



# Bungalook News

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Come and join us on our next Friday Walk

**Friday 24 June 2016**

**9.30 am**

Heatherdale Retarding Basin

where the Green Army cleared mountains of weeds prior to revegetation with stock from both Bungalook and Greenlink, and then to nearby remnant bushland

**Meet at the carpark east of Purches St. Heatherdale (Mitcham)**

**Melways 49 C11/12**

All welcome

## It's Planting Time

With the cold winds and a couple of substantial falls of rain, plant orders have been going out the gate at a rapid rate.

Some of our volunteers have been flying off to warmer climes. We know they will come back refreshed. More chatter to add to the usual activities.

Having worked very hard to provide a variety of plants, the support from groups involved with various restoration projects is so satisfying. It is hoped we can propagate more species in the coming year, thus increasing a greater diversity within our parks. Tubing up, dividing some species, cleaning and preparing orders keeps the nursery buzzing. This is also the time for sowing the Asteracea species – the daisy bushes. For the first time we seem to be succeeding with *Olearea lirata* which is shooting nicely. This should be an easy species to propagate. Maybe we've just been a little late collecting seed in the past.

Our two very big orders, one from Melbourne Water combined with Greenlink Box Hill, and one from Council for National Tree Day in late July are ready to go.

In addition, home gardeners seem to want to look for plants that will be much more adaptable to our hot summers. I wonder why they wander into the nursery just at morning tea time! Nevertheless, we are more than happy to help where we can.



This last quarter we've had some major improvements. With our stable financial status, we lashed out and purchased some new benches for the ferns and wetland plants in the shade house, making a very attractive sales area.

### New Trolleys

Thanks to Marion's husband John, we have two amazing trolleys. With large rubber wheels we can transport one or two boxes around the nursery. Much less lifting and carrying.

In addition, the height of one of the usual trolleys has been raised by Peter C., with an ingenious adaptation. This has resulted in less bending – very necessary in our older age!



### Kindergarten visit

The chatter of kindie. children was a new experience when two groups walked across Wurundjeri Walk and into the nursery. Feeling and squeezing a pile of Bursaria seed seemed to fascinate many. Off they went after about three quarters of an hour, along with a basket of plants ready for Mothers' Day gifts



On a warm Friday morning Alan and a group from Creeklands Advisory Committee led us on a walk through one area to have a look at a small but important billabong. Having taken some years to achieve, at considerable Council expense, water is now trickling through the billabong and into the main creek.

Our next walk will be in the Heatherdale area where the Green Army removed mountains of weeds before planting could commence. Again with Greenlink we provided some hundreds of plants for this project. We look forward to spending a morning along the creek and at a remnant area with a Council representative.

### **And last but not least:**

**Production for the past three months - 3597 plus 534 for Knox Environment Society (seed supplied)**

**Volunteer hours. 774.75**

A great effort.

Keep warm, happy planting

Margaret Witherspoon

25 May 2016

### **STOP PRESS OUR "AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA"**

Friday 3 July began cold and wet but by morning tea time the sun was shining and warming everyone up. Our cooks had done themselves proud and supplied some delicious food, so over "a cuppa and a cake" we relaxed and had a chat. We welcomed with pleasure friends from Blackburn Lake, ALP candidate, Tony Clarke and assistant Jonathon, and Councillor Raelene Carr. This annual social event has raised \$430 for Cancer Research. Thank you and well done everyone.

Marion

## Out and About

### Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

## A significant milestone New Visitor Centre Entrance Official Opening

On Saturday 30th April, the newly designed Visitor Centre entrance was unveiled by the Mayor of Whitehorse Cr. Phillip Daw. The new design has transformed the once old building into a magnificent structure taking inspiration from the beak of the Wedge-tailed Eagle.



**Visitor Centre open Sundays 2pm to 4pm**  
(from the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Advisory Committee website)

### Wurundjeri Walk

We have two exciting projects for Wurundjeri Walk in 2016.

Melbourne Water has already completed work on the restructuring of the creek on its entry to the park by Bungalook Nursery. The work is aimed at reducing erosion of the creek banks in this area and will also hopefully improve flow of the water down the creek and reduce the problem of erosion downstream. The area adjacent to the creek banks will be replanted with indigenous plants later in the year.

The second project due to start at the end of February by Whitehorse City Council is the play space upgrade adjacent to the car park at the end of Orchard Grove. The design has been inspired by the Australian impressionist artists' camp that was located at nearby Houston's farm which straddled Gardiners Creek in Box Hill South in the late 1800's. Tom Roberts' painting 'The Artists Camp' depicts this campsite in 1886 and is part of the National Gallery of Victoria's collection. When complete we will have a marvellous, interactive play space for children. The work will be complemented by indigenous plant landscapes in and around the play space. We hope to involve students from local schools in the planting program.

(from Wurundjeri Walk Advisory Committee website)

**Note: An exciting new playground is also planned for Cootamundra Walk, Blackburn**

## Wandinong Sanctuary



Wandinong Sanctuary is located in the Melbourne suburb of Blackburn. The entries are on the Northern side of Canterbury Road, near the bus stop at Holland Road, and also at the Eastern side of Ronley Street, between Canterbury Road and Eustace Street.

The Sanctuary was donated to the City of Whitehorse in 1973 by Albert Arthur and Janet Emily Hooke. It was the site of their home for many years. A plaque explaining this will be found in the Sanctuary at the junction of the paths.

In the forecourt on Ronley Street, there are many trees and bushes which were planted to commemorate their grandchildren. Each child has its own special tree and it is designated by a marker with the child's first name and date of birth.

This sanctuary is designed as a place for walking or strolling. There are a few benches to stop and rest. It is not a children's playground. There are no restroom facilities here.

This Sanctuary is a "work in progress". We are continually planting and weeding and working to make this Sanctuary a small haven in our otherwise busy neighbourhood. We ask that you stay on the designated footpaths as many of our plants are planted while they are still small and fragile. Walking on them crushes them.

**(from the Wandinong Sanctuary Advisory Committee website)**

### Climate Change Forum

*Following last year's packed meeting at the Hawthorn Town Hall, local group Lighter Footprints, in conjunction with Eastern Climate Action Melbourne, is running a federal election candidate's forum on Thursday 16 June 2016 at Box Hill Town Hall @6.30 for 7.00pm start.*

*The recent devastating bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef following record world temperatures, the global agreement in Paris and the elevation of Malcolm Turnbull to the prime minister's job are expected to spark strong local interest again in the forum.*

*High profile speakers include Kooyong MP, Josh Frydenberg, Minister for Energy and Resources, Labor Shadow Minister for Climate Change Mark Butler, and Greens Party Senator for Victoria Janet Rice.*

*The opportunity to meet, hear and question major party candidates from the Chisholm, Deakin and Kooyong electorates will also be provided later in the evening.*

*RSVP is encouraged via: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/coral-coal-and-climate-change-federal-election-candidates-forum-tickets-24985379944>*

*John Gare for the Organising Committee*

