



Locality Sustainability Community

Newsletter April-May 2023

Hi there Rewilders,

Things are hotting up as the weather gets colder! There are heaps of activities coming up in April and May, hope to see you in person or online.

Stonnington Engaged All About Gardens Group - online

Thursday 20 April	2 – 3 pm
Online via Zoom	Alison will talk about indigenous plants and the work of Rewilding Stonnington. For info please contact Frances Rodrigo engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au

May working bees: nature strips and Prahran Station

Sunday 21 May	11am-1pm
Nature Strip	Stonnington Gardens, 2-18A Perth St Prahran
Weed, mulch, infill planting	



Sunday 28 May	9-11am
Nature Strip	28 Johnstone St Malvern
Mulch and plant	*small group – check with Graham Ross
Sunday 28 May	10am-12 noon
Sationeers Program	Prahran Station
Mulch, new planting	Led by Julie Laidler *Johnstone St crew welcome to come across if you have the energy

Meet onsite for a safety briefing, then work as directed. As always dress for the weather, wear a hat, gloves, long pants and solid-toed shoes, stay hydrated. Feel free to bring your own hand tools but don't forget to label them! Please note the Rewilding Trailer with tools, gloves and etc will be at Perth St and Prahran only.

Keep Australia Beautiful at Tooronga

KABVic have invited Rewilders to host a session with corporate volunteers at Tooronga Station, 10am-12 noon on Thursday 11 May (TBC). If any members would like to help out on the day please let us know.

City of Stonnington Nature Strips policy

In late March members of the Rewilding Stonnington committee were invited to participate in a Zoom briefing session led by members of Council's Climate, Sustainability and City Greening team. The policy is not yet at formal draft stage but proposals so far look promising; the overall aim being to encourage nature strip revegetation projects including with clear guidelines and an online application and approvals process. The guidelines will also encourage planting with indigenous and endemic species. We await further developments ... we'd also like to take this opportunity to wish Deb Neumann all the best with her parental leave and to welcome Annie Swann as acting Sustainable Environment Officer (Biodiversity).



Upcoming Events

City of Melbourne is running a free biodiversity symposium for urban practitioners Urban Nature: Urban Myth? 8.30am-5pm, 11-12 May 2023.

Book tickets at trybooking.com/CGLGN

For more information, contact nature@melbourne.vic.gov.au

In Other News

As Prahran-South Yarra residents may be aware, the South Yarra Siding Reserve parklands will be reopening mid-2023, following handback from the Metro Tunnel Project. Council has called for feedback on proposals for the park, including that it become a dog-on-lead area. We encourage members to respond via

<https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/south-yarra-siding-reserve>

We have also been promised a Zoom briefing on future plans for the park including planting schemes! Important given our interest in the verge along Osborne St immediately south of the Siding, as a potential revegetation site (part of our Green Line proposal). A date of Thursday 27 April has been proposed TBC. If members would like to attend let us know.

Finally, you may notice that the format of this newsletter has changed, coming to you for the first time direct from our website! Apologies for any glitches and thanks so much to Lauren Ferris, Marion Miller and other members of the website working group for getting it set up.

Growing wilder!

Alison Richards (President) for the Rewilding Stonnington Inc. Committee:

Nadine Samaha (Deputy President), Peta Hayes (Secretary), Graham Ross, Rosie Pham, Kirby Roper, James Russell, Julie Laidler, Grace Warner, Jason Whyte.

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