

Community of

Ringwood

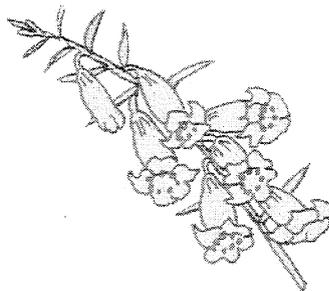
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CRISP Nursery News

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Saturday Sales
1st and 3rd
Saturday of the month
March to November
10am until 1pm

SALES AREA

Open:
Wednesday 9.30am - 2.30pm
Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday 1.00pm - 3pm (March to November)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Most of the work at CRISP is carried out by volunteers. These are people from within the community who give their time to help provide a large range of indigenous plants for the Maroondah Region. If you care about your local environment and would like to help out at the nursery - join the friendly team. No experience needed. Learn the difference between various native plants, learn to propagate and pot up the many seedlings.

Where are we?

CRISP is located in GREENWOOD AVE, Ringwood (just next to Jubilee Park). If you can't find a volunteer amongst the plants - walk down further and find them in a small building on your left - just before Reverse Art. Come and browse the sales section or give some of your time to help the others.

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A note from the Editor

Hoping everyone had a restful time over Christmas and managed not to lose too many plants despite the lack of rain. We are lucky, however, to have had some good rain earlier this month and parts of the Maroondah region is fairly green as a result, especially in comparison to other parts of Victoria which are suffering badly.

Thank you to Trevor and Beryl Blake who kindly hosted the CRISP BBQ in December. Their property is a wonderful living example of how the local indigenous plants once survived in the region. Trevor's inspiring observations in his article on 'Regeneration' in this issue is a 'must read' for everyone. Trevor has stopped watering the small section of tree ferns as they required far too much water for the latest restrictions. Probably many of us are in the same position - this is not the area for tree ferns - despite their beautiful foliage - and whether we can keep them going with level 3 restrictions, only time will tell. At the other end of the non local spectrum and coming from a dry environment - the red flowering gums are just showering us with a magnificent display. Water and very hot weather has become a challenge for the CRISP volunteer team who work tirelessly to ensure the plants are kept healthy.

There will be three issues of the newsletter this year. The first two won't be as big as the last one but be prepared to have you say and send in articles and ideas for the **Spring Bumper Issue** this year. Thank you again to Carmel Koesasi for her thought provoking piece and to Annette O'Sullivan for her wonderful photos of local flora.

This year a brochure will be produced promoting CRISP and encouraging people to buy local plants and support the nursery in other ways. This will be distributed in the Maroondah region. If you have any specific ideas for the content of the brochure - please contact Stephanie at the nursery on Wednesdays or email myself (lhibbs@ihug.com.au). Help will also be needed in distributing these.

Hoping for a lot more rain...and don't forget the CRISP Plant sale on the 3rd March!

Best wishes,
Linda Hibbs

Eastern Spinebill
Photographer: Ted Shimba
Museum Victoria
www.museum.vic.gov.au



President's Report

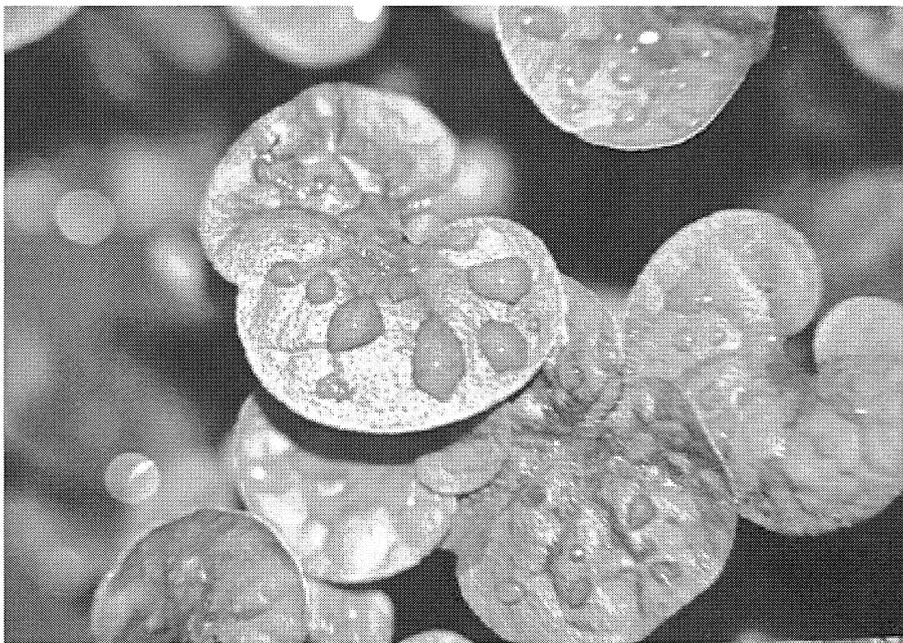
The nursery is as diverse as ever - a great conglomerate (of botanical activities and attitudes). Everything on a cool sunny day can be perfect but, suddenly and on that very same day, something happens and nothing is perfect! Whatever your life circumstances the nursery will complement them. Volunteering at the nursery may not actually solve life's concerns, but doing good work, satisfying and meaningful work, with fellow volunteers and the passionately engaged staff will allow a creative space where feelings of belonging, engagement, purposefulness and joy can flourish.

Change is happening so rapidly that, within less than a lifetime, species that were once a part of many lives, framing their identities, in fact, have become so rare that they are in danger of disappearing altogether. It is very satisfying to play some small part both in preserving and in extending further the knowledge of our local bio-diversity. It is equally satisfying to work with people

who allow each other the space to be themselves.

Mindful of our statement of purpose, the nursery management is continually searching for a style of operation that is as affective as it is inclusive. We want people to be able to access plants easily. To this end it is good to have an attractive, well laid-out sales area clearly signed and amply stocked with healthy, enticing plants that are reasonably priced. But, for us, our indigenous flora is never just a commodity to be sold. Rather, it is the means whereby awareness, understanding and affection for our local ecology are fostered. We want to try to maintain (foolishly perhaps!) some sense of connectedness to our ancient, botanic inheritance. Nature is forever changing and the future will be different but until nature decides otherwise, we will keep on trying!

Stay kind
John Beeston



Dichondra repens
Kidney Weed

Photo:
Annette O'Sullivan

Community Development Report

Stephanie Dean

The year has started off with lots of projects and ideas.

By the time you read this we will have had our display and information stand at the Maroondah Festival – this is one of our major opportunities for promoting the nursery. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make these promotions successful, and my thanks to all that helped out.

It was decided last year that we would no longer continue with Sunday Sales and change to Saturdays. We will now be open for Sales on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am – 1pm. Our grand reopening of the Sales area will be on March 3rd. We will be having a combined promotion / open day with the other tenants of 17 Greenwood Ave. Equipment Recycling Network and Reverse Art Truck are open on the first Saturday of the month anyhow and Outer Eastern Citizens Advocacy will be holding a Garage Sale.

We will be holding 2 other major sales through the planting period. These have been set for the July and September. All offers of assistance in promoting and helping out on the day, will be gratefully received.

On March 31st and April 1st we have been invited to have a display at an Open Garden in East Doncaster – as this is a bit out of our area we considered carefully whether to do this or not. I have been in touch with other local community indigenous nurseries, and, at this stage, we are planning a joint display on promoting the use of

indigenous plants in home gardens. If you have an hour to spare over this weekend and would like to spend that time staffing this display you would be most welcome.

Intro to Propagation Sessions – will be run first Wednesday of every second month. If you have wanted to join the propagating team one of these sessions could be your perfect opportunity.

Our data base is up and running – many thanks to Margaret Babar for the endless hours she has put into this project. We still have a bit of a backlog of information to add so if you have some spare time and would like to spend a few hours adding information please contact us.

The nursery, as always, is a great place to spend a couple of hours. If you want to take part in worthwhile activities with a great group of people make your way down to the nursery on Wednesday or Friday morning or for one of our Saturday Sales.

Look forward to seeing you soon,
Stephanie



Photo:
Annette O'Sullivan

Regeneration - A Few Observations

Trevor Blake

It's interesting to see the changes that take place in an area that has been completely cleared of dominating *Pittosporum undulatum* that has formed a dense canopy virtually preventing much light penetration. The ground has been starved of direct sunlight for many years and of course these surface guzzling trees have taken up virtually all the moisture over this period.

The process of domination has been systematic and highly successful by these adaptable rainforest trees. Let me sing their praises before I sentence them to death by removal and poisoning or a lingering death by ringbarking and shoot removal.

Pittosporum undulatum is an excellent rainforest tree that has proved a survivor to all but desert conditions. It is tough, grows and reproduces easily and will grow in most conditions from almost total shade to full sun. Soils don't seem to be any restrainer and it can be found growing in heavy clays to deep coastal sanddunes. As a fast growing tree it provides excellent screening growth, can be heavily lopped or pruned to create a dense visual barrier, flowers for a long period with attractive and beautifully perfumed flowers which mature into seed capsules which open bright orange with contrasting black seeds. However this species spreads like wildfire and is a recognised as an environmental weed in many municipalities

It is interesting to note its technique for dominance from seedling to maturity, forming almost monospecific closed forests. Mainly spread by birds the seeds

are distributed around the base of the bird perching trees where they germinate and grow rapidly. The larger they grow the greater their water guzzling capacity; check out the massive surface roots that spread out as anchors and feeders. In the case of stringybark woodland the combination is deadly. Stringybarks cannot tolerate much alteration in their habitat at all. The heaping of quantities of soil around their trunks or root spread or soil compaction around this same area is usually deadly and so is the alteration of their water regime. Pittosporums carry out the latter superbly. Our observations have found *Euc. obliqua* (Messmate), *macrorhyncha* (Red Stringy) and *cephalocarpa* (Mealy Stringy) quite susceptible.

The floor under this canopy of mature *Pittosporum undulatum* is a mulch of leaves, generally dry and not conducive to seedling regrowth and there is some suspicion of a retardant in the leaves. However, once the competition is reduced through ring-barking, species will gradually respond to the changed conditions and allow the bush regenerators (human) to control weed growth and replant indigenous flora. Clearfelling an area can be fraught with opportunistic weed species rapidly taking over. It is only advisable to employ this method in a 'closed area' ie. an area sealed off with an almost impenetrable barrier of indigenous vegetation that prevents most weed seed from blowing in or being spread easily. A successful technique here is to plant plenty of local flora to take up the bareness that weed will dominate if given half the chance. If the area is badly weed infested, spray it and paper

and mulch it heavily and start the process of indigenous revegetation again or you will go nuts trying to control the area. In the sealed areas, after removal, where little is growing, it is well worthwhile doing a weekly inspection to remove some of the inevitable weeds such as *Poa annua*, Panic Velt, *Gnaphalium*, Blackberry, flat weed, thistles, etc. etc. from getting a hold and more importantly seeding. Remove these weeds to a compost heap and its worth spreading a few leaves over the disturbed soil to retard any weed growth.

Intriguingly, after probably more than 30 years of *Pittosporum* invasion these cleared areas are showing remarkable germination of many indigenous plants. Seed that has been lying dormant for this time is germinating and certainly some has been spread from surrounding areas. *Acrotriche serrulata*, *Bossiaea prostrata*, *Hovea heterophylla*, *Platylobium formosum*, *Stylidium graminifolium*,

Hypericum gramineum, *Viola hederacea*, *Goodenia lanata*, *Dianella revoluta tasmanica*, *Iomandra filiformis*, *longifolia*, *Xanthorrhoea minor*, *Kunzia ericifolia*, *Solanum aviculare*, *Senecio hispidulus*. *Cassinia aculeata* and *longifolia* as well as many grasses in *Poa*, *Stipa*, *Danthonia*, *Dolichanthe*, *Microlaena* and scattered plants of *Exocarpus cupressiformis*.

It's interesting to note that in another area of grassed *microlaena* lawn *Pterostylis pedunculata* has appeared for the first time in 25 years and in bushland regenerated 3 years ago *Microtis parviflora* (Slender Onion Orchid) has appeared. In an area dominated by 30m. pine trees that were removed 20 years ago 3 spikes of the Hyacinth Orchid (*Dipodium roseum*) appeared this season. Others have appeared in unpredictable spots each year throughout mainly undisturbed areas. This just looking can be a fascinating business! □

Stage 3 Water Restrictions

To comply with Stage 3 Water Restrictions the nursery has consolidated stock and reduced our watering times. We are looking also at long term water solutions and would be very interested in hearing from any members who have skills and expertise in water management with a view to submitting an application for a grant to carry out required works.



Pittosporum undulatum

**Plant Sale
March 3rd
CRISP Nursery**

Events of interest:

Whitehorse Community Indigenous Plant Project have walks on the final Friday of alternative months starting at 10.00am Feb 23rd Somers Trail/ Heatherdale Reserve (Park Purches St Mitcham Mel 49 C12) April 27 Greenlink Box Hill North (park St John's Ambulance car-park at Sporting Ovals off Elgar Rd Box Hill North Mel 47 B4) June 29 – Campbell's Croft/ Abbey Walk, Vermont (Mel 63 D3) For more information phone Les 9874-2641

The Friends Network is organising Sat April 14th seminar focusing on "How to attract more members to your group" - details available next month Sep 7th – 9th the 12th Biennial Conference "Meeting the climate of change" at Rawson Village (NE of Moe).

Planting Days and Working Bees & Bush Volunteer Groups –Hochkins Ridge Reserve (which now comes under Parks Vic) A new group, HOVEA, has formed which will be 'attacking' woody weeds in the reserve. They will meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month, between 9am-12noon (or 8.00am – 10.00am on really hot days) Contact Gary Wynen 9727-1136 or Daniel Flaim at Candlebark Nursery 9727-0594 (see over page for more information on local groups).

Communities' Action on Weeds (Seminar)

When: Thursday 19 April 2007

Time: 9am-12:30pm (lunch 12:30-1:30pm)

Where: Burrinja Community Centre and Gallery, Matson Road, Upwey (Melway 75 B12)

Details: this seminar which is presented by the Weed Society of Victoria looks at how communities can help themselves and also keep their areas weed free. There are presentations on a wide range of weed-related topics and some of the questions that will be addressed are: what are the problems that community groups face attempting to clear an area of weeds, and what can they do to clean up a weedy area so that it does not become a sea of seedlings but an area of restored bush? What is a declared weed and how does that differ from the environmental weeds of bushland, and what are the weeds that require mapping and controlling? □

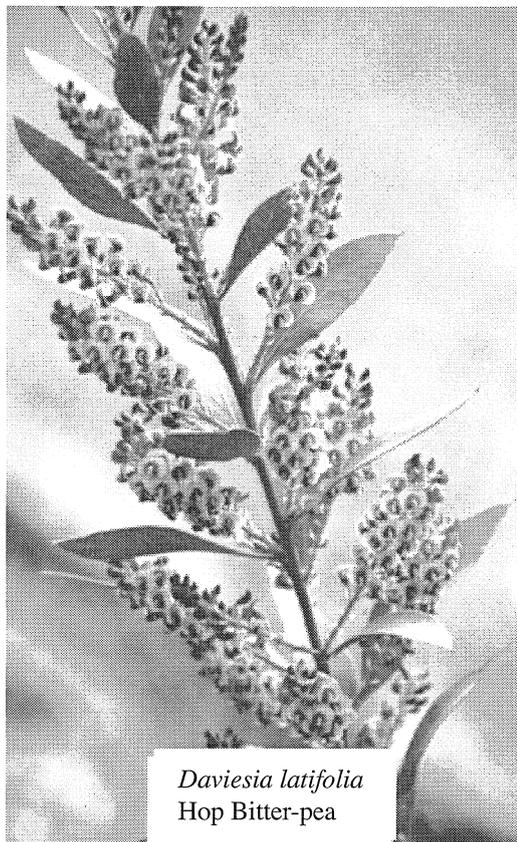
Speakers include: Daniel Joubert (DPI) David Blair (Shire of Yarra Ranges) Trevor McIntosh (Parks Victoria) Graham Peterson (EcoRepair) John Weiss (DPI) Darcy Duggan (Consultant) Trish Grant (DPI)

Cost of registration: students-\$35, WSV members-\$40, Community Group members-\$40, all others-\$50.

Fees include lunch, teas & proceedings, and the optional field trip to Dr Ken Leversha Reserve, Montrose (2-4:30pm).

More information & registration: please go to the following

website link to download full program and registration form http://www.wsvic.org.au/w_functions.php#five or contact Ros Shepherd (Secretary - Weed Society of Victoria) tel/fax: 9576 2949 or email: secwssv@surf.net.au for more details.



Daviesia latifolia
Hop Bitter-pea

Photo:
Annette O'Sullivan

Local Friends Groups

Heathmont Bushlink

Working bees held 1st Sunday of the month
Contact Roger: 9876 6762

Loughies Bushland

Working bees held 1st Saturday of the month
9.30-12.30pm. Meet in Kubis Drv at the Main
Entrance. Coming up: Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2
Contact Carol: 9870 8126

First Friends of Dandenong Creek

Contact Barry: 9801 1628

Mullum Mullum Creek Bushcare Group

Contact Dale: 9870 1060

FJC Rogers Reserve

Contact Gwen: 9879 1427

Friends of Wombolano

Working bees held 3rd Sunday of the month
Contact Andy: 9729 4550



Photo:
Annette O'Sullivan

Tubes needed!

Do you have plant tubes lying around waiting to be returned to the nursery? We are now well into the 'potting up' season and require lots and lots of tubes. As the nursery is committed to recycling wherever possible, the return of tubes is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to come during one of our open times - tubes can be left outside the gate.

Check out these web sites

Society for growing Autralian Native Plants
<http://asgap.org.au>

Museum Victoria
www.museum.vic.gov.au

Weeds
www.weeds.org.au
(Including downloadable Pdf file of booklet entitled 'Jumping the Garden Fence')

Australian Flora and fauna CDs and photographs
www.viridans.com.au



Feb 4th – Which Eucalypt is That? – Glen Jameson - Pound Bend Approx 2 hours

Mar 4th Mullum Mullum Corridor – Scott Baker & Graeme Lorimer 3 –4 hrs

Apr 1 – Blue Tongue Bend Circuit, Jumping Creek Reserve – Cathy Willis approx 3 hrs

May 4 – Water & Fire - Nigel Philpot & Dave Van Bickel – Warrandyte Gorge approx 4 hr

Jun 4 – Main Yarra Trail & Beyond – Anthony Owen approx 4 hrs

Friends of Warrandyte State Park with Manningham City Council

Sunday Walks 2007



This educational series of interpretive nature walks takes you into some of Manningham's most inspiring and interesting bushland. All walks are free but **bookings are essential** as places are limited. Each one commences at 10.15 am except for the December night walk. Some require a car shuffle between start and finish, and it is important to note that walk lengths and difficulties vary, and times and distances are an estimate only. Appropriate shoes, hat and clothing, and a water bottle are required, as is food on longer walks.

Enquiries: Cathy Willis on 9840 9122
Bookings: Kay Toussaint on 9840 9348 or email eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au



Dillwynia Cinerascens
Grey Parrot Pea

Photo:
Annette O'Sullivan

Community Groups Open Day

Four Community Groups on One Site
**17 Greenwood Ave
Ringwood**

Outer East Citizens Advocacy Inc
Garage Sale

Homewares, toys, furniture

CRISP Nursery Inc.

Indigenous plants from \$1
Autumn planting specials
Planting Information

Equipment Recycling Network Inc.

2nd hand Computer parts, games, cables and
hardware.

Reverse Art
Low cost art & craft supplies.

Saturday March 3rd

10am—1pm

Carmel's February Musings...

Native nurseries are an odd idea – aren't they? Surely one could reasonably expect any Australian plant nursery to be a repository of wise advice, helpful hints about the nurture of our indigenous flora and if perchance, one had a strange quixotic yen for something out of the ordinary then, and only then, could one be directed to the nearest Exotic Nursery! But I'm dreaming! We're all dreaming! This is Australia after all, a place where the exotic is ordinary, the exotic is commonplace and exotic flora is the everyday fare of most imaginations, while the shrubs and wildflowers of our region struggle for a presence in our collective consciousness. Our continent's delicate, subtle ecology is generally ignored – a mystery still!

If we want advice we can really trust, about growing local plants, rather than presenting ourselves to the nearest garden centre, we must seek out that bizarre little entity, the indigenous nursery! (The majority scratch their collective heads wondering, --indigenous nursery? What's that mean? Indigenous? We've heard that word somewhere before – didn't think it had anything to do with plants though!). but our particular indigenous nursery, CRISP, is well worth the seeking out – for it's looking and feeling surprisingly lovely at the moment. The place is imbued with an air of quiet fecundity, unhurried, not harried, seemingly untroubled by the fact that it is February. And it's not any normal February, predictably hot and dry perhaps! It's the February of a long and enduring period of drought with the old land drying and drying evermore while delusion is heaped upon water filled delusion!

The staff and volunteer have micro-managed their water usage with care and diligent attention. All tubes in the plant boxes have been thoroughly examined. Any less than robust plants

have been culled and the remaining stock consolidated in area. The effect of wind and the movement of sunlight and shadow are constantly monitored to ensure as little wastage as possible. As you can imagine, this requires not only time but also tolerance, as working spaces become confined and more difficult to access.

It is both pretty easy and brain-teasingly difficult to describe the work done on any one day at the nursery! Water management, wedding, digging, cleaning, replenishing, repairing, potting-up, propagating, the interminable lifting of plant-laden polystyrene boxes from potting shed to glass house to shade area – that's the bread and butter stuff for the nursery and its volunteers. Generally, generally I reiterate, - lest I be accused of gender stereotyping – the 'potting shed' is a female domain. Potting up/propagating, though sometimes seemingly tedious and repetitive, requires deft judgement, delicate skill and oodles of patience but is not so physically demanding as to preclude opportunity and inclination for a fair bit of yabber! That's an on old, old word, for an age-old human activity! Whereas the men seem to enjoy more the physicality and, perhaps the solitariness of and silence inherent in outdoor work.

But there are always exceptions. There's Rick – the keeper of the bell, the morning tea bell! Rick, who has carved out a sizable part of the potting shed as his singular and most orderly domain. There, he meticulously cleans, sorts, labels and stacks innumerable tubes, pots, trays and boxes, recycling them again and again until they literally crack under the strain. And there are times, such as this February, when other work has to be deferred in order to answer the call to man the potting shed floor, as the nursery struggles to cope with a hot-house bursting with a myriad of healthy seedlings. Volunteers,

male and female, jostle for room to work; while each seedling seems evermore insistent upon claiming their right to survive and be planted on the very land where their antecedents had flourished until 180 years ago!

Everything done at the nursery this month is predicated on work done before (sometimes years before) and it assumes there will be a future – and a place in that future for our own Australian plants. Surely now, surely during this particular February, more suburban dwellers will think seriously about their gardens, the earth beneath and the sky above, and return some

of these seedlings to their rightful place in Maroondah's yards and streetscapes! Is it too much to hope that the concept of an indigenous nursery is an idea whose time has come - at last?

CRISP, and other similar places, are working to effect a change in the way most of us look at and think about our enduring, old country. And that's difficult, difficult work – changing attitudes! Please discuss these ideas with your neighbours and workmates. Please bring them to the nursery. Caring for our country is up to all of us.

Carmel Koesasi

NEWS & EVENTS

Yarra Valley Permaculture Group

invites all members and friends to join us for an

AUTUMNFEST at HEALESVILLE

to celebrate the

ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET THIRD BIRTHDAY

and the

AUTUMN EQUINOX

Saturday 17th March

This celebration will combine the usual Saturday market with displays and other activities by local community groups, running from 9 am to 2 pm, including breakfast and lunch featuring local produce.

Our motto is "Think Global – Eat Local"

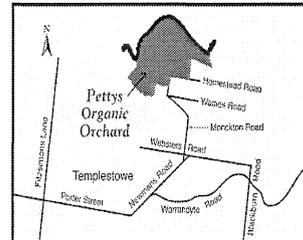
Healesville Tourist Railway Precinct (Railway Station) (Melway Ref 235:J4)

Heritage Fruits Group. Apple tasting and Petty's Orchard Open day

SUN Mar 25th 10am to 4pm

Adults \$5.00 u15 free

- Tours of largest Apple collection on the mainland.
- Huge Display of apple varieties
- Organic farmers market stalls.
- Organic apple sales.
- Choose your varieties now for the grafting days.



How to find us!

Cnr. of Monkton and Homestead Rds Templestowe
Melways ref. 22 A12.

CRISP STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- To preserve and maintain the indigenous flora and its biodiversity within Ringwood and surrounding areas.
- To propagate indigenous plants from locally collected seed and plant material using Council and Community resources on an on-going basis.
- To provide indigenous plants for planting into Ringwood reserves, school grounds, and for other Council and Community purposes.
- To encourage public interest and participation in the propagation of indigenous plants at CRISP
- To foster a greater knowledge, care and understanding of the indigenous plants of Ringwood.

Seminar Program 2007

Organised by the Manningham Council

Wednesday March 7

Ian Endesby

"INSECTS"

Insects spend their lives eating, growing, metamorphosing, fighting and mating. With just a notebook and pencil you can record interesting behaviours in your own backyard and perhaps, be the first to note them. Come and hear some of the interesting and bizarre things that insects do.

Naturalist activities have been Ian's hobby since he was a boy and he has studied plants, birds and insects. He talks to naturalist and conservation groups, particularly about insects and has written many articles on natural history subjects. Ian's particular interests are dragonflies and other freshwater aquatic invertebrates, the natural history of Norfolk Island, and the works and travels of early naturalists in Australia. In 2002 he was awarded the Australian Natural History Medallion for his contribution and assistance to various naturalist groups.

Wednesday April 4

Dr Peter Fisher

"ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE"

Since 1999 Dr Fisher has contributed no fewer than 17 articles for the Australian Financial Review on environmental and scientific themes. He is a regular contributor to CSIRO's Sustainability Network Update newsletter on a broad range of environmental themes including *Extreme Proofing Cities*, December 2005. Peter is currently the Project Leader for the adaptation study for the City of Port Phillip and will focus his talk on extreme proofing of cities – adaptation to climate change. Peter M J Fisher graduated BSc (Hons) first class in physics, received the Dixon Research Prize and graduated PhD from the University of Melbourne. Dr Fisher worked in the Department of City & Regional Planning/Institute of Urban & Regional Development at the University of California - Berkeley.

Wednesday May 2

Craig Cleeland

"FROGS"

Craig's talk will introduce the Frogs of Melbourne with some general and ecological considerations when designing frog friendly breeding sites; along with a more general overview of threatening process and frog conservation. A detailed overview of the Southern Toadlet, a once wide spread species to the north and east of Melbourne will compare surveys completed in the late '60's/early 70's with the results of a 2007 survey with a view to nominating this species under the Fauna and Flora Guarantee Act.

Currently a teacher at Aquinas College, Craig is a long time advocate for frog conservation having been involved in numerous national conservation/education initiatives and on the founding committee for the Frogs Australia Network. He wrote and produced the "Frogs of Melbourne" booklet and his photographs and sound recordings have been used in numerous publications and web sites.

Wednesday June 6

Murray Bouchier

"VICTORIA'S DRY COUNTRY"

The natural history and landscape of N.W Victoria – The Mallee by Murray Bouchier an amateur naturalist with a special interest in birds.

Murray has been a member of the Bird Observers C of Australia (B.O.C.A) for 50 years and is the Foundation member of the Victorian Ornithological Research Group (V.O.R.G). Murray has worked on many bird surveys throughout Victoria over the year and is presently working on the Hooded Plover survey, and the birds of French Island. Murray's passion for the Mallee over the last 30 years has included up to 5 trips each year.

Wednesday July 4

Sarah Bekessy

"EXTINCTION IN THE SUBURBS"

Sarah's talk will cover key issues of biodiversity management in urban fringe areas: a crisis in Melbourne, international lessons and new scientific tools.

Dr Sarah Bekessy is a senior lecturer in environmental studies at RMIT University. Sarah specialises in sustainability science, is involved in a range of research and consulting projects, including two Australian Research Council research projects - Reimagining the Australian Suburb: biodiversity planning in urban fringe landscapes, and Building Capacity for a Sustainable Future: embedding education for sustainability into universities. Sarah is also involved in a new Commonwealth Environmental Research Facility, that seeks to develop and test tools to support transparent decision-making for environmental management.

Note: Two more seminars after July not included here.

Take out or renew your membership now!

CRISP needs your support now more than ever! Your neighbourhood needs more natives to remain green at a time when water is scarce

Due on July 1st each year

(For Members joining after March ,their next subscription falls due the following year)

What does your membership mean for you? Apart from helping support your local Indigenous plant nursery (run by volunteers), all plants are available to you at reduced rates (eg. tube stock will cost \$1.00 instead of \$1.50 and 150mm pots cost \$3.00 instead of \$4.00.

You are helping to keep Maroondah's local flora and fauna alive. Support CRISP and help your local environment.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP FEES: (Please circle)

Single: \$10 per annum

FAMILY: \$15 per annum

GROUP: \$20 per annum

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: Tel: _____

Email: _____

Please forward payment to: The Treasurer
CRISP Nursery Inc.
PO Box 706
Heathmont, VIC 3135

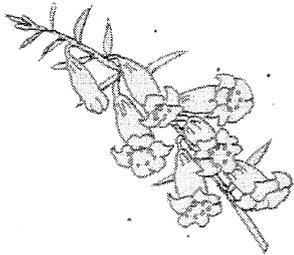
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