

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

News in Brief

VICFLORA

The Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria have compiled a comprehensive and current guide of Victorian flora for free access via the Vicflora website. It includes plant profiles and identification tools, and is richly illustrated – (tick the relevant box)

NAOMI KLEIN - IN CONVERSATION.

Naomi is in Australia to receive the 2016 Sydney Peace Prize, and will appear in conversation at the Athenaeum Theatre to discuss the specifics of her ideas: how does Klein see climate action intersecting with other social justice causes, such as the Indigenous land rights movement? And how can the threat of climate change build unity and create momentum for change? Bookings: wheelercentre.com
Saturday, 7.30 – 8.30pm
November 12 Athenaeum Theatre Melbourne

THE 100% RENEWABLES ROADSHOW

An orderly transition to 100% renewable electricity will mean a better, fairer and cheaper energy system for all Australians. The Homegrown Power Plan is a policy roadmap, that demonstrates how we can repower the country with 100% renewable power by 2030. www.solarcitizens.org.au Solar citizens will announce their stellar lineup of great speakers soon.

> **November 14 6:30pm - 8:30pm Hawthorn Arts Centre 360 Burwood Rd**

SOLAR COOK UP

Demonstrating various solar cookers – let's hope it's a sunny day!

> **10am – 12noon, Saturday December 3, in front of IGA Emerald**

RIDE 4 SOLAR –

This 45km ride, from Belgrave to Federation Square, is mainly on bike trails, with morning tea and lunch supplied by our support vehicle. Return is by train. Please wear yellow – the colour of the sun. RSVP your participation to pcook@wildcoast.net.au

> **9.30am December 11, Belgrave Railway Station**

Commiserations to everyone adversely affected by the high winds and power outages recently. Even as we clean up the debris, the inevitable backlash over "dangerous trees" erupts, so the presentation below will provide a timely reminder of our dependence on natural ecosystems. HEWI is also celebrating our rich local biodiversity with a library display this month, featuring Fungi, Orchids and the Toolangi Sculpture Trail.

A MORNING WITH DAVID LINDEMAYER



To celebrate the achievements of Landcare in the Yarra Ranges region, this exciting event will involve hearing from Professor David Lindenmayer, from Australian National University. Professor Lindenmayer will give an insightful presentation on long-term research into revegetation and regeneration of woodlands, as well as tree hollows and nest boxes.

A showcase of the people and projects of Landcare over the past 30 years will also be on display (including Chum Creek Landcare). Lunch provided. This event is being held in partnership with Nillumbik Landcare Network, Northern Yarra Landcare Network, Middle Yarra Landcare Network, Yarra Ranges Landcare Network and Southern Ranges Environmental Alliance.

To register, visit [online event register](http://online.event.register). Registrations close Monday 21st November 2016

> **Saturday 26th November 10am - 1pm Coldstream Community Centre 12 Kelso Street, Coldstream**

FOREST UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to all those who have succeeded in saving and restoring the Forest Discovery Centre. We look forward to many highlights and events there including some sponsored by HEWI

The Toolangi Sculpture Trail 2016 will be a wonderful two-week celebration of art, environmentalism, and the country of the Taungurung people of the Kulin Nation. From 6-20 November, artists will create site-specific sculpture using natural materials from the surrounding Toolangi State Forest – a forest so close to our hearts. There will be workshops, talks, forest tours and films for all to explore. To find out more, please visit www.toolangisculpture.com

Rally for the Great Forest National Park

"On Tuesday, 22 November MPs from across Victoria will be meeting in Parliament House. So at 6pm we are gathering to demonstrate the growing support for the Great Forest National Park and collectively call for its creation.

November 03
HEWI meeting
HL&LC 7.00pm

November 04
 RHIP meeting
 3.00-5.00pm
 Wirrup Yaluk

November 06
 Toolangi Sculpture Trail
 Opening
 Forest Discovery Centre
 Toolangi

November 12
 Naomi Kline
 Athenaeum
 7.30-8.30pm

November 14
 100% Renewables Roadshow
 Hawthorn Arts Centre
 6.30- 8.30pm

December 03
 Solar cook up
 Emerald
 10.00am – 12noon

December 08
HEWI meeting
HL&LC
7.00pm

December 11
 Ride4Solar
 Belgrave to City
 9.30am start

Grateful thanks to Jeanette for salvaging a large quantity of A4 paper for those ubiquitous hard copy files.

Help us create a very positive and visual celebration of our forests by coming along and bringing a friend. The more of us there are, the louder our voice is. We will hear from some people deeply involved in the campaign and then we will get a group photo which can be shared around social media. It's time to create the Great Forest National Park!" Read more and register your spot [here](#).

> **Tuesday November 22, 6.00pm, Parliament House**

Bunnings Petition – from Environment East Gippsland

"Bunnings sells wood from the ash forests of the Central Highlands – which are listed as Critically Endangered on the [IUCN list](#) of endangered ecosystems. It's also the habitat of the [Critically Endangered Leadbeaters Possum](#). Yet it claims it only sells ethical, legal and sustainable timber. You can sign the petition, which has already upset Bunnings, [here](#)." (there is more information on the petition)

HEWI REPORTS:

27th AGM

Following a detailed annual report by our committee and our Grace Burn Project facilitator (on HEWI website), we were delightfully entertained with a presentation by Evelyn Feller on their experiences living in British Columbia. Evelyn showed stunning photos of the mountains, rivers and oceans, in which they walked, skied, climbed and kayaked, but she also reflected on the changes taking place due to development and increased tourism. Evelyn and Michael have been heavily involved with many environmental issues and have been responsible for some protective measures being implemented. They remain involved with several of those issues, even though they are also supporting local ones now as well.

Platypus and River Health

HEWI has been invited to participate in two film clips to promote Platypus awareness and protection of our waterways. It has been a lot of fun with a collection of props – all for a few seconds of fame maybe. Collation of the background information certainly demonstrates HEWI's sustained rehabilitation of our three major waterways assisted by many partnerships over an extensive period – our files reveal continuous activities and advocacy since 1989.

Registration of Wirrup Yaluk

This incredibly lengthy process appears to be entering the final stages with Council letters to residents surrounding Queens Park delivered this week, and a Public Notice in our local media. Although HEWI instigated this name change, submissions are being encouraged, so your support would be helpful. I will attach a copy of the Notice.

We were delighted to welcome two of our Grace Burn project participants to our Invertebrate identification session recently. They were very interested in Lou's demonstration of the collection method and the variety of waterbugs in the samples. HEWI is planning a community event in 2017 that will also highlight the importance of our Platypus population in the heart of Healesville



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