

Greenlink News

March 2022



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Your local indigenous plant nursery,
100% run by volunteers

Regular Open Days Saturday Sales Days

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9.00 am to 12:00 pm
Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm
9th April, 21st May, 27th
August, 1st October and
5th November 2022

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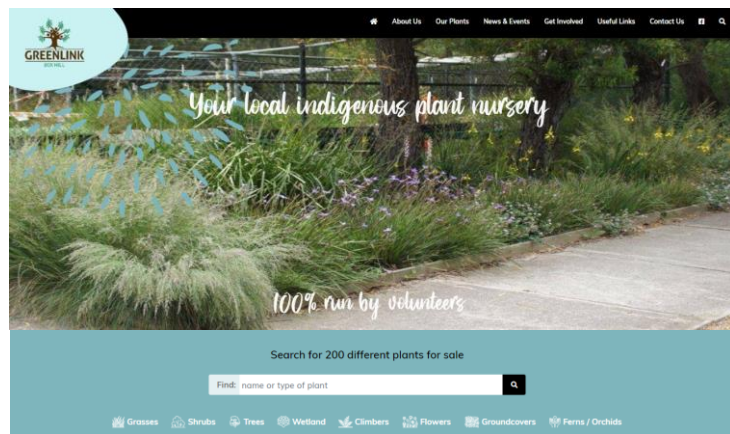
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Exciting News – Greenlink has a new website!

All good things must come to an end.....and be replaced with something better. We are thrilled to announce that Greenlink has launched a new website at greenlinkboxhill.org



Some of the great new features to guide you around our site include:


Easy to access tabs across the top and in every page of the website.

- About Us
- Our Plants
- News & Events
- Get Involved
- Useful Links
- Contact Us

Learn more “**About us**” with easy to navigate pages and side panels

Overview
Purposes and Values
Our Committee
History
Bushy Creek Parklands - Box Hill
Gardiners Creek Reserve

Easy to locate “**Our Plants**”:

- Search for 200 different plants
- Search by “Plant Type”
- Search either by Botanical or Common name
- Search in Featured Plants
- Search by keyword
- Search plants in alphabetical using the magnifying glass  icon in the top right corner

See “**What’s on**” / “**News & Events**”

Saturday Sale Days
Newsletters
City Nature Challenge 2022
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Gardens for Wildlife
Articles
2021 Competition

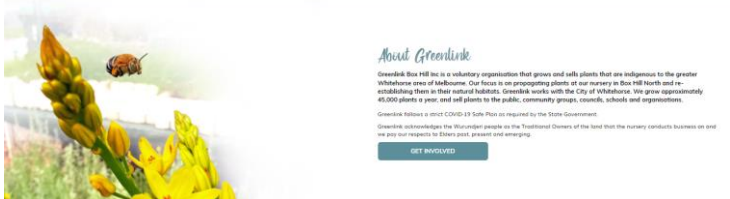
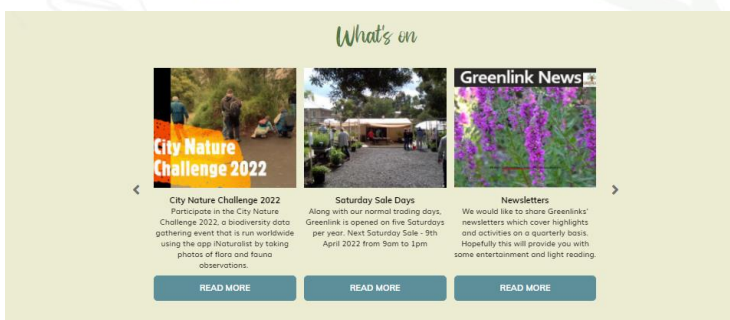
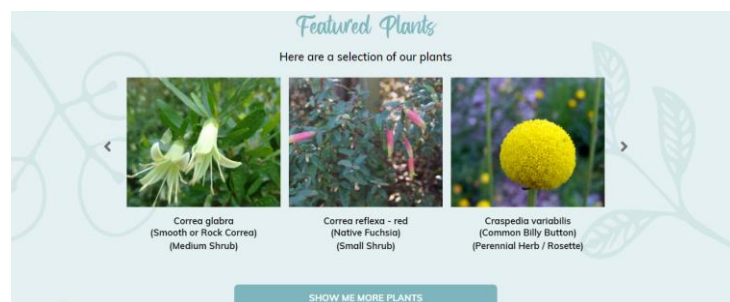
“**Get Involved**”

- Join Us
- Volunteering
- Renew Membership

“**Useful Links**” and “**Contact Us**” pages.

Link to our **Facebook** page

We would love to hear your feedback on our new website.



If you visited the site early on 17th February, barely 48 hours after going live, you would have seen this message "509 Bandwidth Limit Exceeded". This is due to the overwhelming number of people accessing our website that we were not prepared for. It had in excess of 5,000 hits (especially on the plant photos and pages), that made the website crash but an easy fix from our developers put us back on the map and we were up and running not long after.

Thank you to all the people who took time to browse through the site and provide feedback. I appreciated your positive feedback and suggestions to make minor tweaks. *By Emi Luppino*

- *The new website looks very flash*
- *The website looks amazing, congratulations! It must have been a lot of work. I think it flows very well, especially the 'Our Plants' lists and I think the way the plants are grouped is great.*
- *It's really good and easy to navigate my way*
- *Great job it looks fantastic around it.*
- *That is a beautiful website and I appreciate the phenomenal amount of work that would have gone into it. It's attractive, easy to navigate, informative and suits Greenlink perfectly. Well done!*
- *Love that it gives a good description / guide of "small / medium / large" .*
- *I love the new website. Very easy to use.*
- *I have found it very easy to navigate around, and very informative, and those pictures are breathtakingly stunning. It is a great source of information about the plants and Greenlink itself, and it will surely be highly appreciated by all who view for many years to come.*

Christmas Function – 22 December 2021

"Thank you for the wonderful lunch you gave the volunteers today.

Delicious home-made festive food, an opportunity to chat to other volunteers, and a couple of 'prizes' on offer. The gifts of hand towel and Xmas cake were the 'icing on the cake'. They were unexpected, but very nice to receive as a 'thank you' for our work."

"Thank you for all the work you each put in to make the lunch so enjoyable. Thank you also for the pictorial book - it is such a good record of the history of Greenlink."

"Thank you so much for today. I am so grateful to have you and Greenlink. The photo book is lovely and beautiful. My family will love browsing through it on Christmas Day."

This is some of the feedback received from our volunteers following our end of year function.

It seems a far cry since Christmas but what started out to be a drizzling morning the weather turned out to be in our favour and presented a partly cloudy day to celebrate the end of a challenging but rewarding year. This was our way of thanking all our volunteers for their support, and hard work which has contributed to the success of Greenlink.

The mood was lively from the moment people starting to prepare to set up the nursery for the function. Cleaning chairs and tables, setting them into place with one of our young volunteers Jessica making sure

they were or symmetrical and lining up. Food was busily being prepared, while others took the time to finish cleaning their work station after the last pricking out of seedlings for the year.

Once everyone had arrived including our Mayor Tina Liu and local Councilor Blair Barker, we all gathered around the newly placed rock with a plaque "We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Owners of the land and we pay our respects to Elders past and present" .

Our Mayor Tina gave a short speech, along with our President Robert Jones. Bronte Haines originally had the idea to purchase and place the plaque at the nursery, and who also said a few words regarding the Wurundjeri people.



Now it was time for some fun to be had with people trying to guess how many candies in three separate jars, with a lot of thought, talk and theory going into this very important activity that caused quite a bit of hype, that might end in the lucky winners visiting the dentist sometime soon.



The time had come to feed this very deserving crowd with a homemade feast.

The afternoon was topped off with two of our volunteers receiving very lavish raffle prizes, one donated by our very generous Mayor Tina Liu. Followed by the draw of our Photo Competition which ran most of the year, we congratulate Helen Rommelaar and Kris Peter the winners of a \$100 movie voucher each. And, finally announced the winners of the candy jars.

Our volunteers who generously give up their time for Greenlink were then presented with a gift of a hand towel with our Greenlink logo embroidered on it and a Lions Christmas cake. Our four Life Members who still volunteer were also presented with a photo book on the history of Greenlink.



Kerrimuir Primary School adventure to Greenlink

With so many lockdowns over the past 18 months we were very pleased that on the morning of Friday 10 December we had the opportunity to welcome 80 primary school students from grades 1A, 1B, 1C & 1D, 4 teachers and several parents from Kerrimuir Primary School.

We started by welcoming them to our Nursery gathering around our newly installed rock and plaque to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land – the Wurundjeri. The children knew how to do this as it is done each Monday morning at school assembly. A couple of days prior we had found a witchetty grub whilst weeding in the park which we kept to show them as this seemed like a perfect way to explain to the children that the name 'Wurundjeri' consists of two words – 'wurun' meaning manna gum and 'djeri' the witchetty grub which was an important food for aboriginal people.

We then split into two groups. Trevor showed the children around the Nursery while Robert and Janet took the students for a walk in the Bushy Creek parkland.

Around the Nursery – I spoke to the kids about the "journey of our plants" from seed to tubes. I used a school stages metaphor: After the plants are born from the seeds, they stay in Pre- School (the seed house), then when they are big enough, they go off to Primary School the (Polyhouse) then when they finish, they go to Secondary School (onto the shelves) and finally to University (into peoples' gardens).

They were shown the seeds from the fridge and passed a couple of bags around and also some of the different seeds in the containers on the bench.

The children seemed to be more interested in the yellow insect traps but also wanted to know how long it took to get to university. We also had a guessing completion as to how many plants there were on the shelves and the answers ranged from 20 plants to 1 million. I also got them to try and pronounce a couple of plant names.

Some of the comments made – "The baby plants are so tiny"; "How come there are mushrooms growing in the plants" and of course "What are these yellow things?"

They were surprised by how many plants we have and also, at the weight of a seed packet which had so many seeds in them – they also thought it was funny that we kept the seeds in the fridge and one kid said "where do you keep the milk?"

Also, the Witchetty Grub Janet found was a big hit with the kids. *By Trevor*



A walk in the Bushy Creek parkland - We explained what an indigenous plant is and then tried to get the students to think about what Bushy Creek had been like before European settlement with a creek meandering through the parkland where the paved walkway now exists. They were somewhat surprised to know the creek still runs but is now a drain which runs underground.



This creek would have been a very important place for aboriginal people as a source of water along with food plants as well as animals. We explained how the aboriginal people used various plants for food, for example picking the fruit of the kangaroo apple, digging up the tubers of the bulbine lily and gathering wattle seed to grind into flour. We showed how the leaves of the dianella or lomandra could be used to weave baskets, bags and nets. Rob explained how the leaves of the Indigofera were poisonous to fish. The leaves were crushed and put in nets which were left to soak in the water causing the fish to rise to the surface and become easy to catch.

We had many interested questions from students who wanted to know, for example, what the large galls on the trees were. They were also interested to see and touch many different types of seed. Quite a few students were excited when they managed to extract the wattle seeds and they wanted to know – 'will this grow into a tree if I plant it?' They were also interested in why we need parklands and open spaces and some knew the importance of trees in producing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide and appreciated how parks and trees improve our environment.

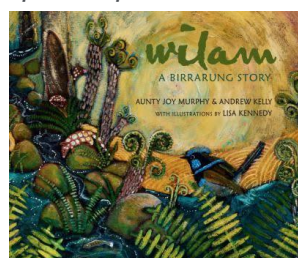
We hope that we have helped to infect at least some of the students with our passion for growing and cultivating plants and learning how they work in the wider environment (with insects, frogs, birds etc.) These young people with their interest and inquisitive minds will be the future voices for a sustainable environment.

At the end of the visit, we gave the children a challenge that when they go back to school to use their imagination and draw a picture of what they thought Busy Creek might have looked like before European settlement with our Indigenous people using the area. The best picture would win for the school 4 children's books telling stories from Indigenous dream time which we have now donated to the school. A very rewarding morning for us. *By Robert and Janet*

These stunning picture books by Indigenous Australians are a great read for children.



Welcome to country is a welcome to the lands of the Wurundjeri people. The people are part of the land, and the land is a part of them.



Wilam, A Birrarung Story, in this stunning picture book beautifully given form by Indigenous artist Lisa Kennedy, respected Elder Aunty Joy Murphy and Yarra Riverkeeper Andrew Kelly tell the story of one day in the life of the vital, flourishing Birrarung (Yarra River). ...

President's Report

After saying goodbye to a somewhat of an unusual and hectic 2021 with a great break up party at the Nursery we are now well and truly into the first quarter of 2022.

We ended last year with solar panels finally being installed on the roof of the shed at the nursery after several untimely delays by the installer and with the sun shining this summer, we are generating more electricity than we consume helping to offset our carbon footprint. Hopefully over a 12-month period we trust that we can overall remain in this situation supplying more power to the grid than we use.

Our new covered heat bed for cutting propagation is about to be installed and we will shortly have a new and larger potting mix bin built as the current one is rotting at the base. Once autumn comes and it is time to take down the shade cloth, we will have a new roll out shade cloth system installed thus being able finally to do away with having to have volunteers up and down ladders putting up the shade cloth by hand.

We have started this year with a good level of stock on the benches, a full order book for the Autumn period and plenty of young seedlings in the polyhouse putting their root system down before coming into the open outside.

Most of you by now will have seen that Greenlink has a new web site that was launched a couple of weeks ago. This is due to the amazing amount of work that Emi has put into this working in partnership with many of our members and the website developer to create something we can all be proud of with a refreshed site. If you have not yet had a look at the site please do so.

Although it has been a dry summer so far, we have been fortunate in that we have not had the hot north winds usually associated with summer and the watering system has managed well this season without the need for additional hand watering by a roster of volunteers as in the past. A nice drop of rain would however be very much appreciated for our gardens and the parks which are starting to look rather the worse for wear in the dry.

Our seed collection team have been busy in the parks and bushland areas collecting this season stock of seed which so far appears to be a favourable year and will ensure that our seed bank remains at healthy levels.

The challenge ahead this year is to keep the nursery operating with well managed stock levels of each species of plants taking into account the continued growth in public sales and to freshen up the overall appearance of the nursery by installing small plant beds at the end of each row getting rid of the current pots which are now looking very tired and somewhat outdated.

If you have not been to the nursery for some time, we invite you to call in and have a look around and a chat with us, remember morning tea is a 10.30 if you want to be there for a cuppa.

Remember: The Autumn Saturday Sale Days coming up on 9th April and 21st May.

By Robert Jones, President

Treasurer's Report

We continue to perform well financially and due to strong sales and customer support, we are ahead of where we were this time last year. Our decision to take accrued liabilities to account for such things as our new website, equipment, solar panels and other capital items such as a lifesaving defibrillator has proved to be a good one as this will mean we can use our working surplus to make ongoing improvements as needed as well as undertake new initiatives and programs. Based on future orders, we can expect another good result this financial year. *By Trevor Eddy, Treasurer*

"Kooyong Student Prize"

Congratulations to one of our student volunteers Genevieve Retallick for being awarded the **"Kooyong Student Prize"** from Josh Frydenberg for assisting local community through Greenlink! Genevieve was also one of our candy jar winners at our Christmas function.

"I started volunteering at Greenlink last year (2020), when I was 16 and have been attending when I can during my school holidays. Volunteering at Greenlink has provided me with so many new skills such as communication and organisation within an outdoor work setting that will help me further on in life and has allowed me to meet so many new, friendly people. I am so happy to be a part of the Greenlink family and give back to my local community as much as possible!"



This year, I was lucky enough to win an award, the 'Kooyong Student Prize' which recognises students from schools all across the Kooyong Electorate who have displayed involvement within their community, awarded by Federal MP Josh Frydenberg. I feel so privileged and honoured to have been awarded this prestigious award and I am so grateful to Greenlink Nursery for allowing me to be a part of their volunteering program.

I cannot recommend Greenlink highly enough for any students who are interested in volunteering within their local community, as it not only helps you with skills to add to your collection for future jobs or recognitions, but it also helps many people within your community.

I think it is so important to form those connections with those surrounding you, and what better way than to help somewhere like Greenlink be able to revegetate and educate people about the importance of Indigenous plants!" by Genevieve Retallick



20th February, 2022

After a long absence our Tawny Frogmouth friends have reappeared in a Eucalypt behind the nursery.

Not sure whether the one on the right was excited to see us or was just having a very bad hair day.

Caring for the Community

We were pleased to hear that our Treasurer Trevor Eddy, recently received two significant community awards. These being Council of the Ageing (COTA) Victorian Senior Achiever Awards at the 2021 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards and also a recipient of the 2022 Menzies Community Australia Day Awards. Congratulations Trevor on your awards and your contribution to the community.

Trevor's advice to older people who are interested in volunteering is to use their unique skillset and life experience to help others. "Don't underestimate the contribution you can make to your community."

To read more on the 2021 Victoria Senior of the Year Award click on the following links from [Seniors online - 2021 Victoria Senior of the Year Award](#) or the [Whitehorse News - January 2022 - https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/about-council/news/whitehorse-news/donlon-eddy](#)



Observe Nature, Help Science



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

ClimateWatch was developed by [Earthwatch Australia](#) with the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) and [University of Melbourne](#) to understand how changes in temperature and rainfall are affecting the seasonal behaviour of Australia's plants and animals. The first continental phenology project in the Southern Hemisphere, ClimateWatch enables every Australian to be involved in collecting and recording data that will help shape the country's scientific response to climate change.

- 1 Download and install the free App on your Android device or on your iPhone via the App Stores.
- 2 After starting the App, you can register your own user account on the platform with just your email address.
- 3 Start observing! You are automatically logged-in after registering and you can add your first spot right away.

Fine and download the App which look like the following icons on your smartphone or open the map in your web browser:



What does lockdown have to do with Orchids?

I have had the good fortune to move house into Box Hill 12 months ago. Little did I know that it would allow me to visit various native bush reserves within the allowed travelling ranges imposed on us during the Covid-19 lockdowns. Careful observation around the bush tracks will reward you with one of these in your observing what native plants are in flower you will find so many gems. In particular, you may come across our ground orchids. They just look so different from many other flowers because one can say their elegance and beauty are almost unreal in their perfection. Their flowers are so uniquely shaped because they often imitate insects so as they are attracted and hope to find a mate with them but instead get a dusting of pollen to take to another of the same orchid species. Finding them is like finding small jewels sparkling among the green shrubs covering these native reserves.

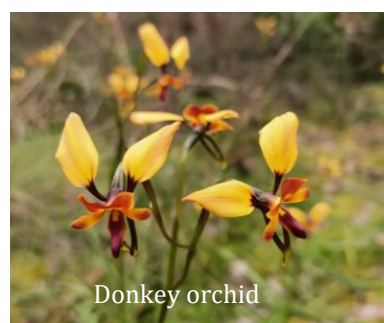
Most Australian orchids are small and spend only a short time (days to months) each year above ground, before disappearing from sight while they remain as underground tubers. Thanks to the good rain all throughout this past year, orchids that haven't been seen in years are being found.

I share some of the images of some of the many delightful orchids in flower that I came across during my health walks over these past months.

The wet late autumn and early winter brought out the greenhood orchids. In mid-winter, we came across some striped greenhoods, helmet and mayfly orchids.



As we came into spring we were treated to donkey, wax lipped, spider, onion, pink finger and potato orchids.





Spider Orchid



Onion Orchid



Pink Finger Orchid



Potato Orchid

And finally, the start of summer welcomed tongue, beak, sun and beard orchids.



Tongue Orchid



Beak Orchid



Sun Orchid



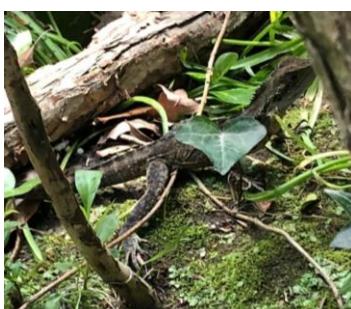
Beard Orchid

Once you get your eye into seeing these flowers you can become hooked into orchid hunting in our native bush reserves. It will make you want to know what may be the insects that are attracted and hence are important for their pollination and it also makes you think how even a slight change in weather patterns could put the delicate timing of flowering and the availability of their pollinators.

Photos and story by Augustine Doronila

Spotting's by Friends of Gardeners Creek Reserve

A volunteer who participated in the delayed Tree Planting Day in Gardeners Creek Reserve was walking back home when he saw an Eastern Long-necked Turtle swimming in the creek. There have been a few spotting's of the turtle.



A Water Dragon was spotted by a pass byer while walking in Gardiners Creek Glen Iris. Spotted at water's edge near the bike path bridge / Dorothy Laver Reserve West.

By Friends of Gardeners Creek Reserve - Facebook

Challenges of Seed Collecting

The months of December, January and February are a very high seed collecting times. As I gaze out the window I see and hear the Rainbow Lorikeet munching away at the *Acacia myrtifolia* tree. For the past few weeks, they are constantly chirping and munching away, sometimes up to 14 of them on this one little tree. The seeds are a wonderful food source for our colourful friends. You can understand why the Rainbow Lorikeet are the most spotted birds in the 2021 Aussie Bird Count. They are everywhere.



Aside from enjoying the sight of our friendly birds, seed collection is important for propagation, reproduction and plant diversity. Collecting native seed on a larger scale, in every season and for a wide range of plants is a demanding endeavour. Seed collection on public land requires a permit and records must be kept of the species, collection date, location, collector's name, amount, etc. The permits allow for only a small percentage of seeds to be collected. [FloraBank](#) has developed a *Model Code of Practice* for Seed Collection. Provenance of the seed is important in revegetation projects, to ensure that the plants grown for an area will retain the genetic adaptations that have developed in response to local conditions over many years. The same species may vary in form and tolerances such as drought and frost resistance, depending on its local environment. Some seed must be used fresh and sown soon after it is collected e.g. *Goodenia ovata* and other seed e.g. *Acacia* spp. can be kept for many years.

There is an importance on preparation and planning for seed collection and the need to collect mature seed at the right time and from where to collect.

As our Mapping and Seed Collection team would be able to attest to, the following has to be considered when deciding to collect seed:

- Planning ahead
- Target species for collection
- Learning about the species you collect - You should gather as much information as you can on the target species you intend to collect, including:
 - botanical description
 - identifying keys
 - distribution
 - occurrence in the local area
 - flowering, fruiting and seeding times
 - whether the fruit/seed is located within hands reach (2 meters) or above
 - approximate number of fruit per plant
 - approximate number of seeds per fruit
 - approximate time from maturity to seed shedding (weeks, months)
 - whether there is uneven fruit ripening on single plants
 - safety precautions (allergenic or poisonous plants)
- Decide where to collect from and keeping in mind not to overharvest certain areas which are collected by other groups and also used for a food source for our wildlife.
- Decide when to collect
- Type of seed you are looking for



- Collect mature seeds
- Get the right equipment and resources
- Seed collect method if above hands reach
- Preparing for transport

Seed collecting is not an easy task at times and sometimes labour intensive. This time of year, is extremely busy for our seed collection team and other volunteers who have been out and about collecting seeds, at times in extreme heat and before wind or rain gets to them, to ensure the nursery is well stocked with seeds to continue the plant cycle for many more years to come. Once seeds are collected, they are cleaned, weighed, labelled, and the data is entered into our seed database which enables us to work out current stock levels and collection priorities for the following season.

"To sustain seed collecting it is important to know the benefit of the species, as it enhances access to future seed supply. The biggest threat to native vegetation loss is not seed collecting, it is weed invasion and further habitat loss together with drought due to climate change." *By Emi Luppino*



Eucalypts of Whitehorse

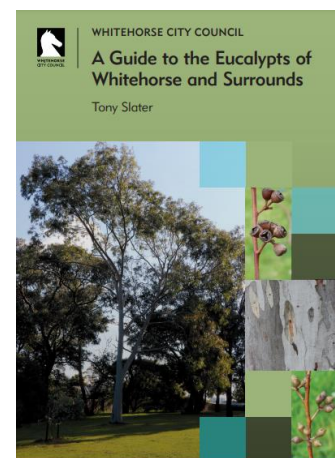


In mid-December Tony Slater published "A Guide to the Eucalypts of Whitehorse and Surrounds" .

Eucalypts (often called Gum Trees) are commonly found in our parks, gardens and as street trees. There are over 700 species of Eucalypts in the world and while they vary enormously, they can be difficult to identify.

The [Guide to the Eucalypts of Whitehorse and Surrounds](#) uses a key, descriptions and images to help you identify those species commonly found in our area. It can be used in the field and relies on characteristics that are reasonably easy to observe, such as bark, buds, leaves and fruit (gum nuts).

The Guide uses botanical words to describe some features, such as the shape of the gum nuts. A glossary is included to help you understand them.



The focus of The Guide is the indigenous and more common non-indigenous eucalypts in Whitehorse and surrounding areas. It does not attempt to include all the ornamental eucalypts found in private gardens. Hopefully you will become more familiar with the eucalypts you see around Whitehorse every day and enjoy them even more.

From time to time, we will host walks in our parklands to identify eucalypts. For further information please contact Council's Tree Education Officer at trees@whitehorse.vic.gov.au.

By City of Whitehorse

City Nature Challenge

Participate in the City Nature Challenge, a biodiversity data gathering event that is run worldwide using the app iNaturalist by taking photos of flora and fauna observations.

In 2021 we had a fantastic start and involvement from our Whitehorse volunteers and community and plan to increase our involvement this year with a greater focus on those parks and reserves that are less popular in order to increase the biodiversity data from sites all across Whitehorse.

During the four days observation window, is running from 29th April – 2nd May 2022. Whitehorse residents are invited to find, photograph and document the native wildlife that lives and grows in our neighbourhoods.

Working together to find and document nature in our area helps scientists and land managers study and protect these species. By joining the City Nature Challenge, not only do you learn more about your local nature, but you can also make Whitehorse a better place – for you and other species!

To learn more about the City Nature Challenge, please visit: www.citynaturechallenge.org

To get involved:

1. Download the free iNaturalist app from Apple Store or Google Play
2. Look out for wild plants and animals to photograph during the observation period and
3. Upload your photographs to the app.
4. [Adding an Observation on a Mobile Device](#)

You can do this on your own or you can join at one of Whitehorse Council free events."

Greenlink will host one of these free events - Discovering Nature behind the Nursery (walk from Dorking Road to Station Street) on Monday May 2nd at 10.30am

The project can be found here if you would like to join: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022-whitehorse>

Or register to join this free event with Greenlink by emailing us on greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

2022 Whittlesea Garden Expo

Join in the inaugural Whittlesea Garden Expo. Embrace this local opportunity to purchase local products and services and engage the wider Victorian garden community. Tickets: Child Free; Online \$8 and Adults \$10 at the gate.

Dates: Saturday 5th March 2022 & Sunday 6th March 2022

Open: 9am - 3pm

Location: Whittlesea Showgrounds, Whittlesea-Yea Road



Plant funnies: - Here are few of the nature puns that are so funny, you might wet your plants!

1. Did you hear about the two flowers who went on a date? It's a budding romance!
2. How do you send a message in a forest? Use moss code!
3. What did Princess Leia (from Star Wars) say after she planted some trees? May the forest be with you!

Acknowledgment: – Greenlink acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Owners of the land that the nursery conducts business on and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Reminder: – Subscription for Greenlink membership is **due by Thursday, 31st March 2022**. The committee encourages all members to renew their subscription and support the continued work being undertaken.

If you have any news, stories, photos, etc. that you would like to share with Greenlink for publication in our newsletter, please write to us by emailing greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

Greenlink will welcome the return of any empty and unwanted plant tubes. Please return them to the nursery when you next visit or simply throw them over the gate/leave them at the gate if the nursery is closed.

Purposes and Values

Who we are:

Greenlink is a community-based volunteer nursery which grows plants that are indigenous to the City of Whitehorse and its immediate surrounds.

The purposes of Greenlink are:

- To enhance and preserve the natural environment by propagation of indigenous flora.
- To develop an appreciation in the community of the value of indigenous flora.
- To encourage the nurturing of existing indigenous plant life.
- To encourage the development of habitats for the increase and migration of indigenous fauna.

We are committed to:

- Manage a well maintained, efficient and effectively run volunteer operation.
- Support the public in planting Indigenous plants in their private gardens to support biodiversity of flora and fauna and the natural environment.
- Encourage, support, and educate organisations such as councils and schools in their efforts to revegetate and restore public lands and open spaces, increasing the level of indigenous flora to help mitigate the effects of climate change and expanding the level of biodiversity and tree canopy.
- Maintain the immediate parkland surrounds of the nursery in a way which will encourage our local community to see and enjoy the contribution we are making to the local environment.
- Maintain a close mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Whitehorse, and our customers.
- Provide exceptional customer service.

At Greenlink Box Hill we value:

- Every customer who deals with us.
- A happy, safe and enthusiastic workplace that embraces all volunteers and makes them feel welcome, respected and honoured.
- The high quality of our plants.
- The contribution that everyone makes to our success.
- Honesty and ethics in all of our dealings with customers and each other.

Greenlink Box Hill Inc. Reg No. A0018547D

President: Robert Jones **Vice President:** Emi Luppino **Secretary:** Chris Almond

Treasurer: Trevor Eddy **Committee Members:** Karin Godfrey, Jenny McCausland

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