September/November

2018

Spring Outdoors

A regional program of environmental events brought to you by Banyule City Council and Manningham Council.

All Banyule and Manningham residents are invited to attend any of the events listed in this program.

Bookings are essential for most events, so please book early to avoid disappointment. If you are unable to attend, please let the booking contact know as there are often waiting lists.

Sunday 26th August 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Banyule Nature Play Adventures - Darebin Forest Park

Presented by: Banyule City Council

Come along and explore the natural world with your children in one of Banyule's picturesque bushland areas along the Darebin Creek. Activities will include building cubbies from natural materials, nature art, nature walks, waterbug investigations and more. This event falls in the Wurundjeri season of Guling – the Orchid Season.

Where: Darebin Forest Park, enter corner of Gona Street and Liberty Parade, Heidelberg West

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential. Places limited to 120.
Book at https://www.trybooking.com/WEHR

Saturday 2nd September 2018, 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Significant Tree Tour and Exhibition viewing

Presented by: Banyule City Council

Come for a tour of some of the spectacular trees on Banyule's Significant Tree Register. This bus tour, with an arborist guide, will take you through the different trees, their history and what makes them significant. An afternoon tea will be provided at Hatch Contemporary Arts Space where you can view local artist Fran Lee's "For I have learned to look on nature", a series of portraits of significant trees in Banyule.

Cost: Free

Where: Meet in the rear car park, The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

Bookings: Essential. Places limited to 20.
Book at https://www.trybooking.com/WVAR

Wednesday 5th September 2018, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Environment Seminar - Fish and Crayfish of Manningham's Creek

Presented by: Manningham Council

Principal aquatic ecologist from Ecology Australia, Chris Bloink, will provide a background overview of the fish and crayfish species that are found in Manningham's creeks. He will provide an outline of the species that were formerly known or suspected to live in these waterways, together with a summary of their ecology.

Cost: Free

Where: Bull and Bush Room, Grand Hotel, 110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Bookings: Not required

Thursday 6th September 2018, 7:30pm – 10.00pm

Native bees of Australia

Presented by: Warringal Conservation Society

Following a discussion of local conservation news and events, we will hear from our guest speaker Ken Walker, the Senior Curator of Entomology at Museum Victoria. Ken's research interests are in native Australian bees (in particular the family Halictidae) and pollination syndromes (which bee pollinates what plant). Ken has described over 150 new species of native bees, especially in the genera Homalictus and Lasioglossum, and has had several species of Australian bees named after him.
The evening will end with supper and informal chat.

Cost: Gold coin donation

Where: Old Shire Hall, 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg
Melway ref. 32 D3

Bookings: Not required

Photo: Tom Crawshaw

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September 2018, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Australian Native Plants Expo

Presented by: Australian Plant Society, Yarra Yarra Group Inc

Come along to the Eltham Community and Reception Centre to learn more about native and indigenous plants, source books, listen to talks by Landscape designers Phillip Johnson (Sat at 2.00pm), Loretta Childs and AB Bishop (Sun at 2.00pm) experience new displays and much more.

Cost: Free

Where: Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham

Bookings: Not required. For more details Ph. 94397228 or email apsyarrayarra@gmail.com or check out https://apsyarrayarra.org.au or https://www.facebook.com/APSYarraYarra/

Saturday 8th September 2018, 10:00am – 10:45am

Make your Kokedama Workshop

Presented by: Bulleen Art and Garden

Based on the traditional aesthetics of the Japanese Art of Kokedama, Kat demonstrates how you can make your own using modern sustainable gardening practices and some tips on choosing the best plants for our climate.

Cost: Free

Where: Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Bookings: Not required

Saturday 8th September 2018, 5:30pm – 9:30 pm

Twilight to after dark walk at Banyule Flats

Presented by: Warringal Conservation Society

Join members of Warringal Conservation Society to discover the fauna which lives at Banyule Flats Reserve. At 5.30pm we will walk to the swamp viewing area to see which birds return to roost. Then, when it gets dark at 6.15pm we will commence our walk around the southern end of the Banyule Billabong and along the river bank. Wear sturdy shoes, bring binoculars and a torch with a red cover to minimise disturbance to the animals.

Cost: Free

Where: Banyule Flats Reserve, meet at the carpark off Somerset Drive, Viewbank. Melway ref. 32 F2

Bookings: Essential. Places limited to 30. Book at https://www.trybooking.com/400531

Saturday 8th September 2018, 12:00pm – 2:00 pm

Hollows for habitat - Nesting box building workshop

Presented by: Banyule City Council

Many native animals require a hollow in a tree for their habitat. Much of this habitat has disappeared as suburbs expand across Melbourne. You can make a difference by creating suitable habitats in your back yard for Rosellas, Microbats, Sugar Gliders and more! In this session you'll learn about the importance of hollow habitat, through investigating and constructing a range of nesting boxes for native animals.

Cost: Free

Where: Wilson Reserve, Ivanhoe. Melway ref. 31 G10 Enter at the end of Irvine Road

Bookings: Essential: limited to 20. Book at https://www.trybooking.com/WUMP

Photo: Fred Kroh

Sunday 9th September 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Re-vegetation at Banyule Flats Reserve

Presented by: Warringal Conservation Society and Banyule City Council

Come and join Warringal Conservation Society members at our ongoing rehabilitation of the Banyule Flats Reserve, an area rated as being of State Environmental significance. We will be planting indigenous species around 'Tawny Pond', named because the area is home to Tawny Frogmouths. Dress for the weather and gardening activities. Tools and plants will be provided and we will end the morning's activities with a cuppa and a chat.

Cost: Free

Where: Banyule Flats Reserve, adjacent to the carpark off Somerset Drive, Viewbank. Melway ref. 32 F2

Bookings: Not required

Wednesday 12th September 2018, 7:45pm – 9:00pm

Home Gardening Seminar

Presented by: Doncaster Garden Club

The Doncaster Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month. A 7:45pm food swap is followed by a gardening seminar. Tonight's topic is Lavender with Marie Marnie from the Lavender Cottage.

Cost: Free

Where: Doncaster Seniors Citizen Centre, Dehnert Street Doncaster

Bookings: Not required
For information contact Doug Brewer 9850 1710

Thursday 13th September 2018, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Garden Talk: The Wild Gardener

Presented by: Heide Museum of Modern Art

Neil Douglas advocated sustainable living and the environment, becoming a well-known conservationist, artist and potter. Join head gardener Dugald Noyes for a tour of the gardens, focusing on the life of Douglas and his role in the creation of the Wild Garden near Heide I.

Cost: Free

Where: Heide Museum of Modern Art, 7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen

Bookings: https://www.heide.com.au/whats-on/events-programs

Saturday 15th September 2018, 10:00am – 11:00am

Home Garden Vegie Swap

Presented by: Bulleen Art and Garden

Come along to share your produce and compare notes with other food gardeners. Bring along any vegies, fruit or herbs you have harvested, also eggs, preserves, recipes are welcome. Be inventive! You can also bring some things that not everyone else is growing at this time of year. This is a non-commercial event – no money changes hands.

Cost: Free

Where: Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Bookings: Not required

Saturday 15th September 2018, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Backyard Beekeeping

Presented by: Benedict Hughes, the Backyard Beekeeper and Banyule City Council

Did you buy a flow hive or have you already started in beekeeping but want to know more? Maybe you are just looking to learn more about how to manage a beehive as part of your permaculture setup. This course provides you with an insight into the skills and experience required to safely and effectively manipulate a bee hive and carrying out general management practices.

The course is delivered with a secure working demonstration hive for use in indoor setting. The course is suitable for participants aged from 14 years onwards.

Cost: Free

Where: Darebin Parklands Community Centre, Gleeson Room, end of Separation Street, on the corner with Smith Street, Alphington. Melway ref. 31 C9

Bookings: Essential: Places limited to 20.
Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/400926

Sunday September 16th 10:00am – 12:00pm

Woody weed removal working bee

Presented by: Friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve

Join the friends of Andrew Yandell Habitat reserve as they work to remove invasive woody weeds. Removing the weeds helps the local indigenous species thrive and out compete the invasive weeds, returning this beautiful bushland reserve back to its former glory.

Cost: Free

Where: Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, St Helena Road, Greenhills, meet down the bottom of the stairs

Information: e-mail megan.lowe@banyule.vic.gov.au to register your interest in attending

Sunday September 16th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Eltham Copper Butterfly walk and talk

Presented by: Banyule City Council Bushland Management Unit

Bushland Management staff will lead a walk and talk to explain the importance of Andrew Yandell Habitat reserve as a refuge for the threatened Eltham Copper Butterfly. Learn about the amazing symbiotic relationship between the ant, the plant and the butterfly!

Cost: Free

Where: Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, 37 St Helena Road, Greensborough, meet down the bottom of the stairs

Information: e-mail megan.lowe@banyule.vic.gov.au to register your interest in attending

Wednesday 19th, 26th September, Wednesday 3rd, 17th October, Wednesday 21st November – At Dusk

Twilight Tours at the Sanctuary

Presented by: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Come on an engaging walk through the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary at night. Discover this hidden treasure in the suburbs and learn about the wetlands, woodlands and wildlife of the Melbourne area, whilst immersing yourself in a relaxed stroll through La Trobe University's outdoor laboratory – 30 Hectares of woodlands, re-established from the 60's farming landscape.

Cost: $10.00 (a saving of $15.00!)

Where: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, La Trobe Avenue, La Trobe University

Bookings: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/visit/tours - Enter the code SPRING18

Photo: Tom Crawshaw

Throughout October at night, 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Eltham Copper Butterfly larvae counts

Presented by: Banyule City Council Bushland Management Unit

Come along and help conserve the threatened Eltham Copper Butterfly by joining in the annual larvae count. The Bushland Management Unit will be counting Eltham Copper Butterfly larvae at night to monitor the health of the population in Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve. They require interested volunteers to assist with this vital conservation work.

Cost: Free

Where: Andrew Yandell Habitat Reserve, St Helena Road, Greenhills

Information: e-mail megan.lowe@banyule.vic.gov.au to register your interest in attending

Wednesday 3rd October 2018, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Environment Seminar – Imported Geological Material in Natural Areas

Presented by: Manningham City Council

Imported geological material is an emerging critical issue in maintaining natural areas. Foreign geomaterial is not consistent with site geology, geomorphology, soils and hydrology.
Join Dr Jeff Yugovic who will review case studies, discuss alternatives and propose management guidelines.

Cost: Free

Where: Bull and Bush Room, Grand Hotel, 110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Bookings: Not required
Information: manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars or 9840 9124

Thursday 4th October 2018, 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Rakali and Platypus

Presented by: Warringal Conservation Society

Following a discussion of local conservation news and events, we will hear from our guest speaker Tanya Loos. Tanya has researched the ecology, evolution and conservation of platypus and the Rakali, the Australian water rat. Join with us to learn more about Platypus and Rakali, and how you can help them thrive in waterways. Rakali are attractive native aquatic mammals, like otters, that are excellent indicators of ecosystem health. They are an apex predator of our waterways, feasting on fish, yabbies and sometimes even ducks! The evening will end with supper and informal chat.

Cost: Gold coin donation

Where: Old Shire Hall, 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg. Melways ref. 32 D3

Bookings: Not required

Photo: Courtesy of Latrobe University

Photo: Lesley Mitchell

Friday 5th October 2018, Time TBC

Citizen Science - Spring Stagwatch

Presented by: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Come and help monitor arboreal mammals, birds and bats that utilise the nest boxes and natural tree hollows throughout the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary. Each volunteer will be allocated a tree or 'stag' to watch for one hour at sunset and will record any animals they observe emerging or entering nest boxes and hollows. This valuable data helps our biodiversity staff to monitor native animal populations, nest box usage and peak activity times in the sanctuary.

Cost: Free

Where: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, La Trobe Avenue, La Trobe University

Bookings: https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/get-involved/citizen-science (bookings will open approx. 4 weeks prior the event)

Saturday 6th October 2018, 9:00am – 10:00am

Warrandyte Community Garden – Food Swap

Presented by: Warrandyte Community Garden

Warrandyte Community Garden is located at the old horse paddock behind the police station on the banks of the Yarra River. Timed to correspond with the Warrandyte Riverside Market the Warrandyte Food Swap is open to anyone. This community food swap is free to attend and no money is exchanged.

Cost: Free

Where: Warrandyte Community Garden, Police Road, Warrandyte

Sunday 7th October 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Banyule Nature Play Adventures – Banyule Flats Reserve

Presented by: Banyule City Council

Connecting with nature is good for our health, well-being and development. More than this, playing in nature is so much fun!

Join us in the Banyule Flats Reserve to play in nature. Through play you'll learn about what makes the Banyule Flats special and how we can work as a community to protect and enhance the area for today and future generations. This event falls in the Wurundjeri season of Poorneet – or Tadpole Season.

Cost: Free

Where: Banyule Flats Reserve, 36/38 Somerset Drive, Viewbank, Victoria

Bookings: Essential. Places limited to 120. Book at https://www.trybooking.com/WEHT

Wednesday 10th October 2018, 7.45pm – 9:00pm

Home Gardening Seminar

Presented by: Doncaster Garden Club

Seila Hierk will talk propagating, planting, growing and cooking Asian green vegetables.

Cost: Free

Where: Doncaster Seniors Citizen Centre, Dehnert Street, Doncaster

Bookings. Not necessary.

Information: 9850 1710

Thursday 11th October 2018, 11.00am – 1:00pm

Garden Talk: Sunday's Roses

Presented by: Heide Museum of Modern Art

Join Heide head gardener Dugald Noyes for a tour of the historic gardens at Heide and the roses planted by Sunday Reed. Dugald will also discuss the distinguishing features of old and modern roses and how you can identify those in your garden.

Cost: Free

Where: Heide Museum of Modern Art, 7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen

Bookings: https://www.heide.com.au/whats-on/events-programs

Saturday 13th October 2018, 10.00am – 12:00pm

Manningham Uniting Church – Shared Garden

Presented by: Manningham Uniting Church

The Manningham Uniting Church shared garden group meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. This shared garden is open to everyone with a keen interest in community gardening. A range of raised garden beds are easily accessible and families are welcome.

Cost: Free

Where: Manningham Uniting Church Shared Garden, 109 Wood Street, Templestowe

Information: admin@manninghamuc.org

Saturday 20th October 2018, 10:00am – 11:00am

Home Garden Vegie Swap

Presented by: Bulleen Art and Garden

Come along to share your produce and compare notes with other food gardeners. Bring along any vegies, fruit or herbs you have harvested, also eggs, preserves, recipes are welcome. Be inventive! You can also bring some things that not everyone else is growing at this time of year. This is a non-commercial event – no money changes hands.

Cost: Free

Where: Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Bookings: Not required

Sunday 21st October 2018, 8:00am – 10:00am

Darebin Creek Bird Survey in Heidelberg West

Presented by: Darebin Creek Management Committee and La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Learn how to survey birdlife in bushland, grassland, and wetlands along the Darebin Creek. Michael Cincotta from La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary will run through the survey method and help with identification of more difficult bird species. Bring solid shoes, weather appropriate clothing and your own binoculars if possible. All level of bird knowledge, including beginners, are most welcome. To be followed by a cup of tea and nibbles. Data will be added to Birdlife Australia's Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

Cost: Free

Where: Meet at carpark at corner of Dougharty Road and Liberty Parade, West Heidelberg. If driving, parking is available along Dougharty Road. Melways ref. 19 E10.

Bookings: Essential, register through Eventbrite (link below): https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/darebin-creek-bird-survey-tickets-46966363658

Information: 9499 4454

Photo: Jane Crone

Thursday 25th October 2018, 11:00am -1:00pm

Garden Talk: Hero's and villains

Presented by: Heide Museum of Modern Art

John and Sunday Reed planted a myriad of exotic tree species in great numbers between the 1930s-1960s. This guided tour led by Heide gardener David Murphy will point out the Reeds' interesting and rare planting legacy, but also their plantings which have become an environmental nuisance.

Cost: Free

Where: Heide Museum of Modern Art, 7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen

Bookings: https://www.heide.com.au/whats-on/events-programs

Friday 26th October, Friday 16 November 2018, Time TBC

Citizen Science – Frog Census

Presented by: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Come and help us to monitor who lives in the wetlands at the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary. Volunteers will help us to listen and record frog calls around our wetlands. This data enables us to collect important information on the frog species that live and breed within the Sanctuary and provides an indication of the health of our wetlands.

Cost: Free

Where: La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary, La Trobe Ave, La Trobe University

Bookings: https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/get-involved/citizen-science (bookings will open approx. 4 weeks prior the event)

Saturday 27th October 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wildflower Walk - Banyule Northern Grasslands

Presented by: Banyule City Council Bush Management Unit

Take a guided walk through one of the last remaining patches of remnant grassland on the Victorian Volcanic plains alongside Darebin Creek. Find out how Banyule's Bushland Management unit are conserving the area with help from locals. Learn to ID rare grassland plant species and take photos of wildflowers in bloom. Follow it up with a chat and cuppa with like - minded people.

Cost: Free

Where: Meet at the corner of Dougharty Road and Liberty Parade, Heidelberg West

Bookings: Essential. Places limited to 25.
Book at https://www.trybooking.com/400934

Sunday 28th October 2018, 7:30am – 11:30am

Breakfast with the Birds

Presented by: Banyule City Council

Join experienced guides from Birdlife Melbourne for an early morning walk as they help to identify more than 70 species of birds. The walk will be followed by a light breakfast at the Old Shire Offices, off Beverley Road. Bring your own binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes – please don't be late!

Cost: Free

Where: Old Shire Offices, 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg. Melway ref. 32 3D

Bookings: Essential. Places limited to 100.
Book at https://www.trybooking.com/400454

Thursday 1st November 2018, 7:30pm – 10:00 pm

Diversity in the Proteaceae with a focus on Grevillea and Banksia: floral morphology, pollination and genetic diversity.

Presented by: Warringal Conservation Society

Following a discussion of local conservation news and events we will hear from our guest speaker Dr Susan Hoebee. Susan completed a PhD on the conservation genetics of the critically endangered Wee Jasper Grevillea and has an ongoing interest in understanding gene flow in threatened grevilleas and the Proteaceae more generally. Genes are moved through a landscape by both pollen and seed, and given plants have many mechanisms affecting who can mate with whom, this has meant that understanding cues to pollinators and mechanisms of incompatibility are important in terms of the processes that help or hinder gene flow. Susan will talk about research that considers these issues in several Grevillea species and some projects beginning to explore similar questions within Banksia. The evening will end with supper and informal chat.

Cost: Gold coin donation

Where: Old Shire Hall, 60 Beverley Road, Heidelberg. Melways ref. 32 D3

Bookings: Not required

Saturday 10th November 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Manningham Uniting Church – Shared Garden

Presented by: Manningham Uniting Church

The Manningham Uniting Church shared garden group meet on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. This shared garden is open to everyone with a keen interest in community gardening. A range of raised garden beds are easily accessible and families are welcome.

Cost: Free

Where: MUC Shared Garden 109 Wood Street, Templestowe

Information: email admin@manninghamuc.org

Wednesday 14th November 2018, 7:45pm – 9:00pm

Home Gardening Seminar

Presented by: Doncaster Garden Club

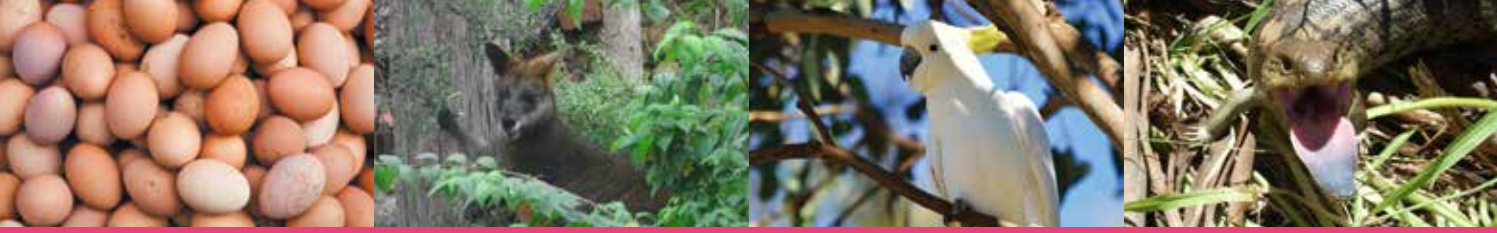
The Doncaster Garden Club meet on the second Wednesday of the month. A 7:45pm food swap is followed by a gardening seminar. Enjoy a special visit from Vasili of Vasili's Garden fame.

Cost: Free

Where: Doncaster Seniors Citizen Centre, Dehnert Street, Doncaster

Bookings: Not necessary

Information: 9850 1710



Saturday 17th November 2018, 10:00am – 11:00am

Home Garden Vegie Swap

Presented by: Bulleen Art and Garden

Come along to share your produce and compare notes with other food gardeners. Bring along any vegies, fruit or herbs you have harvested, also eggs, preserves, recipes are welcome. Be inventive! You can also bring some things that not everyone else is growing at this time of year. This is a non-commercial event – no money changes hands.

Cost: Free

Where: Bulleen Art and Garden, 6 Manningham Road West, Bulleen

Bookings: Not required

Saturday 24th November 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wildlife of Currawong Bush Park

Presented by: Manningham Council

Join local ecologist David De Angelis and Wild Action as we explore the wildlife living in Currawong Bush Park. Total walk distance is approximately 2 kilometres, the walk includes narrow tracks and bridges. Suitable for ages 8+ years and over.

Cost: Free

Where: Currawong Bush Park, Reynolds Road, Doncaster East

Bookings: Essential.
Book at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors

Notes

Stay up to date with all the environment programs in your area by joining your local environment network.

Manningham Council

Sustainability Information

Visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors or www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability for more information on Manningham Council's environmental initiatives. You can phone Council on 9840 9333.

Banyule City Council

Greenwrap Seasonal Newsletter

Sign up to Banyule's Greenwrap seasonal newsletter to stay up to date with local sustainability events, grants and activities. To subscribe email: environment@banyule.vic.gov.au

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