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GREENLINK NEWS

Your local indigenous plant nursery

2026 Whitehorse Community & Civic Awards

On the evening of July 22, the 2026 Whitehorse Community Dinner and Civic Awards Ceremony was held, and both Greenlink Nursery and our president Robert Jones were recipients of Community Achievement Awards.

Greenlink Box Hill was awarded the Community Achievement Award for making a real difference to our local environment, and Robert Jones was awarded a Community Achievement Award for his contribution to Greenlink over 14 years.

And this is because Greenlink is a great place to be - it is vibrant, friendly, engaging, productive, caring and just good fun, and we are very excited for our future growth and contributions. Customer service is second to none, and everyone who visits Greenlink is welcome and valued. It has had a huge impact on, and contribution to, our community over many years, making a real difference to our local environment.

Robert Jones, through his many years of service at Greenlink, has made an excellent contribution to our community by managing the production and distribution of indigenous plants for the betterment of our local environment. He brings a real sense of purpose and dedication to everything he undertakes, and our community and local environment is better for his efforts.



Greenlink acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Owners of the land that the nursery conducts business on, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

This issue:

As we welcome the arrival of Spring, our September edition is packed full of interesting events and articles:

Federal Senator Murray Watt and MP Gabriel Ng visited Greenlink on 17 June for a tour of the nursery and parkland.

Our AGM was held in August, with a great turnout of volunteers and members.

We feature a committed group of volunteers who are restoring degraded Valley Heathy Forest in Nunawading.

Our Treasurer Trevor Eddy received an Order of Australia award for outstanding service, and there is a very interesting article profiling the 18th-century botanist Sir Joseph Banks.

Happy reading!





Federal Environment Minister visits Greenlink

We were indeed fortunate to have a visit from the Federal Minister for Environment and Water, Senator Murray Watt, on the 17th of June last, who had heard about the great work our volunteers are doing. He was joined by our local Member for Menzies, Gabriel Ng MP.

Here's what the minister had to say:

"Greenlink is a great local example of not only protecting the environment, but helping to restore it as well and they are doing a fantastic job"

Gabriel added "The dedicated team of volunteers at Greenlink Indigenous Plant Nursery in Box Hill North are working hard to create a sustainable environment by cultivating, growing and selling indigenous flora for planting across our community and we truly commend them for their outstanding contribution. A big thank you to Trevor, Emi, Gabrielle, Janet R and Janet H, for teaching us about indigenous plant conservation and how it benefits not only the environment, but the broader community".

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies"

GERTRUDE JEKYLL



Images: Gabriel Ng MP





2026 Whitehorse Seniors Festival

The Whitehorse Seniors Festival is running again this October, and will be packed with nearly 300 activities you can participate in with family and friends.

There will be something for everyone, with a mix of active, creative, social, health and wellbeing, and fun activities.

The full program is available [here](#)

Greenlink will be running an Indigenous Plant Education Tour at the nursery on 15 October. Bookings for this event are essential, and will open on 14 September via TryBooking. Secure your ticket [here](#)

Our Yearly Visitors

BY TREVOR EDDY

The Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus funereus*) is a large cockatoo native to the south-east of Australia.

Its diet consists primarily of seeds of native and introduced plants and frequently consuming pine cones while also feeding on wood-boring grubs. They nest in large hollows high in old growth native trees, generally *Eucalyptus regnans*. Amazing as it may seem, they arrived in Bushy Creek on August 1st as they have done for the past five years or more to feast on a neighbour's pine cones and extract grubs from a dying *Acacia*. With their loud, distinctive, mournful wailing sound and black/grey plumage they were known as "funeral birds" in years gone by.



Image: Trevor Eddy

Wurundjeri Seasons

Buath Gurru
Grass Flowering Season
(November)

- The weather is warm, and it is often raining.
- Kangaroo Grass is flowering.
- Buliyong (bats) are catching insects in flight. Balayang, the Creation Being, is also referred to as the bat.
- Male Common Brown butterflies are flying.
- Coranderrk (Victorian Christmas Bush) is coming into flower.
- The Orion constellation is setting in the western sky around sunrise.

Source: museumsvictoria.com.au



Image: nativeseeds.com.au



Greenlink AGM

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 18 August, with a healthy turnout of around 40 attendees. Before the meeting began, we shared a delicious lunch and enjoyed mingling with fellow members and volunteers in the beautiful sunshine.

Expressions of interest for the Greenlink Committee of Management were received before the AGM and all nominations were accepted.

We are happy to advise that Robert Jones was re-elected as President, Chris Almond elected as Vice-President, Trevor Eddy re-elected as Treasurer, Andrew Halliday elected as Secretary and ordinary members, Emi Luppino, Janet Russell, Andrew Hardie, Gabrielle Bradley, Ashton Hawkins and Matthew Jennings. We also welcomed two new members to the committee: Greg Connors and Rebecca Dunsdon. We would also like to thank Heather Eadon, who is stepping away from the committee. Heather joined Greenlink in November 2005 and was awarded life membership in 2020.

Due to our strong financial position, membership fees for the next year will remain at \$30.00 for families, \$20 for individuals and \$10 concession for individuals holding a Health Care, Student, or Concession/Pension Card (excluding Seniors Card).

As always, we very much appreciate the support from Whitehorse Council with Grant McAdam, Coordinator Environment and Bushland, in attendance.



Whitehorse Spring Festival 2026

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER
WHITEHORSE CIVIC
CENTRE PRECINCT

This year's Whitehorse Spring Festival brings together live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and local food and market stalls, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Once again, Greenlink Nursery will be giving away a variety of colourful spring-flowering indigenous plants.

So come and find us, and pick up a free indigenous plant for your garden or balcony. We look forward to seeing you!





President's Report

BY ROBERT JONES, AS PRESENTED AT THE AGM

In a month from now we will be celebrating our 38th birthday, with one of our volunteers Helen Treeby having been with us all that time. What a change Helen must have seen from our small beginnings at the back of the old Box Hill Council nursery to our present-day activities.

In that time there have been many hundreds of volunteers contribute thousands and thousands of hours of work to Greenlink. We estimate around 1.5 million plants have been grown and planted back into bushland areas, parks and people's gardens, and hundreds of people have toured the nursery and attended various seminars we have put on for the public.

I am sure we can say that from our humble beginnings, Minette's vision to turn Box Hill green has been accomplished, and yet there is still work for all of us to do.

This year has been a hectic one for Greenlink, with both disaster and success. As you know, one of the large branches from the Eucalyptus tree fell and destroyed our polyhouse. This however has turned into a blessing, and gave us the opportunity to build a new and larger polyhouse which can hold around 1,200 more plants than the old polyhouse. Luckily, we could take advantage of the extra 3.5 metres of land the council had just given us along the east side boundary, for which we are exceedingly grateful. This extra space will also enable us to add another 10 metres of bench space for storage of plants and allow us to allocate additional benches for the use of a dedicated seed farm production area.

The year has ended up being our best ever, although for the past few years this has been a common phrase as we grow from strength to strength, and again we have exceeded all expectations with our highest level of activity ever. There have been just on 70,000 plants pricked out with 8,150 hours of volunteer work. To put this into perspective, this is equivalent to just over 203 weeks of work for one person on a 40-hour week or 4.2 years of work working 48 weeks in the year. An outstanding effort by everyone.

Financially we remain in a strong position, and Trevor will go into more details on this in his report. However, a couple of highlights were total sales being \$104,000, a growth of 21% on last year's results with a similar percentage of growth across each area of walk-in gate sales, orders and Saturday sale days.

Treasurer's Report

BY TREVOR EDDY, AS PRESENTED AT THE AGM

The financial year ending 30/6/2026 shows a Net trading surplus of \$42,108.71.

Total income of \$133,174 was only up \$ 1,743 on the previous year. In the 2024/25 year there was a grant of \$25,000 replaced by sales and other income as explained below.

Invoiced sales were \$60,141, up \$8,497 on last year, and weekday sales were \$33,801, up by \$6,440. Sale Days were \$10,267, up by \$3,421 due to an additional open day.

Interest income was down \$1,882 due to investment maturity dates. Other income was up by \$10,557, a majority of this from the City of Whitehorse contributing to the repairs of the damaged polyhouse. Membership fees were up slightly due to category mix.

Total expenses of \$91,065.68 were up by \$9,511 on the previous year.

Expenses were higher including water, supplies due to higher plant production, and capital expenses including \$28,700 for replacement of the polyhouse and foundation capital works.

We maintained our donation spend of \$13,000 and gave away 2,650 plants valued at \$5,300 in voucher form, which includes plant stock for Bushy Creek. We purchased a new Nursery Management and Labelling System, more potting media and spent more on our volunteers.

As a result of our strong trading surplus, we increased our term deposit investments during the year by \$70,000 to \$500,000 and total equity increased by \$ 42,178.



President's Report cont...

Given the capacity of our polyhouse and bench space availability plus the workload involved, this is most likely at the upper end of our capacity and I would expect that in the next 12 months we will not be able to continue with this level of growth. Maintaining a similar volume of production and sales is most likely to become the norm for us.

Our membership base and renewal of memberships remains strong and expands each year with us presently having just on 114 members.

Not only does demand for plants continue to grow, we also find an increasing interest from people and organisations wanting to visit the nursery. We are now averaging a couple of visits a month from schools, kindergartens, garden and social clubs to name a few. It is great to see so many people showing an interest in our operation and the use of indigenous plants.

To name a few, here are some of the highlights of the past 12 months at Greenlink:

- The ability given our good result to donate \$13,000 back into the community to organisations such as our two local primary schools, Yarran Dheran and Blackburn Lake visitor centres, Whitehorse Colts Netball Club, Clota Cottage for their gardening club activities, our local Hands Off Foundation for their ongoing community work with women in domestic violence situations, and Urban Guerillas for their revegetation work.
- With the assistance of a grant from the Suburban Rail Loop, we will be installing two new rows of benches with an associated upgrade to the watering system, and fresh gravel for the area created by the extra land given to us by Council. This work we anticipate should be finished within the coming weeks.
- Held a workshop at the nursery on how to grow a Bonsai from an indigenous plant.
- Partnered with Whitehorse Council and Kerrimuir Primary School to hold an intergenerational workshop, where around 20 young students partnered up with a group of seniors to create some hand painted planter pots which they planted out with some of our plants, shared their stories with their buddy and learnt about seeds and cuttings.
- We have planted in the park just over 1,000 plants with a value of \$2,000 and donated just on \$3,300 worth of plants to the Gardens for Wildlife program, the council calendar voucher and a couple of small community planting programs.

Birdflu Update

Birdflu has now been confirmed in wild birds and mammals here in Australia. For more information on what that means for our bird species, as well as humans, visit BirdLife Australia [here](#)

Learn the signs:

What to look for in wild birds

Look for birds with unusual signs of disease such as:

- Groups of dead birds at lakes or beaches
- lack of coordination, tremors, swimming in circles
- twisted neck or other abnormal posture
- inability to stand or fly



Birds associated with water are especially at risk of H5 bird flu.

What to do next?

Avoid

Avoid contact with sick or dead wildlife and their environment. Observe from a distance, and do not allow pets to touch or eat sick or dead wildlife.

Record

Record what you see, the location the animal was found, and take photos or video if this is possible without approaching the bird.



Report

Report any unusual illness or death in wild birds and other wildlife immediately via the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline.



1800 675 888

Images: BirdLife Australia



President's Report cont...

- Many hours of work have been put into continuing to transform the park area that we look after from weeding, mulching, rebuilding display beds, planting out around 1,000 plants. This has all made a visible difference to the appearance of the park with many people offering their thanks to our volunteers for the work they do and an appreciation for the appearance of the parkland area.
- Once again, along with Bungalook we had a joint stall at Spring Festival with each nursery giving away 700 plants to the public.
- Following a visit earlier in the year by our local Federal member Gabriel Ng in March, Greenlink was mentioned in Federal Parliament highlighting the amazing work we do for the environment and how the community benefits from the dedication, hard work and generosity of volunteers.

Some highlights for the coming year:

- Transferring to a new Nursery Management System and the ability to produce our own plant labels.
- Greater focus on seed collection to replenish our stock and enable us to keep up with demand. Coupled with this we will also be expanding our seed farming production capabilities.
- Improvements to reorganise the storage capacity of our main shed.

As always, in closing I would like to express our thanks to the City of Whitehorse for their ongoing support and assistance especially for the extra space that they gave us by moving the east boundary fence 3.5 metres. I again also express my personal thanks to all our amazing volunteers who are the soul and life of Greenlink. Without you we would not accomplish what we do. Your efforts are Greenlink's success and future and have my profound gratitude for all you have done over this past year.

Lastly to my fellow committee members as always I thank each and every one of you for your contribution, and your ongoing support and all the work you have put in, the hours seen and unseen, over the past 12 months to ensure the success of our organisation.

I sincerely thank you all, it has again been a privilege to serve as President of Greenlink.

William Gillies Memorial Plaque

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Earlier this year Greenlink was approached by the Box Hill Historical Society for assistance as part of a plan to erect a plaque on the unmarked grave of William Gillies, by supplying and planting out a range of indigenous species at the site. You can read more about William Gillies [here](#)

Greenlink was also very pleased to make the donation of a native plant bouquet to the memorial service for staff, held ahead of the official plaque unveiling in September.





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Trevor Eddy OAM - King's Birthday Awards

BY BRIAN PELL OAM

Our esteemed Treasurer Trevor Eddy was awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the recent King's Birthday Awards. These medals are the highest honours, recognising outstanding service within the Commonwealth of Australia.

Trevor has a long history of serving in senior positions in about 12 diverse organisations. Just as he has done at Greenlink, he has consistently been the "go to person" to get things done. Over the years, he has raised a great deal of money for so many of these organisations, helping them thrive and grow.

We all know him as our Treasurer, but his contribution extends far beyond managing Greenlink's finances and overseeing day-to-day sales. He has an exceptional ability to secure grant funding, bringing significant resources to our organisation over many years.

His successful grant applications include \$4,000 from Bendigo Bank for signage, \$26,000 from the North East Link Project for shade sails, \$22,000 from the Suburban Rail Loop for nursery extensions, and \$9,000 from Grants Victoria for our website and computer equipment. He also secured a combined \$23,000 in Federal Government funding for solar panels, refrigeration, and machinery.

In addition to grant funding, he has successfully prepared plant tenders and award submissions that have further enhanced Greenlink's reputation and capacity. He has resisted calls to "spend it all" and carefully managed Greenlink's finances ensuring we are now one of the best resourced and financially secure community organisations in Whitehorse.

However, Trevor's greatest impact for all of us members (past and present) has been his ability to give us all a sense of belonging and achievement.

It doesn't matter if you are a new volunteer with no plant knowledge and no skill in pricking out the most dainty seedling, he has an exceptional ability to make everyone feel welcome, valued, and part of the team.

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Trevor patiently guides them through their induction, encourages them, and helps them find a meaningful role.

His outstanding customer service is equally remarkable. He has an uncanny ability to remember people's names, help customers find the right plants, offer knowledgeable advice, and always lend a helping hand. These qualities have played a significant part in building the warm, welcoming reputation that Greenlink enjoys today.

Trevor OAM you are most deserving and on behalf of all members, we simply say, "Thank you Trevor"



Image: Emi Luppino



Charles Rooks Reserve and the Urban Guerrillas

BY ASHTON HAWKINS

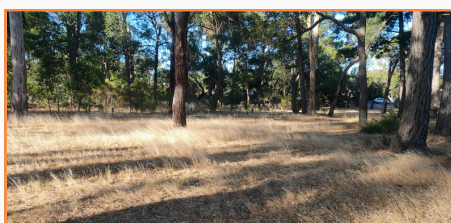
Across our various parks, private gardens and nature strips, there are subtle reminders of what once covered the City of Whitehorse. A solitary stringybark in the common area of a housing development, clumps of native grass scattered through an old weedy lawn, or a remnant tussock spared from the mowers around the base of a long dead stag tree. Perhaps most recognisable are the few undisturbed pockets of bushland, survivors of an ever encroaching suburbia. One quiet little reserve in the middle of these suburbs holds many such remnants from a now endangered Valley Heathy Forest.

Charles Rooks Reserve in Nunawading has wide swathes of remnant native grass through its lawns, interspersed with lilies, orchids and wildflowers which have survived decades of mowing, concealed by a canopy of mature eucalypts once part of an expansive forest. This story of incremental decline, however, has started turning around here. Council and the community have been changing the narrative by working together to protect and restore this depleted remnant of a precious ecosystem. Council's environment team began the process of allowing two small areas of lawn to recover over a decade ago, which has seen many wildflowers and orchids emerge from the soil and spread, as well as new eucalypts germinate and reach up to begin replacing an ever ageing canopy. What was once an underutilised lawn, not given a thought by those treading over it, is now a diverse bushland loved by those passing through. These regenerated regions of the park are now expanding further, with the help of the Urban Guerrillas and its new team of volunteers.

The Urban Guerrillas began their work at the reserve last year, expanding the regeneration area twofold to allow for the recovery of more remnant native grass lawn. In this short time, there have been numerous promising signs that the forest will make a good recovery. Many small Chocolate Lilies have emerged across this former lawn, finally getting to flower and seed for the first time in decades, while swathes of large Senecio daisies and Native Violets have also had the chance to rear their flower heads and replenish their depleted seed bank. Yellow Box eucalypt seedlings have also begun to emerge, ready to be the next generation of forest elders, while smaller shrubs like the Hop Goodenia are gradually seeding out from around the base of old tree trunks.



Images: Ashton Hawkins



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The reserve has also lost much of its resident wildlife over the last century, leaving aggressive colonies of forest edge specialists like Noisy Miners and Currawongs to patrol the sky. The larger birds, such as magpies and many parrots can hold their own against these colonies, with seasonal visits from Gang Gang and Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoos continuing. Far less successful, however, is the palette of small bushland birds now absent from the site, driven away by the hostile structure of this degraded forest.

Providing dense prickly refugia for these vulnerable little birds is a priority of the Urban Guerrillas restoration work, who have begun planting various thickets around the reserve to form a network of safe havens and allowing them to traverse the landscape. While the effects of this effort will not be realised for several years as the plants mature, regular surveys of the reserve's birdlife, conducted by the volunteers, will help recognise the first signs of success.





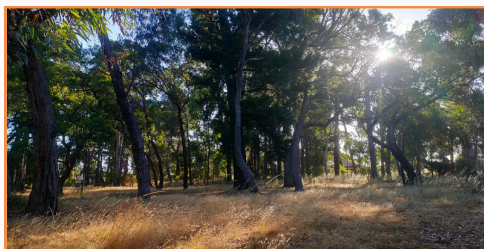
Charles Rooks Reserve cont.....

Restoring the Reserve's vegetation community is a particularly involved process, as the many factors that led to its long history of degradation and decline remain ever present today. Weed incursion, land clearance, climate change, fragmentation, inbreeding and a lack of proper management are more relevant now than they've ever been over the last 150 years. Managing these threats is core to restoring this landscape, as leaving them unchecked only cements their demise. The working bees hold many familiar sights to a seasoned environmental volunteer, such as weeding invasive grasses and planting flowers and shrubs to bolster genetic diversity and hasten regeneration. However, with a consistent weekly turnout of locals and environmental students, this hasn't been a challenge for the new volunteer group. Not only have the year's annual and perennial weeds in the newly regenerated areas been cleared, but the work has now included moving into council managed sections to hunt down the source of several infestations.

One particular target weed, *Pseudoscleropodium purum* (Neat Feather-Moss), identified by the volunteers as a likely culprit in the disappearance of a prominent orchid species, had been previously unknown to the council's environment team. Fortunately, this has been a very satisfying target, coming up in huge clumps with little to no effort and allowing the team to cover substantial ground in just a single afternoon.

There is hope that the missing Greenhood patch will now be able to return, having been given the room to breathe.

With this unexpected success in turnout and productivity, the group has been left planning further expansions which, going well, could eventually cover two of the reserve's three and a half hectares, rising from less than one hectare at present. While it is a promising future, new development plans threaten the few endangered remnants of this ecosystem even now. An area of remnant lawn and canopy, being planned for regeneration by the Urban Guerrillas, are facing the excavators in a new proposal for a substantial 1000m² pump track, while the remaining wildlife is put under further pressure by the installation of lighting along the main path. As a result, the volunteers, alongside concerned local residents and nature lovers, are now working to not only physically restore this precious ecosystem, but fight for its protection as well.



Images: Ashton Hawkins

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Regardless of the outcome, the team will continue working to restore the degraded vegetation in this reserve, and is always looking for new volunteers. Come along on a Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 to meet the crew and visit the beautiful reserve, or bring a pair of gloves and get involved, with snacks provided after a hard day's work.

Being a part of this transformation from lawn to forest is so rewarding and satisfying, and will help preserve the threatened flora and fauna for generations.





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Bonsai Exhibition



**Bonsai Society
of Victoria** BSV

Bonsai Exhibition & Sales

10th & 11th of October 2026

Box Hill Town Hall

1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Presented by the Bonsai Society of Victoria, our Exhibition showcases a broad range of traditional Japanese styles as well as contemporary approaches to bonsai art.

Our sales area will include established bonsai, nursery stock, collected trees, starter trees, imported & local handmade pots, display stands, tools, wire and accessories.

Entry \$10

Children under 12 free

Opening hours

Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Continuous Demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday

For more information visit

bonsaisocietyvictoria.com.au

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Aussie Bird Count

19-25 OCTOBER 2026

The Birdlife Australia bird count starts next month, and it's your opportunity to be a citizen scientist for a week, and contribute very important data to evaluate the abundance of bird species in your area, and provide an indication of the health of our environment.

For more information, and to download the app, you can visit the website [here](https://www.birdlife.org.au)



Image: Birdlife Australia



Image: Australian Geographic

Great Botanists: Sir Joseph Banks

BY BRIAN PELL

Joseph Banks was born in 1743. When his father died in 1761, Joseph inherited vast estates which he improved and made him fabulously wealthy. He was educated at Harrow and Oxford University. Much of his botany was self taught and from other famous botanists, including Linnaeus (who gave the binomial naming we still use).

Banks was a tall handsome athletic person. His first voyage was to Canada in 1766. He collected specimens of 340 plants, fish and saw a polar bear. On his return, he was now famous and met Solander the Swedish naturalist. He then toured Great Britain, including one tour for five months.

In 1768 James Cook was made master of the ship "Endeavour" for a three year trip, first to Tahiti to see the eclipse of Venus, and then to map the continent seen by Tasman, all paid for by the British Admiralty. Banks paid for eight men to accompany him including Solander, then spent 10,000 pounds (\$2,000,000) equipping his team. He took 20 wooden chests to store flowers, a large tent, microscopes, telescope, pistols, muskets, razors and knives to dissect animals and spirits to preserve them.

Banks was a prodigious collector at each point where the Endeavour stopped. It sailed down South America, Tahiti, and around both islands of New Zealand. In April 1770 New Holland was sighted and it continued north to Sydney Cove. Banks named it Botanists Bay (now Botany Bay). He collected six species of Leptospermum, four of Acacia, some Eucalyptus, a crimson bottlebrush and four plants that would become known as species of Banksia.

Banks said this bay would be suitable for a colony. He interacted with the aboriginals, finding them self sufficient and showing him "how small are the real wants of humans".

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Of the eight men he took, only three survived. Banks had collected 30,300 botanical and 1000 zoological specimens, which increased the flora known to Europeans by 25%. There were 3607 species, of which 1300 in 110 genera were new to science.

The Swedish naturalist Linnaeus named the genus Banksia in honour of Banks. Banks was also the first person to see a kangaroo (he took a skin home). Banks and Solander's specimens were all drawn on the Endeavour by the botanical illustrator Sydney Parkinson.

743 copperplate engravings were made and ten copies were printed as Florilegium. This was not published until 1980 when 100 sets at \$100,000 were made. Now available on Ebay for \$230.

In 1773 he became the Superintendent of Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. He replaced a numbering system for plants with name tags. Banks sent botanists around the world to collect plants and make Kew Gardens famous.

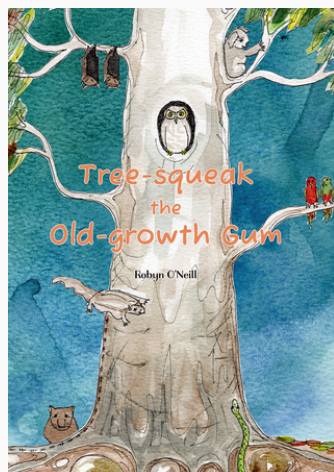
He was knighted in 1795 and died in 1820. He was a notorious womaniser.

Banks was very influential, including the establishment of Australia's first colony. The suburbs of Bankstown, Banksia and Banksmeadow in Sydney and the Canberra suburb of Banks are named after him.



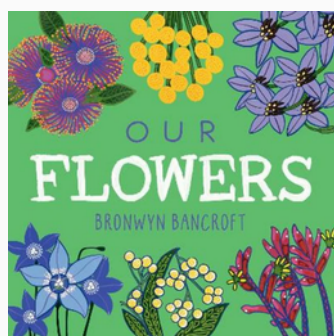
Hey Kids!

HERE'S SOME NATURE BOOKS FOR YOU TO READ



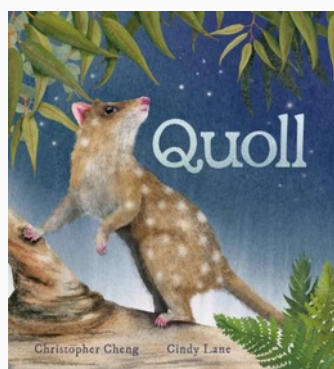
Tree-squeak the Old-growth Gum

Meet Tree-squeak, a mighty old-growth gum tree. Towering over the Australian bushland, he is teeming with life. From birds to koalas to possums and much more, Tree-squeak provides a home in his unique ecosystem for everyone! Through fires and floods, he endures, producing new shoots and buds, bringing joy and shelter to the environment around him.



Our Flowers

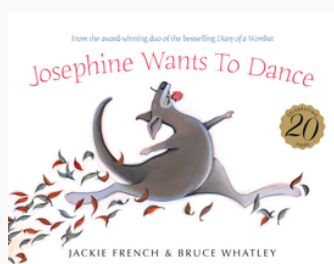
From banksias to bottlebrushes, Our Flowers contains original illustrations of native flowers paired with simple, rhyming text highlighting what makes each flower unique.



Quoll

The blue-black sky is painted with glistening stars. Quoll has woken. It's playtime here in the moonlit night.

Join a female Eastern quoll and her playful pups as they venture through the forest and fields on their nightly hunt for food.



Josephine Wants to Dance

Josephine the dancing kangaroo loves to dance. The emus show her how to point her toes. The eagles teach her how to soar to the music of the wind. Then the ballet comes to the sleepy town of Shaggy Gully and Josephine learns that there's another way to dance. This is how Josephine wants to dance, but will her dream ever come true?

Spring Insect Hunt

Did you know that many of our native insects are wonderful pollinators?

Yes, even flies and butterflies can help to pollinate plants.

And our clever native plants have evolved some pretty interesting ways to encourage insects to visit them.

By planting lots of flowering shrubs in your garden, you can provide habitat and food for these insects, and let them do their amazing work in your own garden and keep our ecosystems healthy!

Now that the weather is warming up, lots of these insects will be on the move, so get outside and see how many you can identify.

Here's a link to the Victorian Government's "[Common Pollinator and Beneficial Insects](#)" brochure, where you can learn more about them.





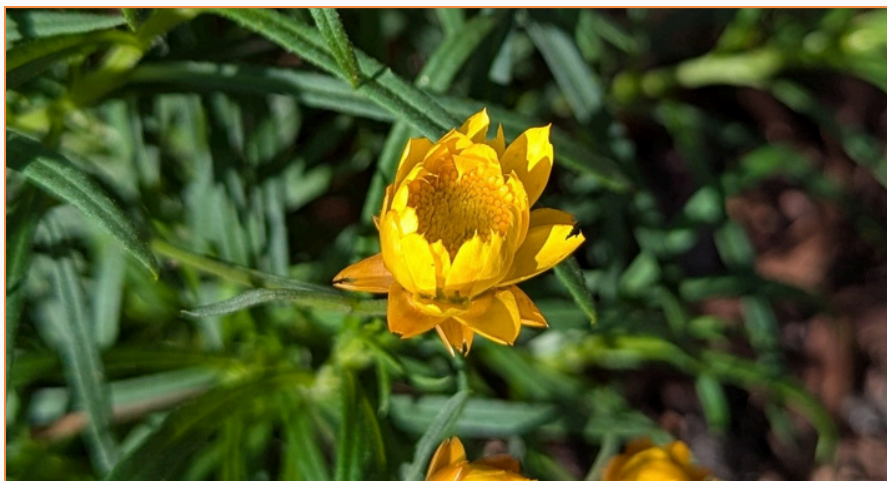
Greenlink Box Hill Inc. is on

For those members on LinkedIn, you can join and follow us using this link [Greenlink Box Hill Inc](#)

Or follow us on Instagram: [@greenlink_nursery](#)

At Greenlink Box Hill we value:

- Every customer who deals with us.
- A happy, safe, and enthusiastic workplace that embraces all volunteers and makes them feel welcome, respected, and honoured.
- The high quality of our plants.
- The contribution that everyone makes to our success.
- Honesty and ethics in all of our dealings with customers and each other.



Greenlink Box Hill Inc. Reg No. A0018547D

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Tuesdays & Wednesdays
9.00 am - 12.00 pm

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3 October 2026
7 November 2026

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