CRISP Nursery News

AGM and other information

We are looking forward to seeing many of our Members, Volunteers and Supporters at the CRISP Nursery Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Many thanks to those who have already replied.

Guest Speaker Dr Ross Field: MAgrSc, PhD (Entomology)

Butterflies of Melbourne Eastern Suburbs and Dandenong Ranges

When: Saturday 16th March 2024, 2pmWhere: Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood.

Afternoon Tea Provided

- Learn about the variety of Butterflies of the Dandenong Ranges and the eastern suburbs and how to encourage them into your garden and local reserves.
- Find out about the native grasses and sedges that provide food for caterpillars.
- Discover the specific plant species butterflies need to breed and feed on.
- Understand the interesting interactions between butterflies and other species.

CRISP Nursery Committee

CRISP Nursery has a Volunteer Committee of Management who oversee the governance of the Nursery. The AGM is the opportunity to find out about the achievements of the Nursery over the past year and future plans.

The committee is made up of members with a variety of backgrounds, who meet once a month and work together to shape the future of CRISP Nursery. All committee positions become vacant and up for election at the AGM. If you are looking for an outlet to use your existing skills or interested in learning something new – why not consider joining the committee. If interested, have a chat with one of our current committee members or one of the nursery managers to find out more information, and pick up a Nomination form at the nursery.

Please arrive about 15 mins early for registration. For catering purposes please RSVP by 13th of March. Ph: 9879 3911 email: info@crispnursery.org.au.

Saturday Sales have resumed from March 2nd

CRISP Nursery is well stocked with plants and has re-opened for Saturday Sales from 10am-1pm

Bedford Park – Local Sustainability Fair – a Free Event

Sunday 17th March 10am-2pm Rosewarne Lane Ringwood Kids Activities, Guest Speakers, Market Stalls, Live Music and CRISP Nursery will have an information stall. For more information ⁷ Sustainability Fair 2024

How safe is your backyard soil?

The benefits of growing our own nutritious health food organically in the backyard vegie patch are well documented. But have you ever considered how healthy your garden soil is – and the flow on effect to your produce?

As well as impacting the fruit and vegetables that we grow and consume, soil contamination may also have ramifications in the keeping of domestic chickens for egg production.

GardenSafe is a new citizen science program by the EPA in Victoria which aims to find out exactly how healthy our backyard soils are. EPA Victoria is offering high-tech help for Victorian gardeners, with free garden soil screening for trace elements and soil quality indicators, including soil texture, composition, nutrients and organic carbon.

Participants in the program receive a free report from EPA's Citizen Science team on their results. EPA Victoria will use the findings to build an understanding of the potential risk and exposure if contamination is present.

GardenSafe invites Victorians to send garden soil samples for screening. More details available from the <u>Garden Safe website</u>

City Nature Challenge

Friday 26 April to Monday 29 April | Throughout Maroondah

Get ready to discover Maroondah's remarkable urban biodiversity. Log your observations directly using iNaturalist or take part in Council's Nature challenge activities. <u>Find out more or register.</u>

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