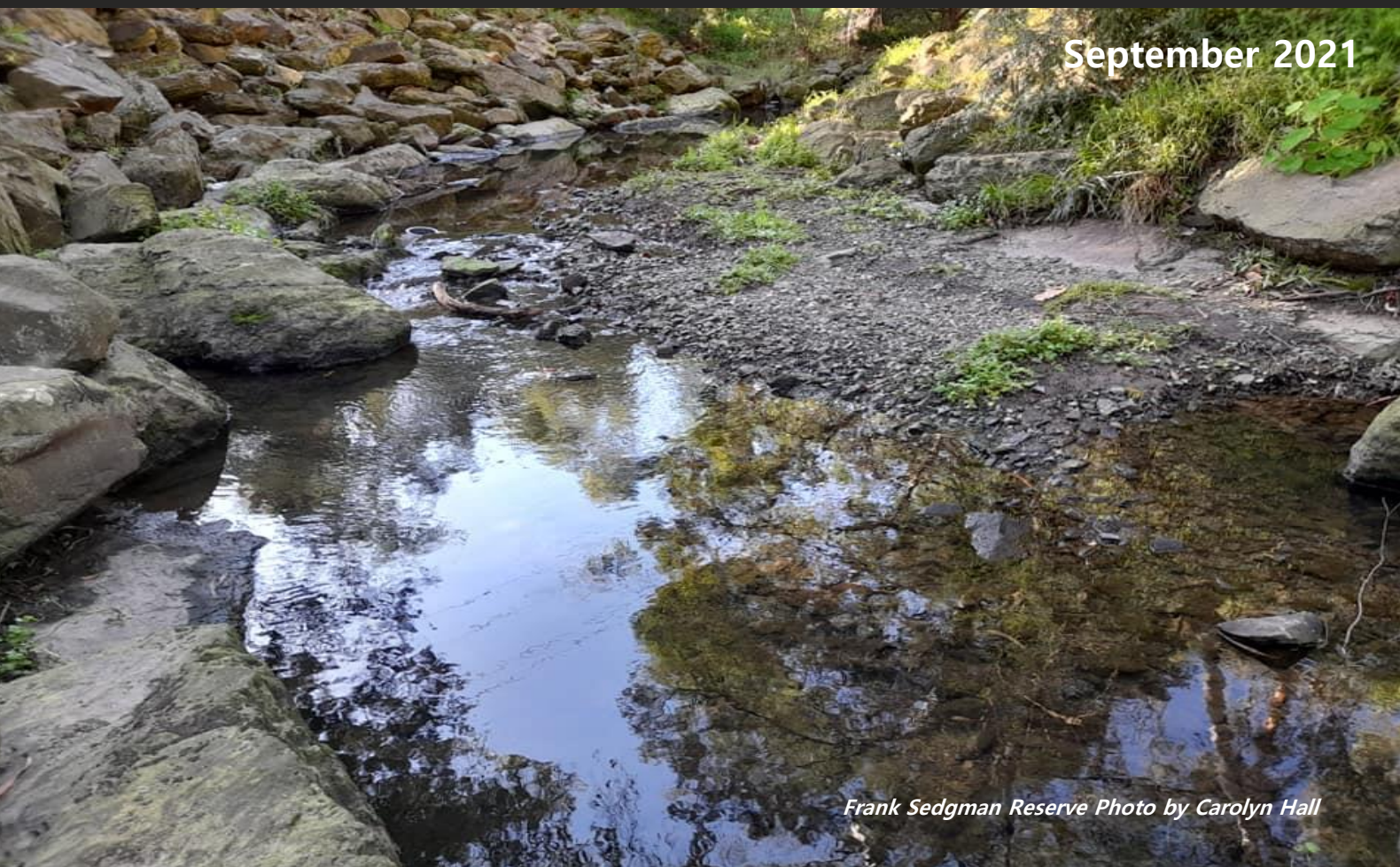


September 2021



Frank Sedgman Reserve Photo by Carolyn Hall

Your local indigenous nursery 100% run by volunteers

Regular Open Days Saturday Sales Days

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The Kooyongkoot Alliance

Kooyongkoot is over 30 km in length. It rises in Blackburn where small creeks and gullies converge around Blackburn Lake. It then flows through Box Hill South, Burwood, and Ashwood. Near its junction with Scotchman's Creek in Malvern East (at the Malvern Valley Golf Course) it turns northwest and flows through Ashburton, Glen Iris, Malvern, and Kooyong, before flowing into the Yarra River in Hawthorn. The creek is the only significant tributary flowing into the Yarra River from the south in the river's lower reach.

Gardiners creek's original name was KooyongKoot (from the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri Baluk group) which translates to 'haunt of the waterfowl'. The Gardiner name was given in honour of early Melbourne land speculator and banker, John Gardiner, who settled near the junction of Kooyongkoot and the Yarra River in 1836. Increasingly both names are being used for the creek.

A few areas of remnant riparian bushland survive along its banks. However, the majority of its length has been heavily urbanised. Several tributaries feed into the creek the main ones being, Damper Creek, Scotchman's Creek and Back Creek. There are currently twelve active Friends groups. Five councils form part of the catchment, but only one strategic plan is in place for the Creek — [Stonnington' Gardiners Creek \(Kooyongkoot\) Masterplan](#). The masterplan only addresses 14 % of the catchment.



At present, there is no 'whole of system' plan, the management of the area can be piecemeal, fragmented, and sometimes lacking in planning, biodiversity, water management etc.

Representatives of the majority of Friends Groups in the catchment, along with the Yarra Riverkeeper, have met to commence a process to develop a coordinated master plan to transform the creek to an asset for the community.

It is hoped that many stakeholders will include responsible Councils, Melbourne Water, Yarra Valley Water, and other government agencies, etc.

This is an opportunity to develop a model that recognises the high value of the creek and its tributaries to the community and set a standard for other such waterways in the future. *Provided by Anne Payne*

Plants of the Season

Persicaria decipiens – Slender Knotweed



Lance-shaped leaves often with a dark splotch. Small bright pink flowers in a slender spike. Leaves and stems are sometimes red. The stem of some *Persicaria* species was eaten by Aboriginal people as a food source, and the stem and leaf were used as fish poisons. Important food source for a range of birds.

Mentha australis - River mint



A native herb with the taste and aroma of spearmint. Prefers moist to wet soils and planted in full sun to part shade. Makes an interesting mint tea, which is reputedly good for easing the effects of colds. Under good conditions it can become invasive but it can be kept in check by regular clipping.

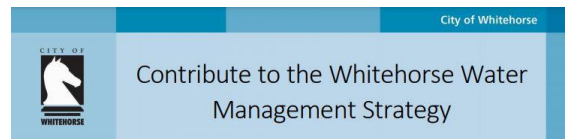
Water Management Strategy

Whitehorse council is developing a strategy in collaboration with Melbourne Water and Yarra Valley Water to manage all things water in Whitehorse more holistically. The strategy will address all elements in the urban water cycle to begin transitioning towards a water sensitive city. The main aim of the Water Management Strategy will be to build urban resilience and adapt to climate change:

This includes improving how we manage:

- creeks, waterways and wetlands,
- stormwater, flooding and drainage
- irrigation of parks and gardens
- alternative water sources

An **Online survey – all things water**, was organised and a link was sent to all our members to be complete by 31st July, 2021. The feedback from the survey will help them shape and prioritise the strategy. This will allow Whitehorse council to gain your insights and to support the development of a draft strategy. To compliment the survey a **Photo competition – Water**, was run to showcase what our community values about water in Whitehorse. These photos could consist of the creeks and wetlands, or anything water (rainfall, irrigation, drinking water etc..) in Whitehorse. We hope our members took up the opportunity to enter and go into a draw to win \$100 voucher to the Acre Farm and Eatery located within one of the world's most sustainable shopping centres at the Burwood Brickworks.



Whitehorse City Council is developing a new Water Management Strategy to build urban resilience and adapt to climate change. We would like to gain your insights to help us prioritise the strategy and shift towards becoming a water-sensitive city.

Please scan the QR code or visit <https://yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/waterstrategy> to have your say!



Farewell- Millie Wells

We would like to farewell Millie who finished up at Whitehorse to take on a new role at Darebin City Council as Principal Environmental Strategist. She was a great advocate for a greener more sustainable Whitehorse and will be a great loss to our Whitehorse community. We wish her well in her new endeavour.



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Entry \$10, Students \$6, U18 free

One of our long-term customers will be opening their garden "Mullum Waters" in Donvale on **Sat 4 – Sun 5 September, 2021, Open 10.00am – 4.30pm**, as part of the Open Gardens Victoria program. They have built up over the years a magnificent garden with many of the plants being purchased from Greenlink. This garden is truly worth visiting as a display of mature indigenous plants in a home garden setting.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID restrictions this event may not proceed.

Mullum Waters

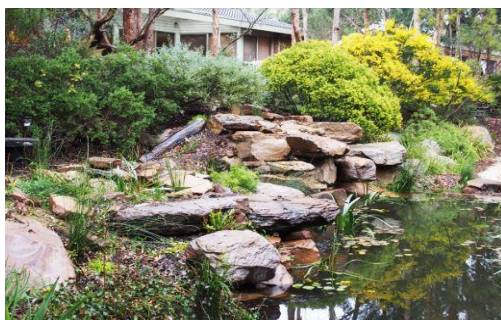
13 Conon Court, Donvale

Book via <https://www.trybooking.com/BRTBX>

The Hanson Garden

104 Webb St, Warrandyte

Book via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=789273&>



President's Annual Report 2020/2021

Who would have thought a year ago that we would still be living in a state of covid restrictions and lockdowns due to this pandemic and where have the past 12 months gone, it only seems like the blink of an eyelid that we held our last Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Once again, we have faced many challenges in our operations due to the pandemic with the Nursery being closed for many weeks in the last half of last year and again a couple of times this year due to lockdowns, something we never envisaged. However, we have survived these challenges and find ourselves going from strength to strength through the dedication and never-ending commitments of our volunteers.

Despite these challenges we have been able to propagate just over 40,000 plants with 5,000 hours of volunteer work. Both amazing results given the amount of time that we had to have the Nursery closed or operate with restricted numbers of volunteers.

On the financial side of which our treasurer Trevor will give more details our total revenue for the year was just on \$61,000 with plant sales being just over \$55,000. This is down on the previous year's extraordinarily large result but more sustainable and manageable for the Nursery. One thing we do notice is that over the past few years there has been a steady increase in the number of public weekday sales with this now accounting for just on 50% of our business, with invoiced sales being around 40% and Saturday sales days being around 10%.

Some of the highlights of the year have been:

- A donation of \$1,000 a year for 3 years to each of our local primary schools (Box Hill North and Kerrimuir) and a donation of \$2,000 each to Yarran Dheran and Blackburn Lake Advisory committees to support their educational programs.
- Held a zoom seminar introducing the Indigenous Plant Nurseries in the City of Whitehorse to the public.
- Operated a click and collect service for our customers during the long lock down period of July/Aug/Sept of last year along with a small group of volunteers to keep the nursery running.
- Saved a dead Eucalyptus at the back of the Nursery from being cut down and had it turned into a habitat tree.
- Continued many hours of work in upgrading the parkland area around the Nursery.
- Hold a visit to Edendale Indigenous Nursery in Eltham.
- Ran a tour and workshop for one of pour local Girl Guides group.
- Ran an event for the City Nature Challenge.
- Continued to invest in updating software to support our GPS plant mapping program.
- Had Millie Wells from Council visit the Nursery to discuss with all our volunteers on Whitehorse's Urban Tree Strategy program which Greenlink has fully supported.
- Awarded 2 of our Members Heather and Joyce with life membership for their 15 + years of volunteering, contribution and support to Greenlink.
- Expanded our Learning and Training opportunities- especially for people with disabilities, and Secondary Student School holiday work experience
- Given away just on \$2,200 worth of plants through the voucher in the Council Calendar and Gardens for Wildlife program.
- Begun work on updating our web site which should be finished in the coming months.
- Held 3 very successful Saturday sale days.

- Purchased battery operated lawn mower, whipper snipper and chain saw.
- We are also now investigating the installation of solar panels to reduce our carbon imprint with the potential to install a battery back up in the future to go "Off Grid" being at a minimum carbon neutral for our energy requirements.

Moving forward in the coming year the challenges will be managing our levels of stock, seed bank and the stability of our operations at sustainable levels. Training and supporting new volunteers and having appropriate structures in place so that the committee members are not overburdened with governance and statutory requirements which seem to become more onerous each year.

Our thanks to the City of Whitehorse's Parks and Natural Environment team for their ongoing assistance, our local ward Councillor Blair Barker and the team at Bungalook Nursery for their ongoing relationship and partnership with Greenlink.

Deepest thanks and appreciations to all of our volunteers for their work, dedication and contribution and my fellow committee members - your support and the hours of work to making sure Greenlink functions successfully. Special thanks to Janet Hodgson (Secretary) and Gabrielle Bradley who both stepped down from the committee this year and, many thanks for all their work. It has once again been a privilege to be President of Greenlink, thank you all.

By Robert Jones

DONATION response form Yarran Dheran Advisory Committee

"I am writing to thank you again for the very generous donation from Greenlink to support the environmental education program at Yarran Dheran



We have given the options for expenditure of this grant a great deal of thought and researched options widely to ensure that the funds are used to best advantage.

Much of the delivery of the environmental education program at Yarran Dheran up to now has focused on the Bush Kinder program, and we have in the past made that the priority for purchase of equipment and resources. We are well-equipped for Bush Kinder.

Distance, cost and location are key factors in a school's decision as to whether or not to access external locations that support their environment, science and geography programs. Anecdotal evidence is that the schools in the more eastern areas of Whitehorse (such as Nunawading, Mitcham and Vermont) are unlikely to access Blackburn Lake Sanctuary because of distance. Yet Yarran Dheran has not been well set up to support environmental education programs for primary and secondary school students in these areas of school curriculum.

The Mullum Mullum Creek and the ponds provide ideal resources for the application of learning about the habitat of the Mullum Mullum Valley and the role of water systems in providing wildlife corridors for both terrestrial and aquatic life to all children, as well as providing clear links to school curriculum.

We can maximise the learning potential of our natural resources by using the Greenlink grant to purchase the following items:

- **a water quality monitoring kit** with capacity to test for standard school-based water quality monitoring programs, including for acidity, alkalinity, phosphates, ammonium, nitrates, turbidity, nutrients and toxicants.

- **Identification keys for freshwater macroinvertebrates** and other resources, including *The Waterbug Book* by John Gooderham and Edward Tsyrlin as well as a DVD film, *Bugs of the Underworld*. These resources will support an appreciation of the range and the role of macroinvertebrates, their pollution tolerance level and levels of water quality.
- Several sets of **mounted specimens of insects and butterflies** which will maximise the exceptional educational value of the digital microscope which we already hold, as a result of a previous grant from Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society."

By Gay Gallagher, Hon Secretary, Yarran Dheran Advisory Committee

Treasurer's Annual Report

The Financial outcome for the 20-21 year has shown another strong result. We have seen a shift in the sales mix with week and sale day income increasing. Whilst our strong trading surplus has enabled us to increase our investments and equity and also make provisions for known and committed expenses and we have every reason to believe that Greenlink can continue to meet its obligations.

Because we have been able to maintain our income to expense ratio it has made it much easier for us to continue to invest in improving our nursery infrastructure and make donations to support local schools and environmental groups. *Please refer to table for summary of financial performance and full report will be provided upon request.*

Overall result – A net surplus of \$18,222

INCOME - down by 28% to \$61,180

- Invoiced Sales down by 42% - Total sales of \$52,519
- **Week Day Sales up by 16.5% and Sale Days up 42%**
- Membership Fees remained stable at \$1000
- Grants, Investment Income & Donations - \$5,661

EXPENSES – up by 9.6% to \$42,958

- General Expenses \$21,563
- Capital Expenses \$6,396
- Donations \$ 6,150
- Accrued Expenses \$15,000

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

- **Assets: \$328,471 Liabilities: \$15,000 Equity: \$313,471**
- **Equity increased by \$18,000**

Exploring parkland during COVID lockdown

Who could forget COVID lockdown 4, 5 & now 6!

One of the great things about living in the City of Whitehorse is the beautiful parklands that surround us and helps with our daily exercise and wellbeing especially during lockdown. If you haven't explored Frank Sedgman Reserve, do yourself a favour. Local residents walk within their 5kms restricted area enjoy the surrounding parkland and take in the beauty and reflect:

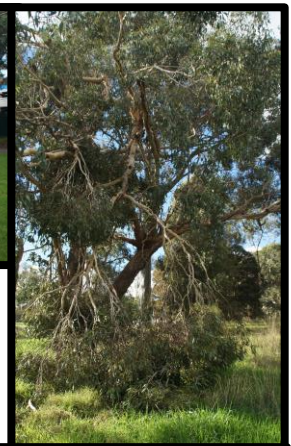
- "If you're looking for somewhere to get back to nature or take the kids exploring Frank Sedgman Reserve is a great spot. Located off Peter St in Box Hill North. Note: the shared walking/bike path can get busy. There is also a playground."
- "My kids love exploring the creek! So lucky to have this within our 5km zone!"



Photos (including cover photo) by Carolyn Hall

Storm causes 'absolute carnage'

Just on the easing of some COVID restriction which was enough for residents to bear, on Thursday 9th June in Victoria, we experienced strong winds causing havoc across our State. With winds over 100km/h uprooted trees, causing them to smash through houses, sprawl onto roads, pathways and powerlines. While in Whitehorse we did not experience some of the devastation of other areas in the state, we were still saddened to lose a number of trees and see others losing limbs and branches. The council was quick to clear pathways throughout Bushy Creek Reserve to ensure the parkland was safe. Some of the trees impacted were a variety of Eucalyptus and a *Paraserianthes lophantha*, which came down over a path. Though the *Paraserianthes* is known as a type of wattle with creamy-yellow, bottlebrush like flowers, it is considered as a weed in parts of Australia and not indigenous.



Greenlink's quarterly Photo Competitions

In the second quarter the hype of our competition had subsided a little. Never the less we still had some great entries. Our judging panel have decided to award the following Category 1 and Category 2 entries with a voucher of 20 free plants of their choice.

CATEGORY 1 – Right - Freeway parks in Box Hill by Nicholas Hadji-Michael

CATEGORY 2 – Below - Back yard garden in Nunawading by Helen Rommelaar

*"The once open lawn has been transformed into a green oasis thanks to Greenlink! A delicious smorgasbord of *Dianella*, *Indigofera*, *Dichondra*, *Austrostipa*, *Poa*, *Wahlenbergia*, *Geranium*, *Bulbine*, *Xerochrysum* and more, though sadly none in bloom, but soon. Photo 2 shows Lady Luck wading in a river of green."*

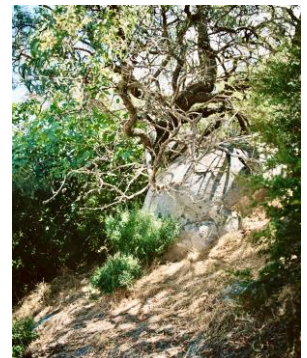


Photo 1



Photo 2



Remember these competitions will run for one more quarter until the end of November. We would love you to join in the fun and participate. Go to Greenlink's [website](#) for requirements on how to enter these competitions.

Gardens for Small Birds

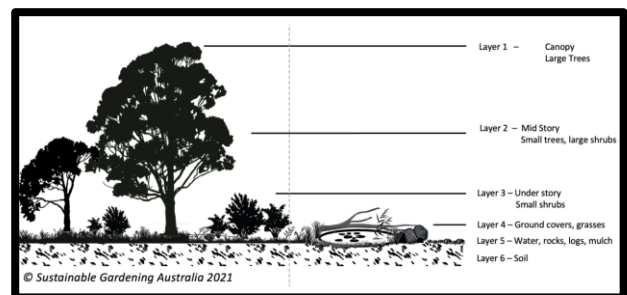


Both the Whitehorse Tree and Urban Forest Education Program and the Nunawading Library hosted an Online Event on the 7th June, 2021 – *Attracting Small Birds to Your Garden with Richard Rowe (Sustainable Gardening Australia)*.

“Seeing small birds visit our gardens is becoming less common but there are changes we can make that will encourage them back. The workshop shared some of the challenges small birds face in the urban environment and what can be done to invite them back to visit and maybe make a home.”

Small birds are disappearing due to human urbanisation and changes in our gardening style. Also, small birds are in decline due to the larger bird bullying the smaller birds away. You would find smaller birds more in bushland and less in cities urban environment. We have the opportunity to change our gardens to help provide protection, food source, water, shelter and materials to make their nesting sanctuary.

The key is to design and build a garden with trees, shrubs, grasses and ground cover to provide a habitat and vegetation for these small birds to nest, with shelter from the weather and predators (Kurrawong, Butcher Bird, Noisy Minor, etc).



It all starts with healthy soil, which has a good root environment, water properties, nutrient and organic content and this is pushed up through to the plant. It's best to build a good soil food web by adding compost and mulches, reduce chemicals, use a good bark mulch, reduce digging, when can avoid standing on soil, and which avoids erosion. This encourages the insects and other invertebrates that small birds like to eat. Small birds like dense shrubs and prickly shrubs. These shrubs should be pruned hard after flowering to encourage new dense growth and avoided becoming open and spindly along with mass plants rather than spread across a larger space. Sequencing of flowers to cover the year. Good mulching provides a habitat for food like bugs, spiders, mites, worms, etc. Good chunky bark and wood mulch, good for weed suppression. Fine mulch will break down quick but won't hold for insect habitat.

When planning your garden, it's important: - to plant suitable plants to attract the small birds in your area; the needs of their food source and fit in your garden space.

Suitable plants for the following group type of small birds:

- Small nectar-eaters eg. Eastern Spinebill - Banksia, Hakia, Melaleuca, Correa, Callistemon
- Small insect-eaters eg. Superb Fairy Wren - Acacia, Leptospermum and also plants for honeyeaters
- Small seed-eaters eg. Red-browed Finch - Acacia, Leptospermum, Lomandra, Themeda, POA

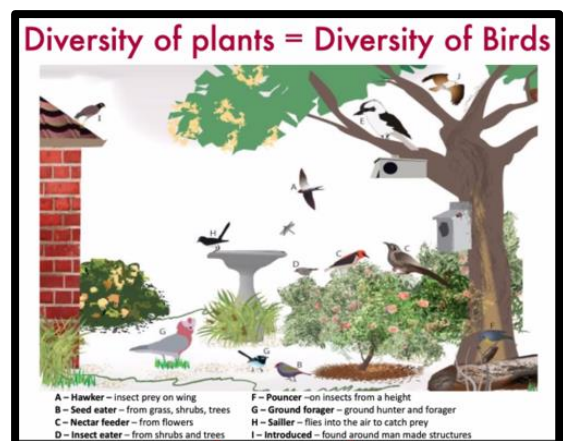


Image from **Birds in Backyards**

Indigenous Plants are suited to the local soil, climate, thrive with low rainfall and preserve the local plant ecology. They enhance wildlife corridors and provide habitat steppingstones between fragmented and otherwise isolated communities.

This is a brief summary of Richard Rowe's (SGA) presentation.

References/Links/Sites of Interest:

Top Hot Spots in Whitehorse to look out for small birds <https://ebird.org/region/AU-VIC-WHO>

Sustainable Gardening Australia: <https://www.sgaonline.org.au/>

Yarren Darren Nature Reserve have a [Monthly Bird Survey with Frank Gallagher](#)

Bird Life: <https://www.birdlife.org.au/get-involved/whats-on/bird-week>

Birds in Backyards: <https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/Video-Gardening-Small-Native-Birds>



Eastern Spinebill on a Correa

Greenlink Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Prior to Stage 5 lock down Greenlink had planned to have our AGM at Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House in person unfortunately, following lockdowns 5 and 6 Covid19 restrictions this was not possible, so once again we held our AGM via a Zoom Conference meeting on August 25th, with 29 people attended.



Membership: - Due to our strong financial position, Membership fees for the next year will remain unchanged at \$30.00 for family memberships, \$20 for individual memberships and a \$10 Concessional Membership for individuals holding a Health Care, Student, or Concession/Pension Card (excluding Seniors Card).

Election: - Expressions of interest for Greenlink Committee of Management were received before the AGM and all nominations were accepted. We are happy to advise the following results: Robert Jones was re-elected as President, Emi Luppino re-elected as Vice-President, Trevor Eddy re-elected as Treasurer, Chris Almond as Secretary and ordinary members, Karin Godfrey and Jenny McCausland. We welcome Chris and Jenny who are already active volunteers and we thank Janet Hodgson and Gabrielle Bradley who are standing down from Committee for their valuable contribution.

Guest Speaker: - We were joined by David Berry who is the author of "Fighting for the trees", which details the history of the Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society Inc. (BDTPS). David gave us an introduction to the BDTPS which was formed over 60 years ago, and has more than 100 members. The Tree Society has maintained the philosophy of preserving and enhancing the local landscape and continues to encourage sensitive development with the protection of the environment paramount.



David also spoke on a number of major issues that we should be aware of and support: -

- Tree Controls on Private Property (1980s to 2021)
- Blackburn and Heatherdale Level Crossing Removals (2016-2017) & Surrey Hills/Mont Albert Level Crossing Removals (2020-2022)
- Whitehorse Trees at Crisis Point
- The Whitehorse Urban Forest Strategy
- The Blackburn & District Environment Protection Fund

A copy of David's notes was sent out to all members who attended the AGM and we are happy to provide a copy to anyone else upon request.

Volunteers

Environmental volunteering Team Victoria are undertaking data collection for annual reporting. Last year, **Volunteering Naturally 2020** provided us with the following information showing the important contribution being made by volunteers in Victoria.

Our Greenlink volunteers contributed 4,800 hours to the hours reported in **Volunteering Naturally 2020** figures. Considering we experienced COVID lockdown restrictions during the 2021 year, we are looking at another great result of 5,000 hours.



We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our volunteers for the amazing work and freely giving so much of your time and support to Greenlink. You are truly the backbone of our organisation.

As our morning teas at Greenlink have become legendary, we like to treat our volunteers with delicious homemade goodies.



Gary enjoying freshly home made Italian cannoli

We often get feedback from the community on the work our Greenlink volunteers do:



"Glad to see you all enjoying a well-deserved cuppa and break. It's great work you all do and really appreciated by the community. Thanks sincerely to each of you"

Learning and Support Programs

There's nothing more exciting than the enthusiasm and strength of our youth and we now see this every week at the Nursery. Members may not be aware that Greenlink provides volunteering and learning opportunities for people with disabilities, a Secondary Student School holiday work experience program, (including for children of members), a structure for Deakin University students to complete their Community Hours and more recently, we created Volunteering hours to meet the Duke of Edinburgh Award Student Volunteering requirements.

These programs together with Girl Guide and Primary School tours, public seminars and events to educate our community in planting indigenous and being environmentally aware, have become part of the way we do things at Greenlink.

*Right: Jenny with Justin and Cary
Below: Janet with Justin*



Collingwood Children's Farm

Collingwood Children's Farm (CCF) located on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation in Abbotsford have been a valued customer and supporter of Greenlink in recent years. Funds for a new project was awarded to CCF to start the revegetation of part of the river bank on this enormous property. Our Vice President Emi Luppino took a drive to CCF following an invitation from Rachel Freeman (Head Gardener) to Greenlink to visit the farm and see the difference our plants have made to the various areas on the property.



Planting of the newly purchased plants has commenced on the river bank. The work in this area is divided by steps, where one side has already been planted, next to a bench in memory of a recently departed volunteer. The other side will be planted shortly. Once the plants grow, it will be a lovely place to come, sit and enjoy the serenity of the surroundings on the river edge.

Newly planted area



Area still to be planted



Previously purchased plants have also grown nicely in the garden beds, planted in a beautifully crescent design. Netting is a must to be used quite often to protect the flowering plants from the roaming peacocks.



Wahlenbergia communis - Tufted Bluebell



Arthropodium strictum - Chocolate Lily &
Bulbine bulbosa - Bulbine Lily

Another new project is the Indigenous food garden which is worth taking a look.

"The area around a fire pit, a welcoming circle, curved exploratory raised gardens host scores of native and indigenous foods. During Spring it saw Bulbine, (chocolate and vanilla lilies) show their first flowers and smelling wondrous. The growing yam daisies (Murnong) are building mass underground with their grassy-like mounds which indicate there are tasty roots hidden below."

A group of Greenlink volunteers were to visit the farm on August 9th, unfortunately due to COVID lockdown restrictions the visit was postponed for a later date, hopefully in September or October.

Events



On the Air: For those who were up early with their radios tuned to the 3AW Gardening program on 24th July, you will have heard our

Treasurer, Trevor Eddy being interviewed by Darren James and James Wall from Garden World. Both interviewers were surprised at the work our Greenlink volunteers do and the plants we produce and neither had a great deal of background with indigenous plants. Darren who has lived in the area for many years had ridden his bike past the Nursery many times and knew where we are, but not what we do. They asked Trevor about our plants, processes and connections to our community as well as wanting to know his favourite plants. They were amazed at the work we do and the commitment to maintaining our environment. When asked how he thought the interview went, Trevor said "I have great face for radio".



National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. It's a call to action for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to the community.

Whilst every day can be Tree Day this dedicated celebration of Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day is usually the last Friday and last Sunday in July. In 2021 Schools Tree Day was due to be held on Friday 30th July and National Tree Day on Sunday 1st August but due to current COVID restrictions some planting projects were cancelled or rescheduled.



Greenlink supplies plants for National Tree Day to **Gardiners Creek Planting - Whitehorse Council, Friends of Gardiners Creek Valley, Blackburn Lake Advisory group and various schools.**

Whitehorse Trees and Urban Forest Education

The Whitehorse Urban Forest Education Program is underway with free workshops and presentations. The program is designed to raise awareness about the benefits of trees in an urban environment and to encourage residents to plant and maintain more trees.

The Whitehorse Trees and Urban Education organised another great online event "**Pruning Native and Indigenous Plants**" on Monday 9th August. The seminar was conducted by local Horticulturalist, Nicky and was such a successful and informative event that attracted 77 participants via Zoom, including quite a few of our members.



The event included how Native and Indigenous plants benefit from pruning to improve their form and health and the best pruning techniques depend on the types of plants and the desired form.

Follow and keep an eye out for more upcoming events organised by [Whitehorse Trees and Urban Forest Education](#).

Click on the links below to register for the following events:-

[Mistletoe - Mon, 6 Sep 2021 7:30 PM AEST](#)

[Small trees for small spaces - Thu, 9 Sep 2021 12:00 PM AEST](#)



Australian's Biggest Morning Tea

With having to cancel our planned event for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea due to Covid restrictions we would like to thank all those members that donated online and helped us raise an amazing \$372.00 which is nearly double our goal. **A BIG THANK YOU!**

Every single dollar raised helps people impacted by cancer and is going to play a vital role in ensuring research can discover new cancer breakthroughs, support services can help people when they need it most, and prevention programs can educate the community on reducing their risk of cancer.



Greenlink Nursery Photobook

Following the article in our June Newsletter regarding the **Greenlink Nursery photobook** we have had a number of requests from previous Greenlink volunteers and members wanting to order copies. We are overwhelmed and grateful that our members and community take a close interest in Greenlink, its history and the contribution we make to help improve and preserve the environment.

The Whitehorse Calendar 2022 will no longer be delivered to your door unless you complete the online subscription via the [Whitehorse Council website](#). A Greenlink plant voucher (5 Buy plants get 5 free) will be included in the Whitehorse calendar as usual. If you are a resident of Whitehorse, go online now and fill in your details to receive your 2022 calendar.



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.

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

At Greenlink Box Hill, we value:

- Every customer who deals with us and provide exceptional service
- A happy, safe and enthusiastic workplace
- 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

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