

# CRISP

## Nursery News

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B.J. Hubbard Reserve

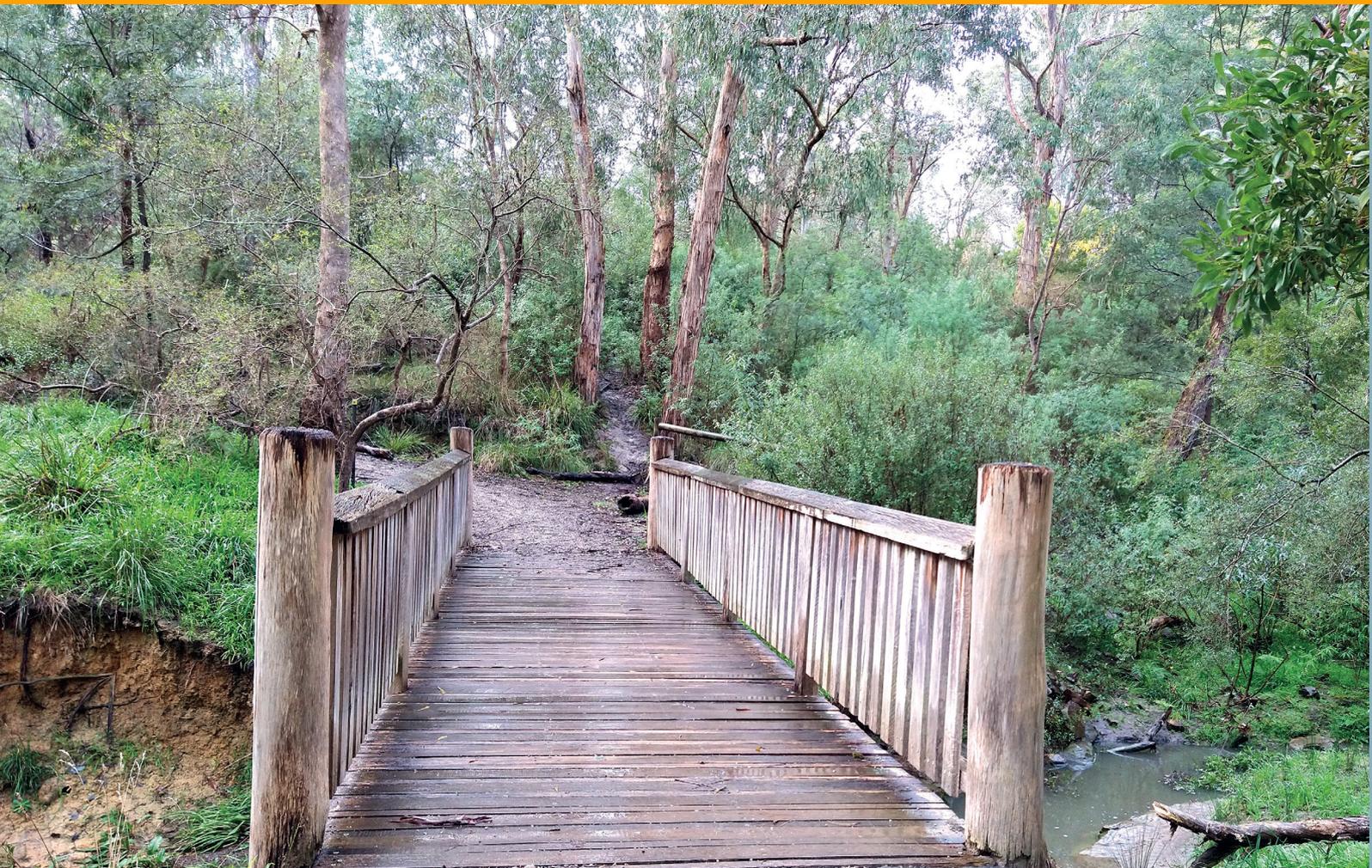
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Wurundjeri Seasons

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and more...





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## Volunteers

Most of the work at CRISP is carried out by volunteers. These are people from within the community who give their time to help provide a large range of indigenous plants for the Maroondah region. If you care about your local environment and would like to help out at the nursery, join the friendly team. No experience needed. Learn the difference between our local native plants, learn to propagate and pot up the many seedlings.

### Cover photo credits

Front: *Pultenaea gunnii* Golden Bush-pea from the reserve by Anatta Cartier.  
B.J. Hubbard Reserve by Stephanie Dean.

## A Note from the Editor

Hoping that, despite the cold winter months, you are planning what you will do in your garden in spring or keeping yourself busy being creative. This time of year is aptly known as the 'Cold West Wind & Artefact-Making Season' (see details on page 5) by Indigenous Australians in the Melbourne region. Perhaps for you it is a good time to stay indoors or venture out to the workshop/shed and do some woodworking. This moves into a season that recognises the wattles and the orchids that abound. Many of these are already out, exactly when they bloom can depend on the weather. No one season is exactly the same each year.

Understanding the indigenous seasons, knowing which country you live on (see the acknowledgement below) and using this when you send a letter or parcel, will not only help educate everyone about the land and people who were here long before we came, but will give recognition to First Nation communities both near and far. We have a lot to learn and catch up on.

The awful storm that hit the Dandenongs recently also bordered on parts of Maroondah. If you lived near any trees, you would have heard that roar that never stopped and heard the crash of falling trees. It is sad that beautiful and old trees in areas like Kalorama that had taken many, many years to grow majestically, fell like sticks in such a relentless wind. Lucky everyone remained safe, but of course homes were damaged beyond repair. The were a few trees down in and around Wombolano Park but luckily it appears damage was much less outside of the Dandenong Ranges.

Thank you to Anatta Cartier, Ken McInnes, Sandra Schwarz, Lynne Soucek, Howard Elston and Kay Sinclair for their contributions to this issue. Also to Michelle Woodman for her careful proofreading and Stephanie Dean for keeping it all rolling along.

Enjoy the winter months and the beautiful flowering wattles. May this lockdown lift and we all get back to a kind of normal.  
Stay safe - stay well - and keep planting!

Linda Hibbs



### Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation who are the traditional custodians of the land upon which CRISP stands.

We would also like to pay respect to the Wurundjeri Elders, past and present, and extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples today.

# Report from the Nursery

Stephanie Dean & Annette O'Sullivan

This is the time of year when we get to see lots of plants that have been propagated at the nursery going out to new homes. There are many thousands of plants going back into the Maroondah Council reserves. They are being planted by both the Council staff and the many Friends Groups that help look after our reserves. We have been supplying plants to Maroondah Council for many years and it is very rewarding to see previous plantings coming to maturity.

For more than 20 years, the Mullum Mullum Creek Bushcare Group has been nurturing the stretch of creek between Oliver Street and Oban Road. The work they have done has revitalised the area and inspired many other individuals to help out and take on a patch near them. This combined with council plantings and the removal of weeds has resulted in a creek walk that is very inspiring and greatly utilised and appreciated by the community. This is just one example of where the community has taken the lead in transforming an area. There are many other examples scattered throughout Maroondah. If you would like to get involved in helping to look after a reserve near you, either by joining in with an existing group or working as an individual or a small informal group, contact Derek Ashton, Maroondah City Council Bushland Support Officer. (Tel: 1300 882233)

The people that are involved in these revegetation projects get a lot of personal benefits, (see item by Ken McInnes page 10), as well as the added benefit of improving the local natural environment.

Again, this year has been very disruptive for our nursery volunteers. We greatly appreciate that the team have been able to adapt to the many changes that COVID restrictions and regulations have brought to our operations. Our volunteers are pivotal in having a supply of quality plants available both for the orders and in the Sales Area, so having to operate without them for an extended period last year and the lockdown periods of this year has resulted in extra challenges in keeping up with the supply and demand. There has been an

increased demand for indigenous plants and to date we have been able to keep up with this but we ask members to be understanding if there is a particular species that you are after that is not currently available.

It is not only the volunteer workforce that affects the plants at the Nursery. We are also working with the seasons and the availability of source material. There are so many variables that the species list on our website is really to be taken as a wish list rather than an actual list of what you will find in the Sales Area at any given time.

COVID restrictions have also limited the promotional activities that we have been able to attend with many events being cancelled or postponed. Despite the lack of promotional opportunities, we have had many new members and our plant sales are high. The Maroondah Festival, which is being planned for November 7th at Town Park, Croydon, is always a good opportunity to spread the word more widely about the value of using indigenous plants in home gardens and getting involved in community revegetation projects.

Hopefully we will have less disruptions to volunteer activities and planned events going forward.

Stephanie and Annette

## Create a name for the CRISP magazine Update

In the Autumn edition of the magazine we invited members to suggest a name for CRISP's magazine. The Committee thanks all the members who have sent through suggestions. We received 72 name ideas. At this stage, the Committee has not yet made a decision on a new name. As soon as a decision is made, members will be informed. Thank you for your patience and support.

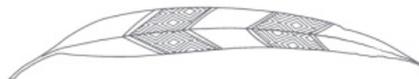
Regards  
Alan Bowes

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# The Eight Wurundjeri Seasons

by Sandra Schwarz



You may have seen in the news recently, as of July 1st, the boundary of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong Country was amended by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, after four years of negotiations. Whilst the previous border showed Ringwood to be on the border of the two areas, this change has firmly placed us within the Wurundjeri people's land. In respecting this and trying to understand the concept a little deeper (and in connection to the updated CRISP Calendar noting First Nations seasons) it felt apt to recognise that we meet at CRISP on the lands of the Wurundjeri people and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. We would like to pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.\*

Using the main source 'The Eight Wurundjeri Seasons in Melbourne' by Jim Poulter, as well as information depicted at the Forest Gallery of Melbourne Museum to introduce this topic, I encourage members to read further about these seasons in the copies of Jim Poulter's research that will be available at CRISP from August.

We are currently (July) in the end phase of 'Berrentak Darr-Karr' – Cold West Wind & Artefact-Making Season, or 'Waring' – Wombat Season for the Kulin nation of the Upper Yarra Valley.

At the beginning of August we will enter 'Tangbilk Ningak' – Morning Frost & Bark Harvest Season, or 'Guling' – Orchid Season for the Kulin nation. Marked by more frequent morning frosts, this time of year was traditionally used to carefully harvest bark (for bowls and canoes), as it gave trees the best chance to heal before summer heat. The season is marked for both Wurundjeri and Kulin people by the blooming of wattle (such as silver wattle) and orchids. During 'Guling' the 'Ae-noke' or Brown Butterfly caterpillars feed on grasses at night, emerging in their new state as the final frosts of the season occur.

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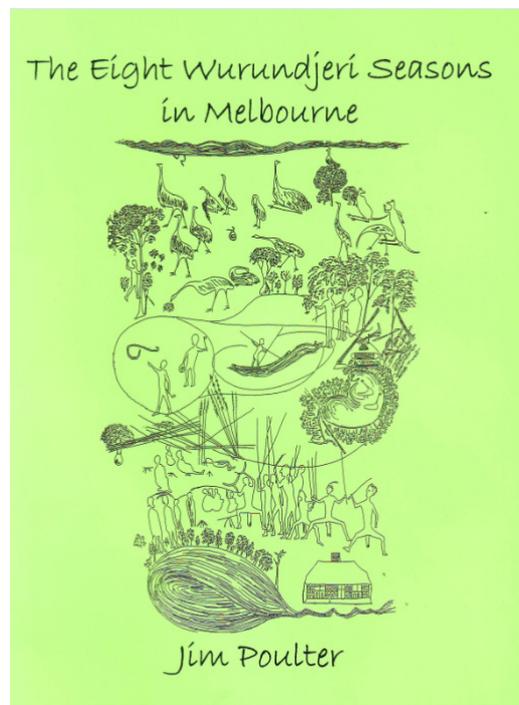
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Map showing Wurundjeri boundary as of July 1st, 2021 - <https://www.wurundjeri.com.au/services/cultural-heritage/rap/>

6 Seasons of the Kulin Nation:

<https://inspiringvictoria.org.au/2020/08/13/seasons-in-the-sky/>



\* Eds Note: See Acknowledgement on page 2)



**Wominjeka gearmann koondée biik Wurundjeri balluk**

**Welcome to the land of the Wurundjeri people**

[www.wurundjeri.com.au](http://www.wurundjeri.com.au)

# City Nature Challenge 2021 Outcomes

by Ken McInnes

From 30 April – 3 May 2021, Maroondah collaborated with seven other councils in Eastern Melbourne (Boroondara, Greater Dandenong, Knox, Manningham, Monash, Stonnington and Whitehorse), along with the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria and the Entomological Society of Victoria, to participate as the Eastern Melbourne City Nature Challenge for the first time. See <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/projects/city-nature-challenge-2021-melbourne-eastern-metropolitan-area>

Over the four days, Maroondah volunteers recorded over 2,654 observations including 570 different naturally growing or wild species of flora and fauna. Find out what was found in this incredible iNaturalist / Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) challenge at <https://www.inaturalist.ala.org.au/projects/city-nature-challenge-2021-maroonah>

Across the planet, 419 cities from 44 countries participated, recording 1,270,537 observations, and 47,000 species. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2021>

It was lots of fun and we all learnt a lot taking photos, recording sounds, uploading observations to the iNaturalist app or website, and when we had the skills, confirming species identifications.

Capturing observations during the four day period was a challenge, especially when you could see a visiting bird but couldn't get a good photograph.

If you missed the Challenge, look out for it next year. <https://citynaturechallenge.org/>

In the meantime, you can still contribute observations to iNaturalist / ALA <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/> You can also contribute to the upcoming **18-24 October 2021 Aussie Backyard Bird Count:** <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>



## Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee Update

by Howard Elston

Work continues on an update to the 2016-2020 Sustainability Strategy. A series of research papers have been prepared. These will inform the development of an Issues and Options Paper which should be released for public comment in July. Community engagement activities have a focus on creating a prioritised list of actions to include in the strategy, identifying community needs and clarifying Council's role in facilitating

community contributions during strategy implementation. The next step is to write the draft 2021-2030 Strategy and circulate that document for further consultation. A final Strategy should be available for endorsement towards the end of this year.

Anyone who has walked along the Tarralla trail would have seen the progress made on Stage 1 of the Re-imagining Tarralla Creek civil works. The wetland renewal and daylighting from Norton Road to Vinter Avenue is scheduled to finish in late 2021. This stage includes revitalising the wetland and associated habitat, replacing the pedestrian bridge and installing a bird hide. Facility upgrades include installation of informal seating, providing shade structures and improved paths for walkers and cyclists. An important objective for Stage 1 is to create opportunities for the local community to form stronger connections with the space through education and stewardship of the natural environment. Another aim is to increase engagement with indigenous culture. Melbourne Water and Council have engaged with the Wurundjeri and Bunarong Land Councils to perform cultural heritage assessments and examine possibilities for future collaborative land management practices.

Stage 1 is only the first part of a larger Re-imagining Tarralla Creek project. Detailed design is finished for the entire length of the site, from Dorset Road to Eastfield Road.





by Lynne Soucek  
(Friends of Karwarra Garden)

Karwarra Australian Native Plant Garden, the 'place of many flowers' has reached a milestone. It is 50 years old!

It was officially opened on March 28th 1971, opening to the public on weekends in 1973. Karwarra was one of the first gardens to participate in the Victorian Open Gardens scheme in 1982.

Visitors tell us it inspires them, with ideas for their own gardens, with its peacefulness and beauty.

Of course, the idea preceded its opening. The Mount Dandenong Horticultural Society (MDHS) wanted to encourage the appreciation and use of native plants in Australian gardens. They lobbied the Lilydale Shire council, raised funds and promoted Australian native plants to draw enthusiasm. This took years of effort. Their passion and foresight is responsible for the existence of this unique and inspiring garden.

Who were these passionate, early members? May Moon, founder of the 'Save the Dandenongs League' and a Councillor, Maurice Seymour, stand out for their enthusiasm.

The Shire finally became receptive and, once the land was purchased in 1967, the members of the MDHS did the backbreaking work of clearing it. The Shire helped by building the hall with funds raised by the Society. A well known landscape artist, Ellis Stones began the design. He was aided by Fred Rogers and the first rockeries were established overlooking Silvan Dam followed by the perimeter plantings. Later, others became involved. These include Rodger Elliot, Kevin Heinz and most notably, Kath Deery, a gifted landscaper, who added the raised beds and winding pathways above the hall plus the ponds and rockeries below, which so attract people to Karwarra. Jean Richards was the first curator at this time working tirelessly with MDHS volunteers and school groups.

The garden was cared for part time until the Shire resumed management in 1989, with an advisory committee, including a MDHS member. Finally people were employed to maintain the garden. Those wonderful curators, John Knight, Owen Gooding, Marilyn Bull and Lindy Harris and current gardener, Shelley Graham, have all contributed to new developments that enhance the garden. Garden beds for collections such as Boronias and Teloepas, nature strip plantings to invite people visually to the garden, the use of Australian native grasses to create lawns, plants for hedging purposes, the new pond



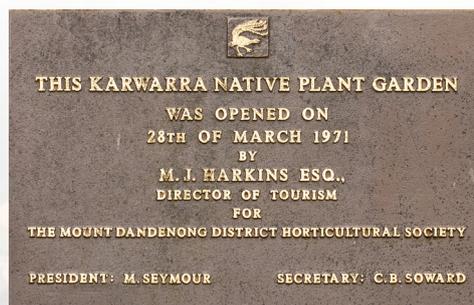
to the north of the hall and propagation and promotion of rare and endangered species are just a few that come to mind.

Friends of Karwarra Garden wish to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of all those people involved in its development and care.

We recently held a slide show of the old photos depicting the early days, in the hope of teasing out memories. The best will be collated into a digital presentation for the big day. We realise there must be more people who can add to our knowledge with anecdotes, personal reminiscences and photos. We would be delighted if you would contact us and share them.

NOTE: Due to COVID restrictions and the big storm that damaged parts of the Dandenongs, our celebrations that had been planned for the 9th of October have had to be postponed. We hope to celebrate later.

Friends of Karwarra Garden  
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKarwarraGarden/>



# B.J. Hubbard Reserve

by Anatta Cartier



Photos by Stephanie Dean

B. J. Hubbard Reserve in Ringwood North came into existence sometime between 1953 and 1960 and is located between Evelyn Road and Kubis Drive. It was named after the four time Mayor of Ringwood - Ben Hubbard. He had a passion for keeping the local bushland of the district intact and the maxim - 'Don't Ringbark Ringwood' was a favourite of his.

The reserve occupies 7.2 ha (17.8 acres) and is mostly covered by natural bushland with approximately 160 indigenous species with a number of plants on the site being of regional conservation significance. There is a permanent open creek/drain that runs through the reserve and sustains a great deal of wildlife.

B.J. Hubbard is popular for its walking trails and its large open recreational area where dogs can be off-lead and there is plenty of room for ball games. A scout hall is located on the grounds.

## Flora

B. J. Hubbard Reserve consists of Valley Heathy Forest (with both Box-Stringybark Woodland and Mixed Eucalypt Woodland), Grassy Dry Forest, Valley Grassy Forest, and Swampy Riparian Woodland. The following list represents some of my favourite plants found in the reserve.

### Upper storey

Red Box, Red Stringybark, Yellow Box

### Middle storey

Cinnamon Wattle, *Goodia*, Pomaderris, Common Correa, *Olearia*, *Coprosma*, Cherry Ballart

## Grasses, Sedges and Rushes

Wallaby-grass, Tall Sedge, Velvet Tussock-grass, *Juncus*, *Dianella tasmanica*

## Lilies and Orchids

Hyacinth Orchid, Chocolate Lilies, Milkmaids, Early Nancy, Candles, Greenhood Orchids

## Fauna

Swamp Wallabies, Short Beaked Echidnas, both Brushtail and Ringtail Possums, Striped Freetail Bat and Koalas (no sightings recently).

Abundant birds include: Grey Butcherbird, Common Bronzewing, King Parrot, Rainbow Lorikeet, Kookaburra, Eastern Rosella, Currawongs, Eastern Spinebills, Silver Eyes, Thornbills, Tawny Frogmouths.

Also sighted here: Spotted Bluetongue Lizard, Common Froglet, Southern Brown Tree Frog

The unofficial 'Friends of B.J. Hubbard Reserve' consist of Meredith, Bob, and myself. Meredith and Bob have been working in the reserve for 12 years. I joined them about six years ago. Our aim is to take some of the scrappy, weedy areas and transform them back to more natural bushland. We use the techniques of scalping and solarization to address the angled onion and oxalis infestation. These techniques have worked really well and we now have areas previously worked on that spontaneously propagate all sorts of plants now that they no longer have to compete with the weeds!

We don't work to any schedule but more to what suits us and the weather. Mostly our sessions are two hours twice a week.

# B.J. Hubbard

North Ridge  
Maroon



*Burchardia umbellata*  
Milkmaids  
(Charlotte Templing)



*Pultenaea*  
Golden  
(Anatta)

*Eucalyptus polyanthemos*  
Redbox Forest  
(Stephanie Dean)



*Pantala flavescens*  
Wandering Glider dragonfly  
(Anatta Cartier)



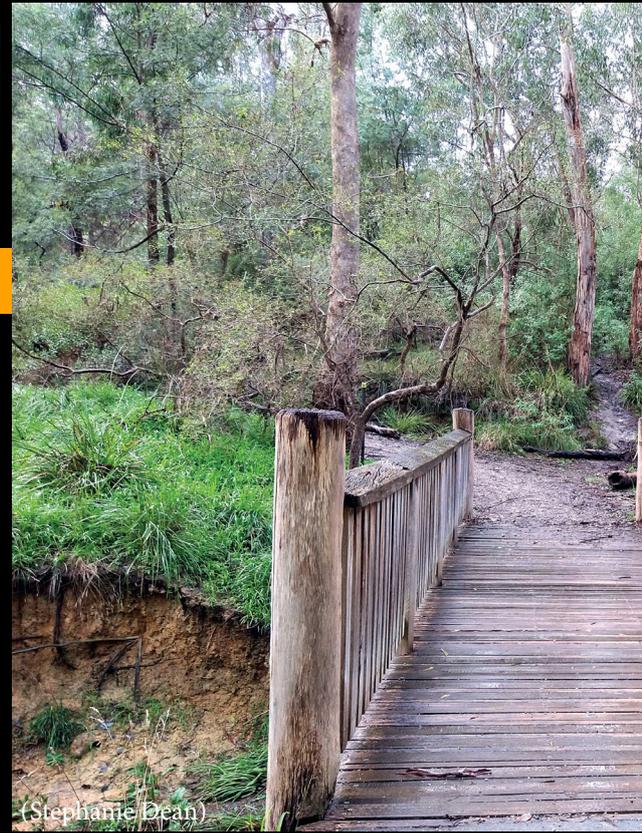
Tawny Frogmouths in the reserve (Bob and Meredith Briggs)



(Anatta Cartier)



(Stephanie Dean)



(Stephanie Dean)

# rd Reserve

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*ea gunnii*  
Bush-pea  
(Cartier)



*Hardenbergia violacea*  
Purple Coral Pea  
(Anatta Cartier)



(Stephanie Dean)



ragonfly

(s)



*Pterostylis nutans*  
Nodding Greenhood  
(Anatta Cartier)



*Dipodium roseum*  
Rosy Hyacinth-orchid  
(Anatta Cartier)



*Acacia Dealbata*  
Silver Wattle  
(Charlotte Templing)



*Goodia lotifolia*  
Golden-tip  
(Anatta Cartier)



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# Quantifying the Wellbeing Benefits of Participating in Landcare

by Ken McInnes



Our nursery volunteers and our extended network of bushcare volunteers know that volunteering is good for the environment and is good for them too. They have gained a greater sense of self, both physically and mentally, an enhanced understanding of the natural environment, and an enhanced connection with their local community. This in turn, has boosted overall community wellbeing.

But can the significance of these benefits be quantified?

To answer this question, Landcare engaged KPMG (through their pro bono @KPMG program) to examine the wellbeing benefits of participating in Landcare, and their report is now available. The study titled 'Building resilience in local communities: The wellbeing benefits of participating in Landcare' suggest substantial improvements in wellbeing owing to involvement in Landcare.

More than 1,000 Landcare volunteers and coordinators from Landcare groups, were surveyed

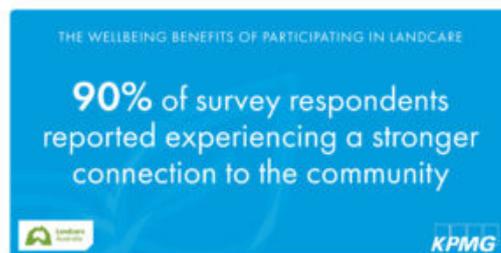
and the social and economic impacts identified by survey participants included: Improved health and wellbeing; Sharing knowledge and support; Connection to community; Hands-on experience; Connection to people; Connection to nature and country; Community collaboration; Economic benefits; and Community resilience to national disasters. These informed the findings grouped into: Improved physical health; Improved mental health; Economic benefits; Knowledge sharing; and Disaster resilience.

The report is too detailed to summarise here, but a few highlights are worth mentioning. 90% of survey respondents reported experiencing a stronger connection to the community, 93% the importance of a physical 'hands on' sense of connection with the land, and 46% reported an improvement in their mental resilience. One example of the economic benefit, is that volunteers enjoy substantial improvements to their mental and physical wellbeing and decrease their healthcare costs by \$403 per individual per year.

## THE WELLBEING BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN LANDCARE

 <p><b>46%</b> of survey respondents reported an improvement in their mental resilience</p>	<p>Avoided healthcare costs is <b>\$57 million</b> for the estimated Landcare population of over 140,000 <b>(or \$403 per Landcarer)</b></p>	<p>Improved productivity is <b>\$97 million</b> for the estimated Landcare population of over 140,000 <b>(or \$487 per Landcarer)</b></p>
<p>With health benefits, productivity and disaster resilience taken into consideration, there is a <b>\$1,347</b> per person per year economic benefit from participation in Landcare</p>	 <p><b>93%</b> of survey respondents reported a stronger connection to the land</p>	<p><b>43%</b> of participants who reported that they spent 0-4 hours or less per month involved in Landcare, still reported an improvement in their mental wellbeing</p>
<p><b>Younger adults</b> appeared to experience additional benefits of being involved in Landcare in comparison to the older population</p>	<p><b>59%</b> of those in major cities reported an improvement in their mental wellbeing, compared to <b>47%</b> in regional areas</p>	 <p><b>90%</b> of survey respondents reported experiencing a stronger connection to the community</p>

The full report is well worth reading. See a summary and link to the report at <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/wellbeing-report/>



# Maroondah Neighbourhood Seedling Project



*Saturday 31st July*  
*1-3pm*

Are you a Maroondah resident interested in learning more about habitat gardening?

Would you like some native seedlings to kick start your planting?

Join us at the Neighbourhood Seedling Project event. Central Ringwood Community Centre, in partnership with Maroondah City Council, is hosting a Habitat Gardening event for community members of all ages on **Saturday 31 July from 1 to 3pm**. A key component of the project is to better connect residents with greenspace and neighbourhood houses.

Come along and hear from Maroondah resident **Olwyn Smiley** from 'Backyard Vegetable' talk about how you can improve biodiversity in your garden.

There will be nature activities for children and refreshments will be provided.

**Maroondah residents who attend the event will receive a voucher to claim four Indigenous seedlings from CRISP nursery in Ringwood.**

The voucher received at the event can be used throughout August. The program encourages residents to incorporate Indigenous species into their gardens. Indigenous plants generally require less water than exotic species, are low maintenance, and provide a reliable food source and valuable habitat for native wildlife.

All you need to do to take part in the project is sign up online via the CRCC. Bookings on the CRCC website: <https://www.crccinc.org.au>

You can then visit CRISP nursery and choose from a range of plant species including shrubs, grasses, groundcovers, and climbers (pending availability with CRISP nursery).

The program aims to increase the number of local native plants grown across our region, while building awareness about the benefits of local Indigenous plants and giving residents a greater appreciation of local species. All Indigenous plants available through the program are grown at CRISP nursery.

Pending COVID restrictions and lockdown, this event has alternative arrangements to make the talks and resources accessible online.

For more information visit Council's website or contact [admin@crcc.org.au](mailto:admin@crcc.org.au)



**CRISP SALES DAYS**

The sales area is open Saturday mornings from 10.00 -1.00pm (March to November) and Wednesday and Friday from 9.30-12.30 year round (excluding public holidays)

Tubestock: \$1.50 for members and \$2.00 non-members  
140mm pots: \$4.00 for members and \$5.50 non-members  
All sales are cash only unless by prior arrangement



# Choices to Protect you and the Planet

by Anne McLean

WiseGardening, a new online resource, has been developed by Sustainable Gardens Australia (SGA). SGA is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation with a strong interest (passion) for enabling gardeners to grow their own food, protect their health and that of the planet and all that is naturally on it.

WiseGardening helps us to know which garden products for controlling pests, disease and weeds are less risky to us and the planet. And also provides options for alternative solutions.

Many garden products can cause harm to: Users – if they spill or ingest them or breathe in the aerosols. Species that visit or live in our gardens – birds, bees, fish, worms, frogs and a range of mammals such as pets especially if the chemicals persist in the soil.

Aquatic species – if the chemicals can be washed through soil and wind up in streams and other waterways they may harm, not only fish, but also other aquatic organisms.

WiseGardening has assessed and rated 800 commercially available garden chemical products and alternative non-chemical options, giving them a star rating, to help us make informed choices about dealing with garden problems.

WiseGardening does not provide comment on product effectiveness in achieving its purpose, or endorse, or condemn any product, manufacturer, brand or supplier.

SGA has a commitment to keeping the information current. Products will be routinely assessed and the information in WiseGardening adjusted as required.

Intended users of WiseGardening include home gardeners, managers of Parks and Reserves such as local government, those who maintain public green space, community gardeners, those concerned with human health and natural life on the planet.

This is a very welcome new resource. Check it out here: <https://www.sgaonline.org.au/wisegardening-overview/>

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## Nature's Healing Gifts

Kay Sinclair

I go outside to get some sun  
To be with nature and at one  
I'm looking down into our pond  
Reflecting where the sky comes from

It's serene and peaceful outside there  
Just breathing in the pure clean air  
Releasing all my woes and cares  
Feeling the love, my soul laid bare

A soft flute sounds from far away  
That's wafting down to calm the day  
Soothing more than words can say  
And keeping all my fears at bay

Yes, everything stays very still  
As haunting sounds drift down the hill  
Such beauty - all my senses fill  
This healing is Mother nature's pill

## What's on...



Schools Tree Day Friday 30th July

National Tree Day Sunday 1st August



**2021 NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE AND AWARDS**  
THURSDAY 5 TO FRIDAY 6 AUGUST, 2021  
(Watch Online for Free)



Hosted by Conservation Volunteers Australia

On or close to the 11th September

Bushcare's Major Day Out (BMDO) objectives are; to celebrate the valuable work done in bushland by volunteers and local landcare staff, to raise awareness of bushcare and also to encourage more people to volunteer with their local groups.

There are hundreds of local volunteer bushcare groups around Australia, meeting weekly or monthly to maintain local areas of bushland. Their main activities are weeding out invasive plant species, clearing out rubbish, planting native species and reporting wildlife sightings and issues. They are usually supported by council, Landcare or other land management representatives. These local bushcare groups provide invaluable extra resources to the hard-pushed council and government organisations, which are undertaking this responsibility.

If you are interested in volunteering, or just finding out a little bit more about bushcare, please go to our website to find a location near you.

## Australian Wildlife Week

Held During the First Week of October Each Year

This year, to celebrate Australian Wildlife Week, we are hosting an online webinar. The webinar will showcase wildlife research and conservation projects across Australia. We will be joined by five keynote speakers, who will provide an overview of their projects. We will also be joined by six of the Society's University Research Grant winners, who will summarise their research and the importance of protecting Australian wildlife ecosystems.



<https://seedscience2021.com.au>

### Virtual Conference 6-10th September 2021

Keynote speakers, presentations, live Q&A sessions, digital posters and workshops. The main science program will be on the 6th and 7th, followed by workshops on 8 – 10 September. Delegates will have the opportunity to meet virtually and share ideas, focusing on the importance of seed science to the future of plant conservation and food security. Australian and international delegates will be drawn from institutions and non-government organisations with interests covering seed science, agriculture, conservation and restoration and cultural seed banking. International and national experts will be speaking on dormancy and germination; seed storage, conservation, and utilisation; establishment and management; seed ecology and cultural seed banking. **Themes:**

- **Seed biology and evolutionary ecology**
- **Unlocking the challenges of germination, dormancy and seed ecology in a changing world.**
- **Seed sourcing and end-use – Considering genetic diversity Restoration and translocations**
- **Seed and gene bank management**
- **The ins and outs of managing ex situ seed banks and gene banks and the methods for maximising seed quality and longevity.**
- **Seeds in culture and society – Sharing stories and learning about historical, socio-cultural, and legal practices of seed conservation, use, exchange, and repatriation, including collaborations between traditional use, community, and ex situ seed banks and gene banks.**

### Darebin Pollinator Garden Workshop

**When: Saturday 14 November**

**11:30am-12.30pm**

Where: online Zoom

<https://darebinfoodharvestnetwork.org.au>

Join local expert Katrina Forster who will share her tips for creating a pollinator friendly garden, her top bee attracting plants and will show you how to save seed and propagate cuttings. (workshop run by Darebin City Council)



<https://wildpollinatorcount.com>

<https://www.australianpollinatorweek.org.au>

### 6-14 November

You can join in by watching any flowering plant for just ten minutes sometime in our count week.

You don't need to be an insect expert.

You don't need fancy gear.

You may be surprised by what you see!



## LOCAL ENVIRONMENT/FRIENDS GROUPS

Many local residents are working to improve the habitat and connectivity of our reserves. If you are interested in getting involved, either join with one of the existing groups or start your own in your local reserve. If you are interested in starting work in your local reserve, contact the Bushland Team at Maroondah City Council (9294 5677) to discuss how your effort and enthusiasm can be best directed.

The Maroondah City Council website provides further detail about many of the reserves and walks in Maroondah <http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Explore/Parks-and-playgrounds/>

### **Bungalook Conservation Reserve**

Working bees held 2nd Saturday of the month from 9.30 am

**Contact:** Graeme 0403 229 862 or [graeme@meg.org.au](mailto:graeme@meg.org.au)

### **Cheong Environment Group**

**Contact:** Ruth 0400 915 057 or [ruth.mcauld@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.mcauld@gmail.com)

### **Croydon Conservation Society**

<http://www.croydonconservation.org.au/>

**Contact:** Liz 9879 2247 or [president@croydonconservation.org.au](mailto:president@croydonconservation.org.au)

### **Dorset Trail Bushcare**

**Contact:** Rachel 0439 385 222 or [DorsetTrailBushcare@gmail.com](mailto:DorsetTrailBushcare@gmail.com)

### **First Friends of Dandenong Creek**

<https://www.ffdc.org.au/>

Facebook: First Friends of Dandenong Creek

**Contact:** Charlie 0417 125 677 or email [ffdc1999@gmail.com](mailto:ffdc1999@gmail.com)

### **Friends of Candlebark Walk Reserve**

Working bees held every second month

**Contact:** Marlene 9723 0656 or email: [marnrobt@gmail.com](mailto:marnrobt@gmail.com)

### **Friends of Cheong Park**

**Contact:** [cheongcroydon@gmail.com](mailto:cheongcroydon@gmail.com)

### **Friends of Eastfield Park**

**Contact:** Michelle 0416 043 736 or [mchllstone@gmail.com](mailto:mchllstone@gmail.com)

### **Friends of FJC Rogers Reserve**

Working day 1st Wednesday of the month from 12.00 to about 2pm. Bring your lunch and chair.

**Contact:** Don 97362309 or [identlikesrambledeggs@gmail.com](mailto:identlikesrambledeggs@gmail.com)

### **Friends of Herman Pump Reserve**

2-3 Working bees a year

**Contact:** Ann 0402 628 054 or email [annandcraig@hotmail.com](mailto:annandcraig@hotmail.com)

### **Friends of Melview Reserve**

**Contact:** (Elsbeth) [elsbeth.defanti@gmail.com](mailto:elsbeth.defanti@gmail.com)

### **Friends of Wombolano**

Working bees held 3rd Sunday of the month

**Contact:** Andy 0414 999 491 or Merrilyn 0410 073 514

### **Heathmont Bushcare**

<https://heathmontbushcare.com/>

Working bees held 1st Sunday of the month

**Contact:** [heathmontbushcare@gmail.com](mailto:heathmontbushcare@gmail.com)

### **Hillside Environmental Group**

**Contact:** (Heather) [hmmorcomb@yahoo.com.au](mailto:hmmorcomb@yahoo.com.au)

### **Maroondah Bushlinks**

**Contact:** Margaret 9876 3094 or email: [marbushoz@hotmail.com](mailto:marbushoz@hotmail.com)

### **Mullum Mullum Bushcare Group**

Facebook: Mullum Mullum Creek Bushcare Group

**Contact:** Bill 0418 366 780 or email [bhc94445@bigpond.com](mailto:bhc94445@bigpond.com) OR [tristramlarkins@optusnet.com](mailto:tristramlarkins@optusnet.com)

### **Ringwood Field Naturalists Club**

<http://www.rfnc.org.au/>

**Contact:** [info@rfnc.org.au](mailto:info@rfnc.org.au)

### **Warranwood Reserve**

<http://warranwoodreserve.org/>

**Contact:** Margaret 9876 3094 or email: [warranwoodres@hotmail.com](mailto:warranwoodres@hotmail.com)

### **Warrien Reserve**

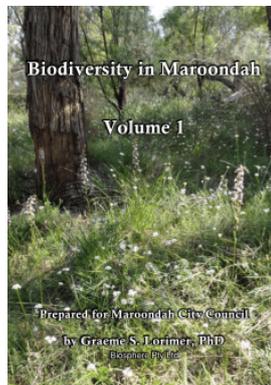
<http://warrien.org/>

**Contact:** David 9725 3163 or email: [friends@warrien.org](mailto:friends@warrien.org)

# Botanical illustrations (Cards and prints) by Ruth Jackson

## 'The Natural History of Maroondah Series'

Illustrations available to purchase from the nursery  
Cards \$4, Archival quality A4 prints \$30  
Over 50 species/illustrations available exclusively through CRISP nursery.  
All sales go towards directly supporting CRISP nursery.



## Biodiversity in Maroondah Volumes 1 & 2

Graeme Lorimer

There are two volumes, available to download for free:  
[https://figshare.com/articles/book/Biodiversity\\_in\\_Maroondah\\_Volume\\_1/14195675](https://figshare.com/articles/book/Biodiversity_in_Maroondah_Volume_1/14195675)  
[https://figshare.com/articles/book/Biodiversity\\_in\\_Maroondah\\_Volume\\_2/14195708](https://figshare.com/articles/book/Biodiversity_in_Maroondah_Volume_2/14195708)

(Ed'sNote: The links above cannot be accessed using Safari (on a Mac) but can be accessed via Google Chrome.)

Note: All CRISP memberships are due for renewal at the end of June  
(if you join between March and June 2021, your membership will remain current until end of June 2022).  
Many thanks to those who have already renewed. Your ongoing support of the nursery is greatly appreciated.

### Direct deposit to renew membership

Can't get to the nursery to pay cash?  
Don't have a cheque book? We are making it easier for you to  
renew by direct deposit.

BSB 033 044      Account No: 149422

Ensure you put your name in the details section so we can  
update your membership



Sending an email to the nursery when you make the deposit will ensure that your membership information is updated correctly.



## Application for Membership

(Please Circle)    SINGLE -\$10 per annum    FAMILY- \$15 per annum    GROUP -\$20 per annum

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact:      Tel: \_\_\_\_\_      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

 PLEASE TICK ✓  
NEWSLETTER OPTIONS:

I wish to continue receiving the newsletter by snail mail

OR

I wish to read the newsletter on the website

Please forward payment to:

The Treasurer  
CRISP Nursery Inc.  
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