



Newsletter

February 2016

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 10th Feb – Yarrowee Trail Maintenance. 7.30 – 9.00pm. Join our group of volunteers to maintain our existing plantings along the Trail. BYO gloves, sturdy shoes.

Tuesday 23rd Feb - Yarrowee Trail Maintenance. 7.30 – 9.00pm. Join our group of volunteers to maintain our existing plantings along the Trail. BYO gloves, sturdy shoes.

Sunday 21st Feb – BBQ at Kirks Reservoir to start off the Landcare year. BYO everything – meat, drinks, chairs etc. 11.30am start. Welcome to 2016!

Sunday 6th March – Clean Up Australia activity at Russells Dam, Wattle Flat (on the Creswick - Bungaree Road)

Saturday 14th May – Wattle Flat-Pootilla Landcare Group AGM

Sunday 19 June – Map Day (more info in next newsletter)

Start the Landcare Year BBQ at Kirks Reservoir

See you on Sunday 21st February

Meet at Kirks at 11.30am. BYO everything – BBQ food, drinks, chairs and a salad/nibbles to share.

Monthly Yarrowee Trail Working Bees

Second Wednesday of the month 5.00-6.00pm – February, March, April

Come along and do some maintenance around the plantings – weeding, tree guard straightening. Park in Hearn Street Park, Brown Hill. BYO gardening gloves

Friends of Black Hill Reserve

Anyone interested in Black Hill Reserve might like to know there's now a Friends group.

One of our members, Neil, has created a friends group on Facebook which he's describing as "a bunch of people keen on the Black Hill Reserve, who are interested in initiating, discussing and doing things to make the hill even more wonderful than it already is."

Join the friends group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1684095331806476/>

Brown Hill Community FireAware Initiative

Would you like to help your local neighbourhood be better prepared for a fire event?

Another of our members, Hazen, is in the process of obtaining support for a Community FireAware initiative to form a network of walkable neighbourhood clusters which offer a series of information workshops throughout the fire season. The workshops will raise the awareness of the fire risk for residents in Brown Hill – north & south of the freeway; and encourage households to prepare their properties and to respond appropriately if an event arises. Hazen is working on having four clusters ready to roll for the next fire season. So far, Matt Dowler has put his hand up to cover Coorabin Estate and Hazen will cover Finlay/Bradbury Streets. If you live in Brown Hill and would like to know more (under no obligation!) please email or give Hazen a ring. There are many ways to assist.

Contact: Hazen Cleary
0408 690 493
hmc433@hotmail.com

Small Project Grants Available

Planning for a planting? Need to fence off some remnant vegetation? Tackling weeds? There are always opportunities to apply for small project grants for local activities. You need to be a financial member and the group is able to fund up to 50% of total project costs. Contact Anthony Murphy on 5334 5408 to discuss your ideas, obtain an application pack and get your application started.

Committee Contacts

Anthony Murphy, President	5334 5408	John Thomas	5334 5344
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It's that time of the year when *Acacia melanoxylon* (Australian Blackwood) sheds curly, twisted seed pods and springs shiny black seeds encircled by a pinky-red aril. A perfect ground carpet.

