

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

News in Brief

Tree Forum

Greg Moore, Ian Shears, Jessica Hood will make presentations on the true value of trees, the need for more and community heritage advocacy.

> **July 05, 7.00-9.00pm**
Mt Evelyn Public Hall 44 Birmingham Road

Forage for Fungi

Daylight tour on private property in Toolangi with Natalie Froud from "Yarra Ranges Flora, Fauna and Fungi". Meet at Toolangi District Community House, gold coin donation.

RSVP: faunatoolangi3777@gmail.com
Ph: 0403071157 by 10th July

> **Saturday July 14, from 1pm**

Gurrumul Film Fundraiser

A rich and moving portrayal of Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, blind from birth, who became possibly Australia's most sensitive and humble musician. This documentary features Dr Yunupingu as singer and writer in aboriginal languages, blending Australian Indigenous culture with western musical styles. He endorsed this film of his musical life just 3 days before he died in July last year.

This session will be supporting the legal team to save Leadbeater's Possum.

Bookings essential: mansourian.black@gmail.com; Tickets on the day only \$20.00 & \$25.00

> **3.00pm July 15, Cinema Nova, Carlton – check this time.**

Healesville Net Zero Design Workshop

Community consultation led by Danny De Schutter and his Co-Design team to create a 'road-map' for our path towards the net-zero ambition of Healesville CoRE for the Healesville region.

Venue: contact Jeff Barlow, healesvillecore@gmail.com

> **Saturday July 28 9.30am – 1.00pm**

A warm HEWI welcome to new members Sue and Karen R. –and for the return of a healthy Arthur to Waterwatch monitoring last month!

July is always a busy admin month and this year HEWI must present a final report on our previous 3-year Council grant as well as finalise Specific Outcomes for the new four-year grant. We will certainly exceed our 2015-8 expectations due to our facilitator's excellent project management and dedicated support from our committee - and your memberships!

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Last year HEWI was involved in this event for the first time and we received an amazing response from families and singles of all ages who planted a large swathe of plants. These were augmented by a Green Army team who also protected the hundreds of seedlings with stakes and bags. Our facilitator has also been responsible for organising work on this neglected reserve by Council and Melbourne Water staff and this year's new planting will supplement the wide frontage along the Grace Burn.

Please bring your own gloves, change of footwear and a fold up chair to relax over the light refreshments provided. No pets please. Angle parking may be possible within the reserve, along fence on east side, just over the footpath. Leave cars and walk down to registration site, all tools provided.

> **Community planting morning, 10am -12noon Grace Burn reserve (between 45 and 47 Farnham Road)**

YELLINGBO CONSERVATION AREA PLAN

A report on the survey results and engagement process has been released: <http://bit.ly/EngageVicReport>. *It is never too late to make a comment!*

The draft plan will guide development of the final Yellingbo Conservation Area plan, which will provide the overall direction on how the area will be used and managed. The Plan will be released later this month and there will be drop-in sessions in Healesville and elsewhere for our final input.

As mentioned last month, if you have any concerns about this and other local issues, then these Engage Victoria sites enable us to make individual comments. This specific site is full of background and current information. You may also be interested in our alliance website:

<https://yarrarangesconservationalliance.weebly.com>

RIDE YARRA RANGES

There are several bike trails being canvassed and supported by Yarra Ranges Council with no less than 3 different Consultancy companies being involved – one based in NZ. The Yarra Glen to Healesville section of the Lilydale to Healesville trail will probably be along the road as property owners along the Yarra River have vetoed use of their Crown land corridors, most of which have been revegetated for many years – several with HEWI assistance.

The Warramate Hills will not be so fortunate and the new Friends group is appealing for sensitive areas to be by-passed.

The Mountain Bike trail in Warburton (160km!), some aspects of which are strongly opposed by HEWI, is being promoted with false and exaggerated claims about the potential to revegetate the track edges with Mountain Ash and protect Leadbeater's Possum!!

The proposed Donna Buang trail, which Parks Vic have advised us as being 'driven by Council' – would appear to be an alarmingly hazardous downhill speed run. Protest meetings are being organised with Council drop-ins along the Warburton Hwy.

Express your own views at [Yarra Valley Trails Destination](#)

July 01
Protecting Plants, People and Place
YRC grant 2018-22

July 04
Save Sylvia campaign
3rd anniversary

July 05
Tree Forum
&.00-9.00pm
Mt Evelyn Public Hall

July 05-12
NAIDOC Week

July 13
HEWI committee
HL&LC
7.00 - 9.00pm

July 13
Solar for Pensioners
Last day to apply
03 9385 8512

July 15
"Gurrumul" for LBP
Cinema Nova 3pm

July 18
H'ville Community Safer Together
Venue tba

July 28
HCoRE community workshop
9.30am-1.00pm
Venue tba

July 28
National Tree day
Grace Burn Reserve
Farnham Road

July 31
Grants Evaluation meeting
Montrose

August 01
Local Ecological Communities
Dr Graeme Lorimer
Warrandyte 7-9pm
Field Trip 04
Contact: 9840 9129

REPORTS:

Film June 1: *The Desperate Plight of the Orange-bellied Parrot*

A beautifully constructed film, sensitively portraying hours of close ups that would be impossible for most of us to ever witness. We are most grateful to the film maker, David Nielson, and partner Karen Alexander for allowing us to show this film in Healesville as a fund raiser for two endangered species. Congratulations to Evelyn Feller for organising this highly successful evening that will provide at least \$400.00 donations to both a Birdlife endangered species fund and to the Leadbeater's Possum protection campaign. The latter donation was also doubled by the legal team, Environment Justice Australia, through a sponsor's offer for June donations.

REVEGETATION TECHNIQUES WALK AND TALK

(Saturday 23rd June, 9am-11am Spadonis Reserve, Victoria Road, Yering) Unfortunately, we received notification of this most interesting walk too late to include in the June newsletter. It was a guided walk by Council's bushland staff to view the results of a decade of revegetation and discuss planting for purpose, revegetation techniques and plant identification. Three HEWI members attended and each of us has absorbed completely different aspects of the revegetation and supporting information. Which reveals the excellent coverage provided by Kym and Susanne who were also catering to new property owners and an adjacent golf course land manager.

Weed control, indigenous regeneration, succession planting, essential drainage design, and plant ID were all covered in detail. The latter included Buxton Gum which is regenerating along the Yarra River upstream and downstream from this reserve. The new landowners were able to observe the relative growth patterns of different species and the value of establishing a treed upper storey to protect future shrubs and ground covers.

HEWI has been campaigning for such field trips for many years and is delighted that this one was so interesting and informative for all. This is our second walk with Council biodiversity staff this year and there will be more planned for Spring.

ANNUAL REVEGETATION DAY

Yet again, we were fortunate with the weather – cold but sunny, followed by good rainfall over the next two days. We were delighted to welcome a new partner this year, a HICSA playgroup of 3 toddlers, family members and staff Nikki Madgwick. Once again, Nikki spoke to the HPS students about aboriginal caring for country as a lifestyle and thanked the Year 3 students for their on-going practical contribution to Platypus protection. For some in the audience, this was both painful and ironic, when most of our parent trees, these majestic habitats for so many other species, are being logged for paper products and Council will not support their protection within a Great Forest National Park.

YARRA RIVER STRATEGIC PLAN

If you missed the community workshop last month, you can still have your say online until July 31. Feedback can also be emailed to yarrastrategicplan@melbournewater.com.au or call: 131 722. Outcomes from this community engagement will be posted on Melbourne Water's website in August.

In celebration of NAIDOC Week, the Memo is featuring "Gurrumul" between Friday 06 July - Thursday 26 July. Congratulations to Connor, a young family member of HEWI, and his three friends from Dixon Creek's Primary School who made an inspiring contribution to the June 1 Reconciliation event on the Memo stage, reading their own words within the beautifully illustrated book "The Parent Trees are Talking."

