



## THE FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Report April 2024

The first quarter of 2024 has passed, and the Group has been very active. The propagation volunteers have been busy sowing seeds, taking cuttings and filling the igloos with plants.

Clean Up Australia, an insect foray, and the first Nocturnal Walk have been done.

A grant application has been sent.

Bird surveys continue under Rosemaree MacLean's leadership.

For the first time, I laid a wreath at the ANZAC Day dawn service in Dingley on behalf of the Friends.

Unfortunately, the Water Watch Training for members was cancelled but will happen eventually. All activities were registered on-line, on the Friends' website and posted on the annual Friends' calendar.

The Committee met with the Rangers to discuss the Friends' future projects. Parks Victoria's Annual Volunteer Action Plan must be completed and given by July 2024. This means all the activities and resources undertaken by the Friends must be recorded on-line. The plan can change as it is a live document. At present, the nursery is supplied with resources through the submission of this plan. The Friends have been completing the tree sculptures and looking at signage for the wetlands and ponds and possibly, the Phar Lap Track.

Adrian Howard, Chief Ranger for Braeside Park, explained to Frank and Judith the regulations to be addressed for such projects. SSS (Safety) forms, one of the Parks Victoria regulations, are completed at all activities by the leader and the next aim is to ask participants to identify safety concerns and review at the end of each activity any safety concerns which arose during the activity. Janelle Cadd and Adrian Howard thanked volunteers for completion of the paper forms and finishing the on-line forms as well. Dry stuff that is now part of the Friends' routine.

Now the exciting stuff. A bird spotter told me that 51 species was sited in one trip to the park but most interesting was that every duck that can be spotted in Victoria was here that day! Rosemaree's bird surveyors are always making new spotting so read her report. Small frogs are constantly peering from the propagation tubes giving all a fright. And the frog bog outside the nursery seems to be home to a variety of frogs judging by the frog calls on a cool wet day. The plants inside the nursery survived the summer, thanks to Vicky's weekly watering. These plants now provide habitat for a Jacky Jacky Lizard and a Blue Tongued Lizard, both, occasionally seen inside the nursery grounds.

Preparation for the Annual General Meeting Sunday 11 August 2024 are already in progress so mark it into your calendar.

**Judith Sise**

President

## Propagation Report

Thank you to all the volunteers who attend the Friends of Braeside Nursery activities on the first Saturday and third Sunday of the month.

Such is the turn out of volunteers that often the number exceeds the quota on Parks Connect. And 99% of the volunteers have completed Parks Victoria's on-line registration including their Working With Children (the ubiquitous WWW). Remembering to register for activities is now essential.

The members completed a stocktake in February 2024 and despite the persist loss of seeds and seedlings to hungry rats, the number is just under 4 000. This is more than sufficient for the community planting on National Tree Day (July 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9 -11am) south of carpark 10 for which preparation has started. Last year there was a poor community response so the committee reviewed the promotion of the event and will advertise through Dingley Dossier; hang a banner on fence; place signs in Park, Woolworths, and Neighbourhood House; Facebook and in school newsletters.

Meanwhile, Janelle Cadd, Parks Victoria Ranger, received a Good Neighbours' Grant to attack the rabbit population. This includes rabbit-proofing the Nursery. Already, cameras were installed to show the numbers of the rabbit and other animals before beginning the laying of carrot poisoning. Next, the warrens will be fumigated. Then the fencing will be installed. The volunteers will have to keep the fence by regularly checking and repairing. The Rangers are still waiting for the insurance money for the security fencing around the Nursery. BUT imagine no rabbits!

An South East Water Grant application for funding the installation of Heat Beds in one of the igloos was made and now we have to wait and hope!

Janelle Cadd, Ranger, has made a plea for prioritising propagating more Banksia Marginata (Silver Banksia) and Einada nutans (Nodding Saltbush). We can but try!

**Judith Sise**



## Clean Up Australia Day

### Braeside Park

Sunday March 3rd 2024

David and I met at 9am on Lower Dandenong Road to start the efforts along the fence line.

The rest of the volunteers met at around 10am at the Visitor's Centre.

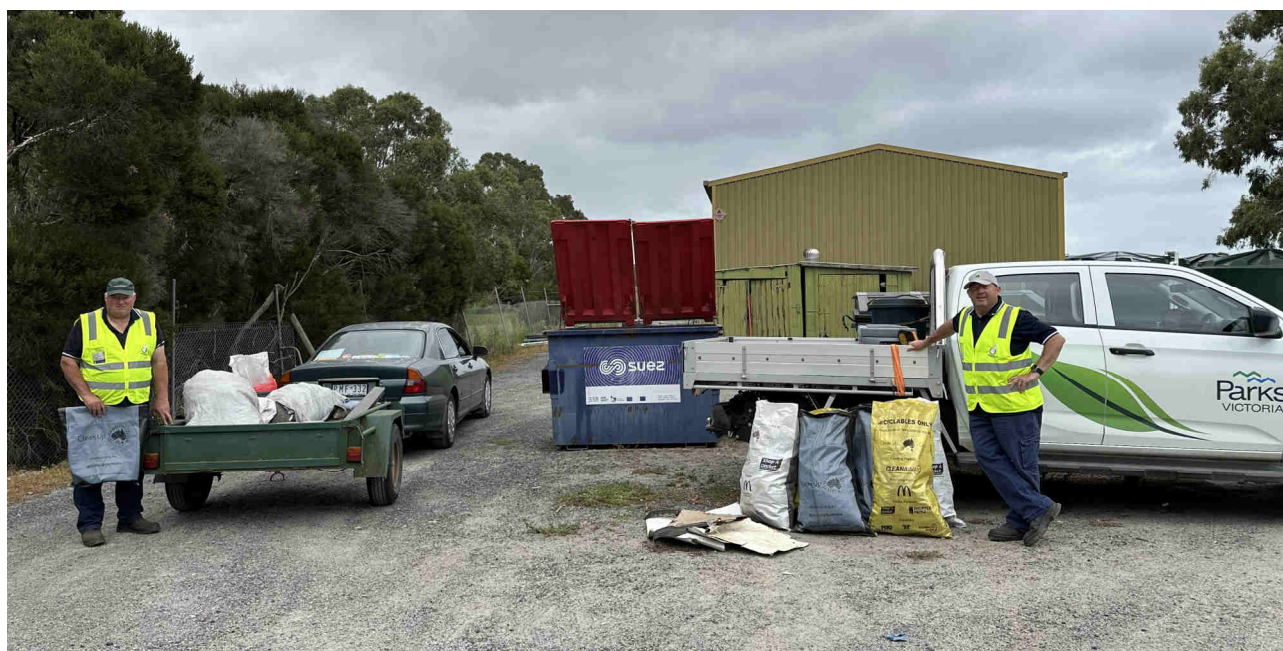
Around 40 volunteers some scouts, some Kingswood Primary School families as well as some local residents and some of the team from the Friends Group. Volunteers had to sign in using a QR Code directly on the Clean Up Australia website, they were then given an OHS briefing. Gloves of all sizes, even for the littlest volunteers and rubbish bags along with high Vis vests were available. Groups were then assigned designated areas to look after. Most groups were asked to look after a car park area and then an area along the fence line of Lower Dandenong Road. There was quite a significant amount of rubbish collected during the 2 hours of clean up. Most was found along the fence line which seems to be blown in from the road. Disappointingly there was a lot of fast-food containers and the usual napkins and tissues, and now single use vapes. There were some unusual items, and a lot of large cardboard boxes and Styrofoam. The event was completed with morning tea consisting of tea, coffee, cordial, water, biscuits, and chocolates.

Overall, it was a very successful day with the park now looking pristine, especially along the fence lines of Lower Dandenong and Governor Roads. There were lots of people using the Park to ride, walk, run and play later that afternoon, on a perfect autumn day. A big thank you to all the volunteers and special mention to David Boldiston, his trailer and Helen Russo who helped everyone sign in and out and then later made sure everyone had a drink and something to eat.

#### **Frank Russo**

Clean Up Australia Site Co-ordinator

Vice President (Promotions/Events and Webmaster of [www.braesideparkfriends.org.au](http://www.braesideparkfriends.org.au))



Frank and David with the rubbish collected in the park



## Get to know our Committee members

### Spotlight on Margaret Hunter

**What is your role on the FOBP Committee:**

Current Secretary from 2014, President from 2004 – 2014 Committee member.

**How long have you been on the committee**

21 Years with some honorary work previously for the Federation Trail Project. Park visitor for some years before that as well in the 1980's. Centenary Medal 2003 and Life Member of the Friends 2022

Park Connect Group Leader since 2017

**Why did you join the committee:**

A keen environmentalist since early childhood around Victoria encouraged and developed through my mother, a local geography who has travelled Victoria in the 1920's and studied geology at Melb uni in the 1930's - a natural progression in values and interests - invited to join by Eric Mitchell Foundation President and newsletter editor for 16 years.

**Is there anything you want to achieve as a committee member:** to continue current role and others to support group using technology and continued growth of Friends' group

**What is it about Braeside Park that makes you want to return regularly:** the peace and tranquility of the parts of the Park away from the main trails, and the ability to see new things every time including echindas, kookaburras, and an appreciation of its total environment for the future

**What changes to the Park have you seen over the years:** Too many, the freeway construction along the Western boundary after 60 years, increased attendances, more appreciation and awareness of visitors of park values and understanding why preserved, need more money to maintain park and its assets ongoing in the future.

**What activities in the Park are you interested in doing:** Night Walks, tours, fauna and flora observations, group support (admin and mentoring), group policies and promotion of these. Park Connect reporting ongoing

**Are there any activities you would like to see commenced:** more activities for disability and inclusive groups to learn more about the Park, for a level playing field. Celebration of Phar Lap in next few years – a unique horse with a rich and rewarding history and interest

**What is your vision of Braeside Park in 100 years 2124:**

The ongoing protection of the current or expanded areas of Braeside Park preserving as much of the original environment as possible with appropriate management and knowledge passed on.

**What is your profession outside of Braeside Park:** Teacher Aide, Historian, Sports Official (local and international), and archivist. Passionate writer on the environment and supporting environment groups in Victoria and interstate. Following on my value and vision from family background

## Tree Planting

**Save the date! “Tree Planting Day” 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2024**

**The Friends of Braeside Park are hosting a tree planting day.**

Get your hands dirty, get outdoors in the fresh air and get to know your community.

Help us plant indigenous shrubs, grasses and trees grown in our nursery.

Further details closer to the date.

By planting more trees, we are helping increase habitat for thousands of animals, insects, and birds in our park. Trees play an important role in our environment.

Did you know that there are 5 species of eucalyptus trees in Braeside Park?

River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*), Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*), Snow gum (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*), Rough barked Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus pryoriana*) and Narrow Leafed Peppermint Gum (*Eucalyptus radiata*).

**Fun facts about eucalyptus trees** – did you know that a eucalypt’s leaves have oil glands? This is what gives eucalypts leaves their strong aroma. This is a natural built in, repellent that the tree has against insects.



**Sofie Mills**

(Source1 - <https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2018-01-26/eucalyptus-trees-an-iconic-australian/9330782>)

(Source2 - <http://www.braesideparkfriends.org.au/Environments.htm>)

## Frog Pond

Vicky Smith and Sarah Johnson from propagation put in a frog pond inside the nursery grounds.



**Judith Sise**

## Bird Survey

### March 2024

Six volunteers attended the bird survey. It was a very cold start (8 C) with blue skies and sunshine. Crisp and invigorating! We counted (x31) species; this is significantly higher than for last month (x23) species). Spotted large numbers of Red Wattlebirds, Superb Fairy-wrens and Striated Pardalotes. However, we were stunned by the large number of Spotted Pardalotes (x36) across three zones – H1, H2 & H3. Last month we only spotted (x7) in total.

One highlight was spotting (x2) New Holland Honeyeaters feeding on a flowering banksia in H3. I expect to see more of these beautiful birds now there is an abundant food source. I'm also hoping to see the Eastern Spinebills which also feed on the banksias. The group had quite an adventure trying to identify (x3) large brown birds of prey near H1. Their unusual calls tweaked our interest but we only caught a glimpse as they flew away. Later in Robin carpark I was looking skyward and spotted a large brown bird of prey. This time we got photo. We then used a bird app and identified the bird as the Brown Goshawk. Finally, we used another app to identify the call of the Brown Goshawk and it was identical to what we heard in zone H1. There has been some conjecture about this photo on the FOBP fb group with a suggestion it is a Collared Sparrowhawk. Maybe it is, but either way, we had fun using our skillsets with technology to come up with a good guess.

**Rosemaree MacLean**



Photos by Graham Gill



## Bird Survey

### FOBP Bird Survey – April 2024

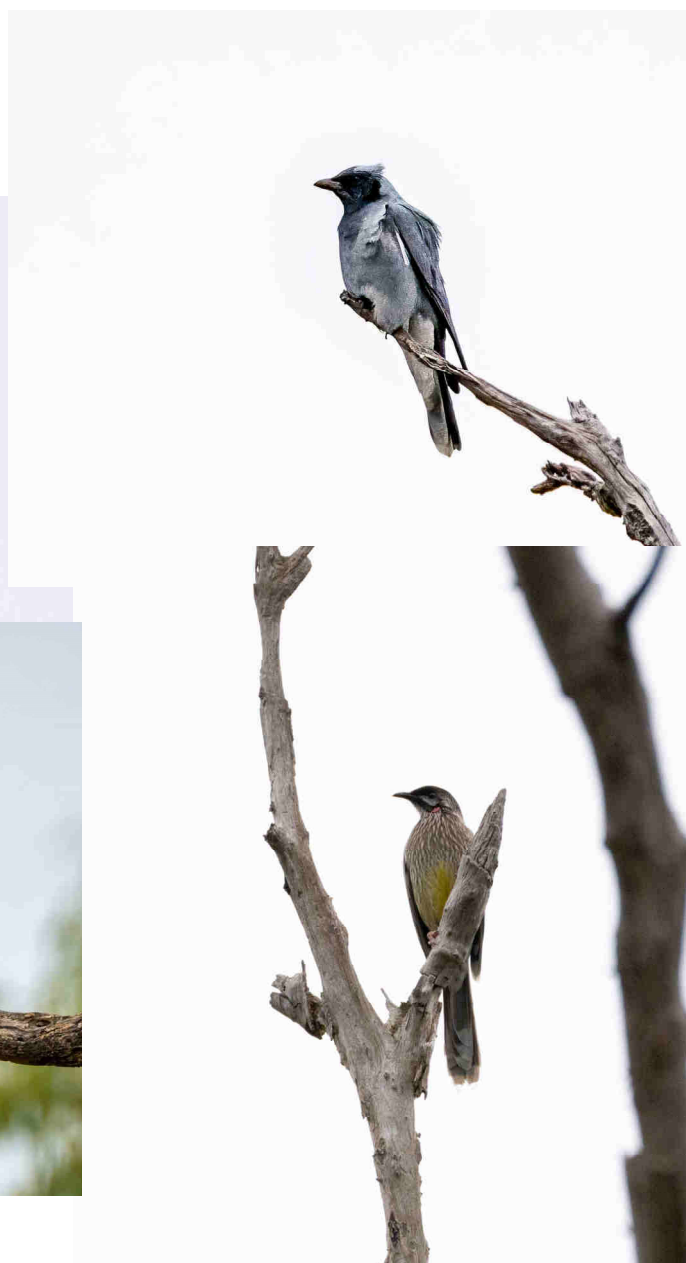
Six volunteers attended the bird survey on this cold and overcast morning. We have some new members who were able to contribute to the survey and appeared to enjoy themselves. Bird activity was slow at first, so we were delighted to observe 34 species by 11am! As the birds became more active, we noted high numbers of Little Wattlebirds (x17), Red Wattlebirds (x20), Noisy Miners (x17), Rainbow Lorikeets (x15) and Spotted Pardalotes (x22). Other sightings included the Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Striated Pardalote, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Laughing Kookaburra, Tawny Frogmouth, New Holland Honeyeater, Welcome Swallow, Australian White Ibis and a hybrid duck.

Highlights included (x8) Brown Thornbills along the Dingley drain, we haven't seen these gorgeous little birds in such numbers before. We were surprised to see a White-faced heron and a Great Egret in the pond adjacent the Heathland. Finally, we observed a bird of prey, a Little Eagle, flying low in the Heathland. This always takes my breath away! All in all, a very enjoyable outing.

### ***Rosemaree MacLean***

Group Leader

FOBP Bird Survey Group



Photos by David MacLean



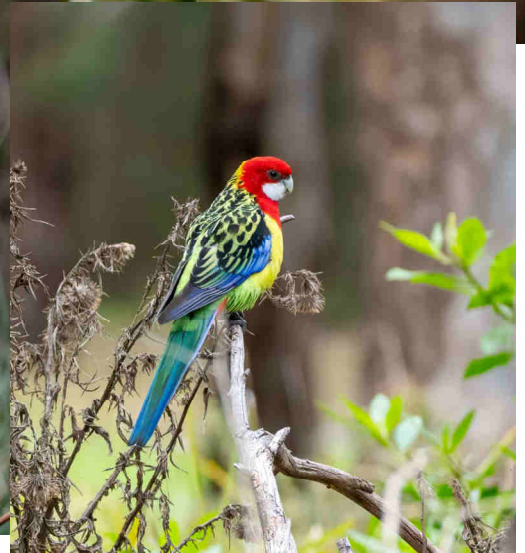
## Birds of the Park

Recently we were on Safari in South Africa. We saw elephants, rhinos, hippos, lions, Nile crocodiles and many other animals.

What really caught my attention was the diversity of bird life. Some were the same as here. We saw Black-shouldered kites, Darters, Cormorants, Doves, etc. But then the similarities stopped and we saw the local inhabitants. Wow. Never ceases to amaze me the variety and beauty of birds everywhere. At the end of the newsletter I have include a few of the beautiful South African birds. If you don't wish to see a non Braeside content, please skip the last two pages.

Below are a few pictures of birds spotted since our return. This includes a Little Eagle which was seen during the last Bird Survey.

**David MacLean**



## Bird Feature

### The Brown Goshawk

Conservation status: Least Concern

The Brown Goshawk (*Accipiter fasciatus*) is a medium-sized bird of prey in the family Accipitridae found in Australia and surrounding islands.

### Description

Its upperparts are grey with a chestnut collar; its underparts are mainly rufous, finely barred with white. Thus it has similar colouring to the Collared Sparrowhawk but is larger. The flight is fast and flexible. The body length is 40–55 cm (15.7–21.7 in); the wingspan, 75–95 cm (29.5–37.4 in). Females are noticeably larger: adult males weigh 220 g (7.8 oz), and adult females, 355 g (12.5 oz).

### Distribution and habitat

The Brown Goshawk is widespread through Australia, Wallacea, New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Fiji. In Australia, it is found mainly in eucalypt forests and woodlands, as well as farmland and urban areas.

### Feeding

Brown Goshawks feed mainly on other medium-sized birds, while small mammals such as rats and rabbits are also taken. Brown Goshawks often hunt near farmland or wetlands, where birds such as ducks, cockatoos and pigeons are plentiful. Smaller prey such as finches, pipits and fairy-wrens are also preyed on, right up to birds the size of domestic fowls and even large, aggressive birds such as currawongs and kookaburras. Bats, small reptiles, amphibians, and large insects are also occasionally eaten.



The main methods of catching prey are still-hunting, by which the goshawk waits on a hidden perch until prey comes within striking distance, and flying through undergrowth attempting to flush out small prey. Less often, goshawks will stoop on prey from above, or even chase small mammals on foot.

When a Brown Goshawk is discovered by other birds, smaller species panic and flee for cover, while larger birds such as ravens, crows and magpies will aggressively mob it until it leaves the area.

### Breeding

It nests in tall trees on a platform of sticks and twigs lined with green leaves. The clutch size is usually three, sometimes two or four. The incubation period is about 30 days, with chicks fledging about 31 days after hatching.



Photos by Graham Gill

**Rosemaree MacLean**

## Lets talk about Reptiles

Over the years of walking through the park, I have encountered some lovely reptiles- mainly Jacky Dragons, Blue tongue lizards, and Lowland Copperhead Snakes.

The Jacky Dragon (pictured below- photo by H Markland) is a beautiful small lizard which loves to climb on wooden posts and old tree branches.

Other common names include blood-sucker, stonewalker, and tree dragon.

The lizard is well-known for its bright yellow mouth and well-developed vertebral crest, as well as the temperature-dependent sex determination of its offspring.

Insects compose most of the diet of the jacky dragon, and include flies, moths, caterpillars, grasshoppers, and small beetles.

They are very well camouflaged and hard to spot, but keep an eye out for them on hot days and you could be lucky to see one!

The Blue tongue lizard is a stunning, friendly lizard. And I have seen a few around the Visitors Centre in the warmer months!

This lizard has a large blue tongue that can be bared



as bluff-warn-  
ing to  
potential  
enemies.

The type of predator/threat that is near will determine the intensity of colour present in the tongue. The tongue can also deform itself and produce a thick mucus in order to catch prey.

Fascinating reptiles!

The lowland copperhead snake is an attractive but

deadly reptile.

If provoked, the lowland copperhead is a dangerous snake with neurotoxic venom, which can kill an adult human if correct first aid is not applied promptly. Remember to take a good quality compression bandage on walks in the park over the warmer months- and learn how to apply it correctly. Keep calm and still, and call 000. You do not need to carry a full first aid kit for snake bites. A compression bandage will suffice. On a positive note, snake bites are rare.



**Heather Markland**

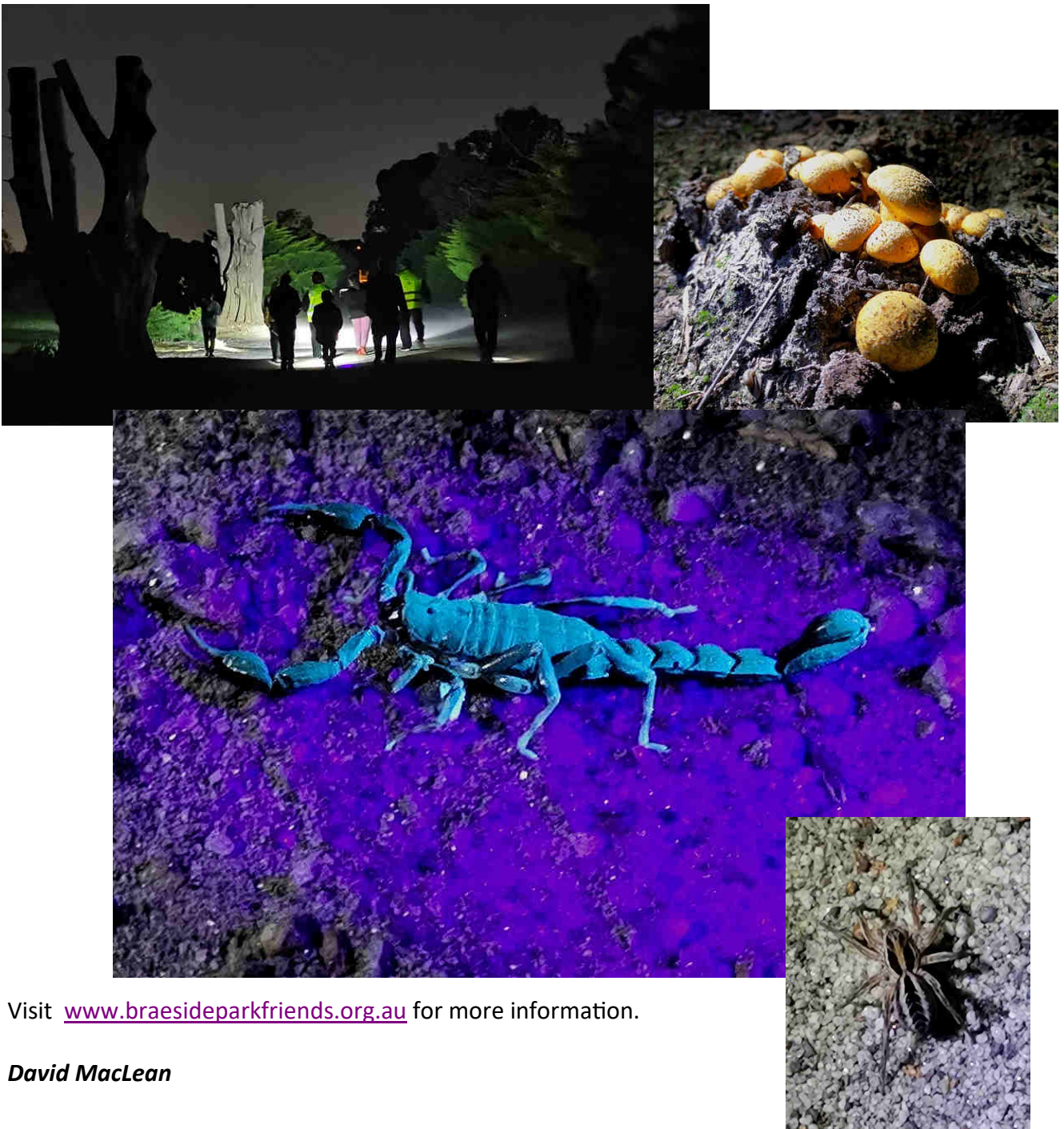


## Night Walks

28 participants turned up for the May night walk. These were broken up into 3 groups led by our seasoned guides.

The night was cold, but the wind kept itself under check and the rain waited till we finished for the night.

Our best spotters on this night were the children of the participants. They spotted many types of fungi, birds and scorpions. Photos courtesy of Eugene Skobtchenko.



Visit [www.braesideparkfriends.org.au](http://www.braesideparkfriends.org.au) for more information.

**David MacLean**



## Night Walks

The night walk program started in the April school holidays on 12 April with a small attendance and good sightings. The May walk had an attendance of 27 people with three groups and no Tawny's sighted but plenty of possums, ducks and other animals. We had a slow group led by Margaret which enjoyed a short walk observing all the wildlife and using a night vision device. My official rabbit counters – the children in the group counted many rabbits and possums. The highlight was a baby possum asleep in the tree near the junction of the Phar Lap trail who stayed asleep despite the attention of all of us and much excitement. Unfortunately this did not encourage the youngest child to feel tired when we had to finish quicker, but it was a good exercise in an inclusive, short walk. Thanks to all the guides on the night.

The next walk in June we are trialing an online booking system so please contact the secretary for more information on [braesideparkfriends@gmail.com](mailto:braesideparkfriends@gmail.com) or on 0417 323 460.

**Margaret Hunter**

## The Living Links Conference

Keysborough 5 May 2024

Living Links is an umbrella organization within the Dandenong Creek Catchment, auspiced by Sam Bradley at Melbourne Water, with friends groups, state wide groups and land agencies including council and Parks Victoria included. It was appropriately held at the pavilion at Tattersson Reserve, behind Springers Leisure Centre.

Friends members that attended included Judith Sise (organizing committee), Margaret Hunter, David Boldiston, Heather Markland, Rosemaree Maclean, Vicky Smith, Ian Morehouse and Mina Stephens. Adrian Howard (Ranger, Team Leader Braeside Park, and Alisha (PV) Clyde Regional Park attended as well.

My thanks to Judith to her work in promoting this event, which had an array of good speakers at regional and local level. The Victorian Environment Friends Network attended, Friends of Dandenong Valley teaching staff in natural resources training and education, local government, and Melbourne Water.

There was a café style table discussion after lunch (enjoyed by all) with representatives from FOBP on the nursery (Judith and Margaret (when not networking), Heather and Rosemaree and other members circulated among the tables. There was a good exchange of information. There was also comments on our polo tops and jackets and a group photo taken on the day. Our banner was also in display on the day.

In closing we had a tour with a City of Greater Dandenong environment team member, and the venue highlighted the pavilion in the middle of extensive soccer training grounds in the area of five ways, formerly agricultural land used for vegetable farms and horse grazing. The day was enjoyed by all and thank you to Melbourne Water and Living Links for organizing this event. Another event is planned.

**Margaret Hunter**



**FOBP Committee**

**Rear** - David Boldiston, Frank Russo, Simon Flemming, David MacLean

**Front** - Margaret Hunter, Heather Markland, Vicky Paraskevas, Judith Sise, Rosemaree MacLean

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### Newsletter Contributions

Thank you to all you wonderful people who have contributed to this newsletter. Your effort is appreciated.

Your articles are treated with respect and not changed in content or grammar unless authorised by you or required by law.

This newsletter is produced bi-monthly for all financial, honorary and Life members of the Friends group who have provided an email address.

Memberships are due on 1st July each year.

If you have an item to share in future editions or have any feedback in relation to this newsletter, please contact the editor at [maclean.david@gmail.com](mailto:maclean.david@gmail.com)



**Friends of Braeside Park**

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## **2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Where: Braeside Park Visitor's Centre**  
**When: Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
**Times: Registration at 2:00pm, AGM Meeting at 2:10pm**

**Presentation by Guest Speaker(s)**

**Afternoon Tea to follow**  
**Everyone welcome and concludes at 4:00pm**

**Enquiries/Further information contact**  
**Margaret Hunter, Secretary on 0417 323 460**

**Website: [www.braesideparkfriends.org.au](http://www.braesideparkfriends.org.au)**



Friends of Braeside Park

# **Invite you to the Autumn Discovery Walk 2024**

## **See native plants and fungi in the Heathland**

**When: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

**Time: 2pm-4pm with afternoon tea supplied**

**Meet at the Visitor Centre after entering the park  
from Lower Dandenong Road**

**What to Bring: Camera, sturdy footwear and  
appropriate clothing for weather conditions.**

## **Everyone Welcome**

**Registration for this event must be done on Park Connect.**

**<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/>**





## Community Night Walks for 2024



Friends of  
Braeside Park

**The Friends of Braeside Park invite  
you to attend a night walk to view  
the nocturnal animals of the park**

**On Friday Nights at 7pm**

**from April thru to September**

**on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June,  
5<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August & 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Meet at the Visitors Centre**

**Braeside Park, enter @ Lower Dandenong Rd, Braeside**

**Cost: A Gold Coin Donation per person**

**Numbers Limited - Bookings Are Essential**

**Via email: [braesideparkfriends@gmail.com](mailto:braesideparkfriends@gmail.com)**

**or contact Margaret Hunter on 0417323460**

[www.braesideparkfriends.org.au](http://www.braesideparkfriends.org.au) for more info



Friends of Braeside Park

**Invite you to National  
Tree Day Planting.  
The Friends of Braeside Park  
and Parks Victoria are  
appealing for you help with a  
revegetation day to coincide  
with National Tree Day.**

**When:** Saturday 27th July at 10am till 12pm  
**Where to Meet:** Look for the directional signs when  
entering the Park from Lower Dandenong Road.


Tools are supplied but please bring gloves, water and wear  
sturdy footwear. No previous experience is necessary.

**Time Activity Concludes:** 11:30am with a Morning Tea.

**Please RSVP your attendance by calling  
Margaret Hunter on 0417 323 460 by Friday 26th of July 2024.  
Registration for this event can also be done on Park Connect.  
<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/>**



The Friends of Braeside Park Activity Calendar for 2024

Activity	Time/Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Committee Meeting	7pm - 9pm 2nd Thursday at the Visitor's Centre	*	8	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
Community Projects Weekday - "The A Team"	9am - 12pm Wednesdays at the Park Office	*	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 *
Nursery open for plant sales	10am - 12pm 3rd Sunday	*	18	17	21	19	16	21	18	22	20	17	22
Plant Propagation Community Nursery	10am - 12pm 1st Saturday & 3rd Sunday	*	3 18	2 17	6 21	4 19	1 16	6 21	3 18	7 22	5 20	2 17	7 22
Community Waterwatch Program	9:30am - 12pm 2nd Saturday Visitors Centre	*	10	9	13	11	8	13	10	14	12	9	14
Bird Observations	8am - 11am 4th Friday Red Gum Car Park	28	23	22	26	24	28	26	23	27	25	22	27
Nightwalks	From Visitor's Centre 7pm	Nightwalks offered from April through to September. Gold Coin Donation per head Bookings Essential 0417323460				12	3	7	5	2	6	Nightwalks offered from April through to September. Gold Coin Donation per head Bookings Essential 0417323460	
Community Projects Weekends	9am - 12pm, follow the signs	*	*	*	*	*	World Environment Day Planting Sunday 2nd 9am-12pm	National Tree Planting Day Saturday 27th 9am- 12pm	*	*	*	*	*
Special Friends Group Activities are held throughout the year at various times. You must register on Park Connect for these Activities.		*		Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 3rd Meet at Visitor Centre 10am - 12pm	*	Autumn Discovery/ Walk Sunday/ 15th May, 2pm-4pm with afternoon tea	*	*	AGM Sunday 11th 2pm - 4pm with afternoon tea	Spring Discovery/ Walk Sunday/ 15th Sept, 2pm-4pm with afternoon tea	Breakfast with birds Sunday 13th Red Gum Picnic Area 7am - 9:30am	Frog Discovery Night 18th November, 7:30pm - 9pm @ Visitors	End of Year Breakup Thursday 12th @ Visitors Centre 7pm

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Community Nursery is Open on the Third Sunday of the Month 10:00am to 12:00 noon – Seedlings are \$3.00 each.



## Birds of South Africa



**Yellow-billed Hornbill**



**Gray Go-away-bird**



**Cape Starling**



## Birds of South Africa



Lilac-breasted roller



Little Bee-eater



Hamerkop



Natal Spurrow

**David MacLean  
on holiday**