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Caring for the local environment

Newsletter **Winter 2019**

Welcome to the 2019 Winter issue of the newsletter.

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STOP PRESS!!

JULY WORKING BEES

This is a reminder that we will not be providing lunch after the two working bees in July, but they will resume again in August.

Port Phillip Westernport VLG Grant 2019/2020

We have submitted an application under the title 'Clean Creek Clean Bay' to allow us to rejuvenate Eyrie Creek by controlling environmental weeds, removal of litter and revegetation of indigenous species reducing sediment and erosion. We should hear the outcome of our application within a couple of months.

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UPDATES

Melbourne Water Grant 2018/2019

The work related to this grant has been completed.

Melbourne Water Grant 2019/2020

Coburn Creek Riparian Zone: The works plan has been approved and work will commence shortly.

CoastCare Victoria Community Grants 2019/2020

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in being awarded funds to protect our Coastal Banksia Woodland and revegetate degraded spaces (due to drought) along the McCrae foreshore. Work on this project will commence shortly.

Port Phillip Bay Fund Round 3 Community Grants

We are also very pleased to announce that we have been successful in being awarded funds to reduce the cover of high-threat weed species in the McCrae and Rosebud Foreshore Reserves (from Chinaman's Creek to Anthony's Nose) in line with the Shire's natural systems strategic priorities. This work will be carried out under the auspices of the Shire Bushland Management Team.

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RAINFALL IN MCCRAE

Year	Annual
2005	640.50mm
2006	466.50mm
2007	756.50mm
2008	602.75mm
2009	614.00mm
2010	934.50mm
2011	843.00mm
2012	959.00mm
2013	854.50mm
2014	652.55mm
2015	631.50mm
2016	773.50mm
2017	673.00mm
2018	591.00mm Lowest since 2006
2019	322.50mm to 30 June

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POLICE POINT WORKING BEES

MHCG was represented at the working bees held on 12th April and 14th June. Along with members of other Friends Groups and under the guidance of Danielle Suffern, two quite substantial patches of polygala were cleared – but still a long way to go as the infestation there is chronic.

There will be more working bees for you to join in. Keep a look out for an email with future dates.

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SHIRE'S BIOLINK DECISION MAKING TOOL

MHCG was invited by the Shire to send two representatives to a workshop held on 22nd May, to provide feed-back to their proposed *Biolink Decision Making Tool* which would establish a basis for prioritisation of biolinks, integrating natural landscape links enabling safe passage for animals across the peninsula. It is planned that biolinks should be established on private 'Landcare' type areas as well as public land and reserves. It was a useful discussion resulting in some changes being recommended to better streamline the process. It was proposed that another workshop be held before the final proposal is put to Council.

HOW TO BE A GOOD BUSHLAND NEIGHBOUR

(Information taken from the brochure of the same name published by MPS.)

The Mornington Peninsula features more than 200 bushland reserves.

These remnant areas of bushland are complex living environments that provide food and shelter to support many species of protected flora and fauna. Bushland needs to be preserved to ensure that it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

What you can do

Stop plants escaping from your garden. Remove any invasive weed species from your garden and replace them with locally indigenous plants. They require less water and will attract native birds and animals to your garden.

Don't dump garden waste. Heavy penalties apply to those who dump rubbish in bushland areas.

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Take responsibility for your waste and dispose of it correctly. For more information on waste disposal visit www.mornpen.vic.gov.au If you see someone illegally dumping rubbish contact the Shire via the 'Snap Send Solve' app. See back page for info on this app.

Leave the bush in the bush. Please do not remove dead trees, logs or branches from bushland reserves or roadsides as this can have direct impacts on the plants and animals living in our reserves. It is illegal to remove dead trees, logs and branches from woodland reserves without written permission from the Shire.

Fire. You should prepare your property well before the summer period. Contact the CFA for detailed information on preparing your home for the fire season – www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Domestic Animals. One of the most important things you can do to look after our native fauna and biodiversity values is to be a responsible pet owner.

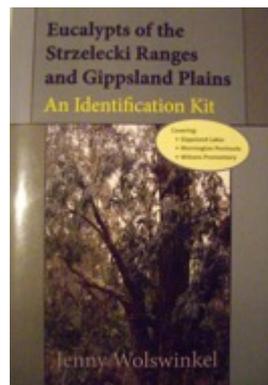
Dogs: Don't let dogs roam the neighbourhood. Dogs are prohibited in most bushland reserves. If dogs are permitted in a reserve they must be on a leash at all times. Find out about off-leash areas at www.mornpen.vic.gov.au

Cats: By law cats must be kept within your property boundaries at all times.

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BOOK REVIEW

Eucalypts of the Strzelecki Ranges and Gippsland Plains Jenny Wolswinkel



This is a terrific book which can be used as a tool for identifying the many varieties of eucalypts.

It describes the features of the trees; identification; key to species – bark and leaves & capsules; and includes illustrations and colour photographs of the

many groups:

Swamp Gum, Red Gum, Scentbark, Grey Gum-smooth bark, Grey Gum-rough bark, 'Mixed' Gum, Box, Peppermint, Ash and Stringybark.

If you want to borrow this book contact the Secretary.

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DID YOU KNOW

... the toxic substances emitted by coal-fired power stations:

Ammonia
 Arsenic & compounds
 Beryllium & compounds
 Cadmium & compounds
 Carbon monoxide
 Chlorine & compounds
 Chromium (III) compounds
 Chromium (VI) compounds
 Cobalt & compounds
 Copper & compounds
 Cumene (1-methylethylbenzene)
 Fluoride compounds
 Hydrochloric acid
 Lead & compounds
 Manganese & compounds
 Mercury & compounds
 Nickel & compounds
 Oxides & Nitrogen
 Particulate Matter 10.0
 Particulate Matter 2.5
 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
 Sulfur dioxide
 Sulfuric acid
 Toluene (methylbenzene)
 Total Volatile Organic Compounds
 Xylene
 Zinc & compounds

Phew!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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FUNDING SUPPORT

Thank you to our supporters for providing funds to enable MHCG to continue the vital work we do on the McCrae foreshore:



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FOR INFORMATION



ECOLOGICAL VEGETATION CLASS PROFILE:

002 COAST BANKSIA WOODLAND

Structure:	Woodland to 25 metres
Environment:	Usually on deep alkaline (calcareous) sand, often at the foot of coastal bluffs, sometimes on coastal bluffs on relatively sheltered sites
Pre-1750 distribution:	Widespread and locally extensive in coastal areas of the Mornington Peninsula, with inland occurrences near Cape Schanck
Present distribution:	Scattered and rare
Peninsula status:	Vulnerable
Bioregional status:	Vulnerable
Nearest relative:	Coastal Dune Scrub
Adjacent EVCs:	Coastal Dune Scrub, Coastal Dune Grassland, Coastal Alkaline Scrub
Typical site:	Rosebud Foreshore, Rosebud
Notes:	Distinguished by dominant Coast Banksia; ground layer frequently has succulent creepers, these are fire retardant and tend to protect Banksias from fire damage; this community naturally develops from Coastal Dune Scrub (dominated by Coast Tea-tree) in the long absence of fire

This leaflet published by the Shire carries more detail and can be obtained from the Shire Office in Besgrove Street.

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Bundjil Creation Story Book Launch

A meaningful collaboration between N'arweet Carolyn Briggs and the teaching staff and children of Balnarring Preschool has produced a beautiful new book of the Bundjil creation story. Officially launched at the recent Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee Community Festival, Indigenous stories passed down through generations teach us the importance of deepening our connection with each other and the land.

Copies of the book are available for \$30 at Balnarring Preschool.

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Read in a recent Tyabb Ratepayers Newsletter . Thanks Tyabb



WHAT IS SNAP SEND SOLVE??

Like all great ideas, Snap Send Solve was developed from a simple thought - "wouldn't it be great if I could report this broken swing in the park through an app".

The result has been a robust, user focused, mobile app that takes all the thinking out of reporting to local authorities.

The premise is simple: the app works out where you are, who manages incidents within that particular area and then using a users own email address sends through relevant information such as location, incident type and any related image to the correct contact.

The best part? Users don't have to wait in phone queues, pass on any additional personal

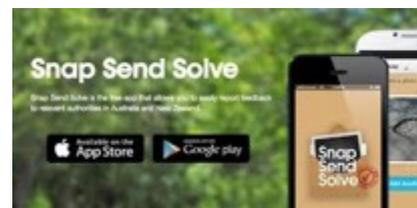
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information, if they don't wish, and the same app can be used anywhere in Australia - no need to download an app every time you travel across the country.

After being available to download for a number of years and receiving an increasing amount of feedback from users, Snap Send Solve was redeveloped so that it could similarly work in conjunction with Water, Gas and Electricity companies, Asset Management bodies and a number of other organisations who want to be a part of Australia's most used incident reporting app.

Today, Snap Send Solve allows users to report incidents to every single council in Australia as well as a growing list of new organisations.



To start using this service just download it from your app store. Once you have made a report to Council or whoever they will reply with a case number. It's a great idea and works so well. You can download it direct to your phone from the AppStore or Google Play

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WORKING BEES

Working Bees - First and second Sunday of the month except January - 10.00am at the Rotunda.

Just turn up!

Volunteers do need to be a member of the group and registered with the Shire, but this can be done on the day. You will be provided with gloves, safety glasses, sun hat, safety vest and tools – and a light lunch to follow.