



Bungalook News

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Come and join us on our next Friday Walk

Friday 31 March 2017 (5th Friday)

9.30 am

Charles Rooks Reserve, then Buckanbe Park

before a pleasant walk along Glenburnie Rd.

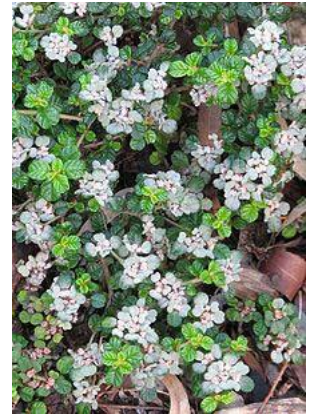
Meet Carween Ave., near cnr. Rooks Rd. Mitcham Melways 48 H12

All welcome

Another year has commenced with a bang.

Summer has proved a challenge with some very hot days. However, thanks to our large tank a supply for hand watering has always been available, supplementing the automatic system when required.

Volunteers don't seem to go on holiday! By continuing work during January, the benches are almost groaning with healthy plants ready for the forthcoming planting season when the rains come. Propagation of a few new varieties to our stock has been most successful especially *Spyridium parvifolium* (Dusty Miller) of which we've been depleted for many years. This has been mainly due to the installation of a heat bed. However, we have learnt that once the hot weather comes, success rates go down. It's not called a heat bed for nothing – great in cold weather only, not in hot. Yet another learning process.



Spyridium parvifolium (Dusty Miller)

Our current major project is still a work in progress – hopefully to be completed soon. The last remaining section of the nursery not serviced by overhead sprinklers will be upgraded, all coming within the one system. Overhead shading can then be planned ready for next summer.

On Friday 30 December 2016, we finally managed to visit the retarding basin of the Heatherdale Creeklands. Plants for this major restoration project were supplied by both Bungalook and Greenlink Box Hill; our contribution being 2,105. A huge deluge the evening before resulted in many plants being flattened but still holding ground and would no doubt stand up again. This was the first time we had visited this particular area and with Val and Heather from the advisory committee and Grant McAdam, Whitehorse Council ParksWide officer we could better appreciate the work that has been done there.

During a wander along the creek and into the bushland possible seed and plant collection sites were monitored. Ripe seeds from a few varieties were also added to our expanding seed bank.

Thanks to our permit holders and accompanying volunteers, summer seed collecting has been most successful. These are being recorded, catalogued and cleaned ready for sowing which will commence in autumn and continue into spring and early summer.

At the AGM in November I requested that the executive meet to plan future arrangements for the duties of both the nursery coordinator and WCIPP secretary. I love what I'm doing but the work load must be shared. I still look forward to serious consideration being given to the future of the administration of this marvellous community asset.

**Production for the past three months: 9,928 including 1,152 for Knox Environment Society.
Hours 1139 .Congratulations.**

Margaret Witherspoon
Secretary/ Nursery Coordinator
WCIPP Inc. (Bungalook Nursery)
22 February 2017

Out and About

Activities at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Working bees

Clean up Australia Day

Sunday March 5, 2017

Registration from 9:30am. Finish 12 noon.

Meet at the Visitor Centre, wear appropriate clothing, bring gloves if you have them. Tools and gloves provided. Please join us for morning tea after. Activity levels to suit all abilities. Children are welcome and must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Don't forget your hat and water bottle.

Note: This is our only Sunday working bee for the year.

Weeding

Saturday March 18, 2017

9:30am to 11:30am

Meet at the Visitor Centre, wear appropriate clothing, bring gloves if you have them. Tools and gloves provided. Please join us for morning tea after. Activity levels to suit all abilities. Children are welcome and must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Don't forget your hat and water bottle.

General

Possum Prowl

Friday April 7, 2017

Meet at the Visitor Centre at 6:30pm for a 7pm start, returning by 9pm.

What other night creatures do you think we might discover? Bring a torch with red cellophane, binoculars if you have them. Wear suitable clothes for the weather and enclosed shoes.

Not suitable for the very young or strollers.

For more information, ring 9877 **9235** & leave a return number. Or email **blsac@bigpond.com**

Bird Survey - Breakfast with the Birds

Saturday April 29, 2017

Meet at the Visitor Centre: 7:30am for an 8am start.

Who's visiting the Sanctuary this autumn? Stay on for raisin toast and a cuppa! With Ian, Greg & Birdlife experts and Friends.

You don't have to be an expert; beginner bird watchers are most welcome! Bring binoculars if you have them, and kids, please bring an adult!

No bookings required.

Cootamundra Walk
Music in the Park

Near Bell St. between Pope Rd. and Francis St. Melways 48 A8
Friday 17th March 2017 from 5.30 p.m. onwards

Music from 6.00 p.m. until dusk provided by amazing musicians
from our Blackburn community
Free sausage sizzle or BYO barbecue food,
Easter Egg Hunt
BYO picnic, drinks, rugs and/or chairs

Sponsored by Cootamundra Walk Advisory Committee
Whitehorse City Council
Do come along

Enquiries Tel 9878 5998 or 9878 1171

Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve – Advisory Committee News

NEW!

Brochures to download or further information may be viewed on the Yarran Dheran Advisory Committee website.

Updated Walks in Yarran Dheran and our introduction to Butterflies brochure

As a second step, you may wish to follow the Yarran Dheran's Butterfly Food Trail brochure by following the newly painted posts showing stations 1 – 12. The brochures are available from the Information Centre.

Yarran Dheran has a Facebook page
at <http://www.facebook.com/yarrandheran>

Note that the Information Centre is open on the last Sunday each month from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.



Swallow tail Butterfly

Below the Lake friends

A letter from Lynette Hogan.

“Things are growing so well in our area – just fabulous to see. So, huge thanks to all the team at Bungalook.

Below the Lake friends meet every second Saturday of the month 3 – 5 pm in summer and 2 – 4 pm in winter. Most important: tea/coffee and cake/snacks at the end plus a good chat. Everyone most welcome to join – a lively relaxed bunch who are enjoying the progress we are making in this small reserve.”



Plant Sale

Bungalook Community Nursery

Saturday 27 May

9.00 am till 1pm

Tube stock \$2.00 and \$5
selected specials

Local native plants

Trees, shrubs, climbers, ground covers, wetland plants

63-107 Fulton Rd.

Blackburn South (Wurundjeri Walk)

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