book published with a similar message: *Our Fragile Moment*.

* And our local hero, Professor David Lindenmayer, had a recent book launch in the Memo for *The Forest Wars*.

Wombat Season

The Melbourne Museum tells about forest secrets during [Wombat](#) season.

Now More Than Ever

Come to this free event during National Reconciliation Week at the [Memo](#) on Wednesday 5 June, 10 am to 1 pm.



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