

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

### News in Brief

#### "From Racism towards Cultural Pride and Safety"

Sponsored by HICSA, Inspiro and Yarra Ranges Council for National Reconciliation Week. This event celebrates cultural pride and explores a cultural safety road map to tackle racism together. Guest speakers Professor Kerry Arabena. Bookings: Garry Detez [g.detez@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:g.detez@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

> **Wednesday June 9 10am to 1pm The Memo Healesville.**

#### HEWI WATERWATCH

Monthly physical and chemical measurements of water samples from the Grace Burn at Wallace Parade and within Queens Park by our trained volunteers. We also test Wurrup Yaluk that also flows through Queens Park. Visitors always welcome.

> **9.30am - 11am Saturday June 18 Rotunda near the Pool**

#### Middle Yarra Timelines Revisited

A collaborative project that began in 1995 and attempted to re-define the seasonal changes. Glenn Jameson has recently reviewed his diaries to see what they reveal about environmental landscape changes within the Middle Yarra Region and will present his findings in this seminar. Bookings are not required. Supper will be provided.

> **Wednesday 22 June, 7.30 pm, Grand Hotel Yarra Street Warrandyte**

#### Currawong Bush Park and Mullum Mullum Creek Walk

Upstream on the wild side of the Mullum Mullum Creek through Currawong, returning downstream along the opposite side of the creek. Distance: 6.5 km Time: 3.5 hours Rating: Difficult (some steep narrow sections of foot track)

Please note: **you must attend Middle Yarra Timelines Revisited Seminar on Wednesday 22 June** to be eligible to book and attend this walk.

The meeting point for this nature walk will be emailed to you once your booking is complete. Bookings are essential, [eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au)

> **Thursday 23 June 2016, 9.30 am Nature Walk**

*This month's revegetation activity is dedicated to the memory of our former friend and HEWI Treasurer for 10 years, Patricia Hill. Our committee made this decision last year when Patricia finally succumbed to invasive cancer. It was felt that our unassuming, environmentally committed colleague would wish our memories to be enmeshed within such a practical activity. Which also happens to involve students from the Primary School where Patricia had taught for so many years previously.*

#### ANNUAL REVEGETATION of the GRACE BURN

All our participants in this major activity each year have expressed their eagerness to join us again for another planting of the 2,000 seedlings provided by Yarra Ranges Council through their Corridors of Green agreement with Melbourne Water.

We look forward to the company of staff from Cummins Filtration, Kilsyth, who so effectively act as buddies to our young Year 3 students from Healesville Primary School. The distribution of plants, stakes and bags involves many others, so we always appreciate extra assistance from HEWI members. Please join us if at all possible for this upbeat activity which will provide infill along previously planted creek banks. HEWI is most grateful for all the preparation provided by our YRC regional Parks and Bushland team - removing weeds and digging holes in advance of our concentrated planting session.

Once again, our bbq lunch will be provided by our host from Melbourne Water, Steve McGill.

> **Friday June 17, 9.30am - 1.00pm**

#### ACTIVITIES REPORTS:

**Walk, Watch & Wonder:** Steve led an extremely interesting and informative walk around the exterior of the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre and part of the Sculpture Trail for the first section of this community event. Restoration of the TFDC under community management is being planned and the Centre will hopefully be re-opened in advance of the forthcoming 20th Anniversary Sculpture Festival.

Our walk leader, Evelyn Feller, then led us to a track on a nearby private property which virtually followed the path of Chum Creek through to Paul's Range and finally down to the Old Chum Creek Road crossing. Along the way we were overawed by the magnificent size of the Mountain Grey Gums, *Eucalyptus cypellocarpa*, Mountain Ash, *Eucalyptus regnans* and Messmates, *Eucalyptus obliqua*.

The understorey was dense on either side of the narrow track....and the fungi were brilliant, both numerous and varied!

Many thanks to Evelyn for "finding" this track and to the owner for allowing us to start from the Toolangi end and walk down.



*Boletus barragensis*  
photo: Karen Garth



Photos: Steve Meacher



#### LEGACY PLANTINGS

We are also indebted to Melissa Carmody and her Yarra Ranges bushland team for the planting of six *Eucalyptus ovata* (Swamp Gum) along the Grace Burn further upstream in the Silverleaf Bushland Reserve. These advanced

**June 5**  
World Environment Day

**June 8**  
World Oceans Day

**June 9**  
Cultural Pride and Safety  
The Memo  
10.00am – 1.00pm

**June 9**  
**HEWI meeting**  
**HL&LC**  
**7.00 - 9.00pm**

**June 17**  
**HEWI planting day**  
**Grace Burn, Queens Park**  
**9.30am – 1.00pm**

**June 18**  
**HEWI Waterwatch**  
**Physical/Chemical testing**  
**10.00am – 12noon**

**June 20**  
Mountain Ash Concerto  
Scots Church, Melbourne  
6.30-7.45pm

**June 22**  
Middle Yarra seminar  
Warrandyte  
7.30pm

**June 23**  
Middle Yarra Walk  
Currawong Bush Park  
9.30am

trees were obtained from Timbertop Nursery at Gembrook with funds from the Rosemary Curran legacy. They will provide welcome replacements for trees lost in the recent storms and good protection for the understory plants along the creek in keeping with Rosemary's wish to protect our unique Platypus.

### NEW MINISTER FOR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Another change in our State Government with "Water" retained by Minister Neville along with her Police portfolio (PaW??) and Minister D'Ambrosio taking up the challenge of Lisa Neville's other environmental commitments – alongside her Urban Development portfolio. The acronyms may have become a little easier but it is mind boggling to think of all the paper wastage from new letterheads, signage ad infinitum. Presumably the missing "Land" from any portfolio title is regarded as an integral component of all!

### "MY COMMUNITY" – Yarra Ranges Community Values Statement

Along with local businesses, service providers and other community groups, we have been invited to contribute to this project: "The community values statement will describe the values of our community, the things people love about Yarra Ranges, want to see more of/less of or not change. The statement will be used to guide the planning processes of Council and other organisations in the municipality. It will be an important 'checker' in decision making and a useful supporting document in the advocacy efforts of Council and community".

To support this project, all you need to do is click on this link and finish the sentence: <http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Lists/Current-consultation/Love-where-you-live-Let-your-voice-be-heard>.

*As always, HEWI encourages all members and friends to respond to this opportunity to express our support for all environmental services provided by YRC.*

**They will not continue without our strong advocacy.** This community engagement process closes on June 24.

### GREAT FOREST NATIONAL PARK EVENT – MOUNTAIN ASH CONCERTO

A World Premiere of a piano concerto by Hugh Crosthwaite. This inspired work with its magnificent evocation of the tall forests of the Central Highlands was commissioned by Brian Walters QC. The pianist is Stefan Cassomenos playing with a symphony orchestra which will also feature two other world premieres.

Prebook for \$20 per ticket at <http://www.hughcrosthwaite.com/mountainashtickets> or on the night, \$30 per ticket at the door.

> **Monday 20 June 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm Scots Church, Melbourne**

### FORESTS UPDATE

WOTCH students (Deakin University) held a survey training weekend in Toolangi recently, along the Yea Link Road (which has been prepared for imminent logging by widening and installation of a coarse rock base). The group saw five Greater Gliders, two Yellow-bellied Gliders and two Leadbeater's Possums. Brilliant! Following a report of an earlier sighting to DELWP, the Imperium coupe was temporarily put on hold but this critical area of wildlife habitat remains under threat.

The federal environment department has received more than 3000 public submissions in support of a strong Recovery Plan for Leadbeater's Possum, demonstrating widespread community interest in our iconic state emblem. It is anticipated a strong revised National Recovery Plan will lead to review of the Victorian Action Statement which is based on the compromised recommendations of the previous government's LPAG.

The Premier's Forest Industry Taskforce is continuing to meet and is due to report by the end of June. It came as a surprise that Minister Neville has now been promoted and a new Environment Minister, Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio appointed instead. It is hoped this change will not negatively affect the progress or outcomes of the taskforce.

*Many thanks to Coral for this layout of our content which she receives in a totally disorganised manner. Thanks to everyone for your supporting advocacy too – there is no shortage of issues!*



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