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What's in a name? Plenty..... if you are a yam daisy!

I think it's fairly safe to say that most people who love their indigenous plants (ok, that's all of us, isn't it!) will be familiar with the yam daisy, or murnong. Beautiful yellow flowers, linear green foliage, and nutritious tuberous roots that were a staple ingredient in the local Wurundjeri people's diet. In fact, before colonisation it was an important cultural food source for First Nations people for thousands of years. Many documented reports from early settlers and surveyors described seeing open grassy plains covered in fields of yellow as far as the eye could see, which must have been a wonderful sight!



This drawing by J. H. Wedge (1835) shows women digging roots of the Yam Daisy. Collection: State Library of Victoria

Back then.....

The first known record describing the use of murnong in Victoria comes from the Geelong area in 1835, by a surveyor called Wedge, who wrote that it was "a root eaten by the native". In 1836 Major Thomas Mitchell, as he was travelling east of the Grampians, wrote that the "vast extent of open downs" was "quite yellow with Murnong". It was also recorded as being in the "millions" (Robertson 1840).

These very same grassy plains that were used to grow crops of murnong were, after colonisation, used by settlers to farm sheep and cattle who found the plant very tasty, and it was one of the first plants to disappear in the early years of settlement. This would have been a terrible loss for indigenous people. There are now only a few isolated patches left.

.....And now

For more than 30 years murnong was named as *Microseris* sp. or *Microseris lanceolata* or *Microseris scapigera*, and many indigenous nurseries have been selling yam daisies under these names. Here at Greenlink Nursery, you would see our yam daisies labelled as *Microseris* sp. 3, or previously *M. lanceolata*. But in 2016 the Royal Botanic Gardens botanist Neville Walsh redefined the botanical names of murnong.



Microseris lanceolata is now used to define the variety that is confined to alpine and sub-alpine herb fields of the eastern ranges. Flowering usually occurs during summer. The roots are fleshy but not tuberous, cylindrical to long tapered.



Microseris scapigera is a more bitter variety that must be blanched for 5 min to remove the bitterness, with Neville Walsh noting they "are fleshy, only slightly fibrous, and lightly, but tolerably bitter when eaten raw" . This species is currently listed as Critically Endangered under the FFG Act 1988 due to loss of habitat. It used to be widespread in moist depressions on the basalt plains of western Victoria, flowering from late November until autumn, and produces several long cylindrical roots.

Microseris walteri

is the more common murnong variety, and the species that has previously been called *Microseris* sp. 3. It produces several fleshier and wider cylindrical



roots, and flowers during spring and then becomes dormant during summer. The tubers of this species have the best flavour, if being used as a food plant.

Key to Australian species of *Microseris*

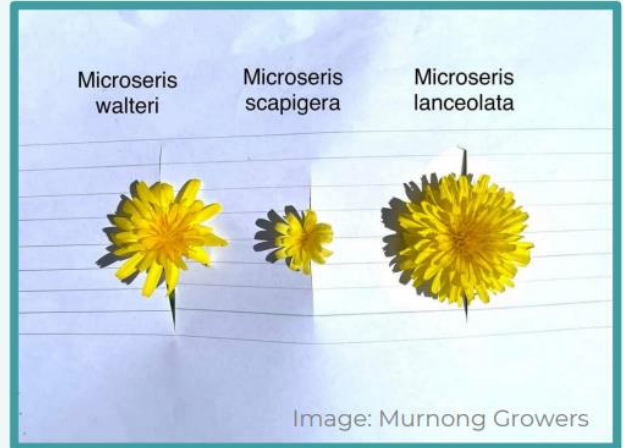
1 Cypselas mostly 7–10 mm long; pappus scales 30–66 mm, hardly widened at base; ligules to c. 12 mm long; roots several, cylindrical or long-tapered, usually branched shortly below leaves; mostly from basalt plains of western Victoria and elevated sites in Tasmania *M. scapigera*

1: Cypselas usually less than 7 mm long; pappus scales to c. 20 mm, noticeably widened at base; ligules usually more than 15 mm long; roots cylindrical or napiform, branched or not; lowland to alpine plants, rarely on basaltic soils..... 2

2 Pappus scales 10–20 mm, c. 0.3–0.5 mm wide at base; fleshy roots several, cylindrical to long-tapered, branching just below ground-level; alpine and subalpine NSW, ACT and Victoria *M. lanceolata*

2: Pappus scales usually c. 10 mm, 0.5–1.3 mm wide at base; fleshy root expanding to a solitary, napiform to narrow-ellipsoid or narrow-ovoid, annually replaced tuber; lowlands of temperate southern WA, SA, NSW, ACT, Vic., Tas. *M. walteri*

Source: rbg.vic.gov.au/media/ervnjqlp/muelleriavol_34_-_p63_walsh.pdf



So.....the next time you visit Greenlink Nursery, stop by, and say hello to our yam daisies, who now go by the name of *Microseris walterii* !!

By Gabrielle and Augustine from the Greenlink Seed Collecting/Mapping Team

Greenlink Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 15th August 2023



Greenlink’s Annual General Meeting 2023 is only a couple of months away.

We are delighted to announce that our guest presenter is Teresa Day from Sustainability Gardening Australia. Teresa will be speaking to us about “*Introducing Bees and Butterflies into your garden*”.



Teresa is a sustainable design professional with experience in community development and environmental education. A home gardener for over 20 years, she is a food grower, chicken keeper and forager. She has a particular interest in personal sustainable choices and lifestyle changes individuals can implement within their home and garden to reduce their carbon footprint and connect better with their local community. Teresa manages and delivers the community workshop program at Sustainability Gardening Australia.

A formal invitation will be emailed to all our financial members and special guests shortly with full details of the event.

Where: [Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House](#)
Date: Tuesday, August 15
Time: 7.00pm

As always, the talk will be followed by refreshments and chat.

Please Note: The Greenlink Calendar 2023 which was given to Greenlink volunteers at Christmas has the incorrect date for the AGM. Due to a clash of dates, we have had to change the date from Tuesday 22nd August to **Tuesday 15th August**.

Time certainly marches on this year with the autumn leaves and colder/wetter weather upon us, where did our warmer summer and early Autumn weather go. Is it time to relocate up north to a warmer climate which I suppose many of us are now thinking about as a way to escape from Melbourne's chill.

Despite these cooler mornings our volunteers to continue to turn up at the nursery, rugged up and ready for a morning's work weeding, pricking out the seedlings, working in the park etc., a truly dedicated and hard-working lot of volunteers who make an enormous difference to Greenlink. Since our last newsletter we have seen our benches groaning with the weight of orders which are now starting to go out the gate freeing up space for more plants to come out of the polyhouse. We have had a constant and growing number of customers coming in each Tue/Wed morning to buy plants and orders already coming in for Spring requirements.

There have been 2 successful sales days in April and May and by the time this newsletter reaches you we will have finalised the installation of an upgraded new watering system giving us more flexibility and efficiency in how we are able to water our plants. This will make an enormous difference for the nursery particularly over the summer months as we will have the flexibility to operate the system via Wi-Fi and from mobile phones when we are off site.

With our finances remaining strong and all indications pointing to another good result for our operations this year we have been able to once again, make donations back into our local community of \$6,000, more information on this following in the Treasurers report. This is a very rewarding result for us to be in a position to continue giving something back to the community and something that I feel Greenlink can be very proud of.

We held an event at the Town Hall as part of Sustainable Living Week where we had a great turn out to listen to Richard Rowe from Sustainable Gardening Australia on "Climate change through Gardening". As this and last year's events were both very successful we would like to be able to do this on an annual basis and are already looking at what type of event we could do for next year.

Our work in the park around the nursery continues with the first part of the restoration of the pond area at the back of the nursery now completed and filled with water thanks to the recent rains. As the months continue over winter we will be progressing replanting many species that have died over recent years so that by springtime there will be a noticeable difference in the appearance of the parkland around the nursery.

Seed collection for the year has now been completed with seeds cleaned, catalogued, and stored in the fridge ready to be sown at the appropriate time to create the next generation of plants. Despite what had originally looked like being a very poor year for seed collection due to weather conditions the year has in fact turned out to be a good collection year.

A few weeks ago, I attended a get together of some of the other indigenous plant community nurseries at Southern Dandenong's nursery in Belgrave



Heights where we looked at the challenges facing community-based nurseries, the possibility of networking together in sharing information and holding some form of regular meetings to support and learn from each other. These are early days in what might come of this, and I look forward to being able to share more information as this network evolves over the coming 12 months.

As always if you have not been in to see us for some time there is an open invitation to call into the nursery and have a look around, 10.30 is a good time as you can then join us for morning tea.

By Robert Jones, President

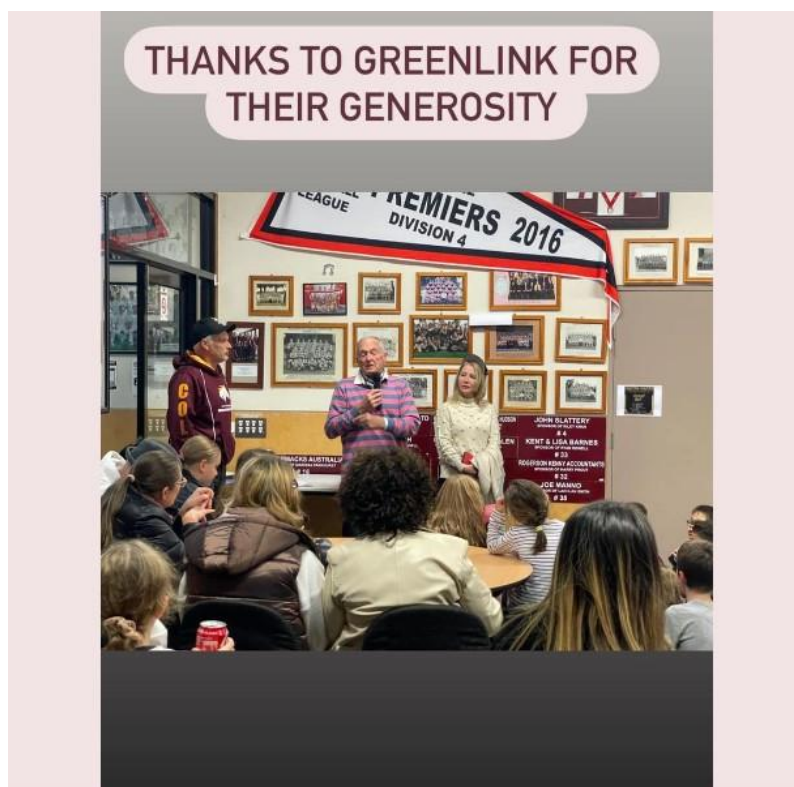


Treasurer's Report

Higher levels of plant production have meant that we have needed to spend a significant amount more on items such as potting media and tubes. We have also invested heavily in training our volunteers and conducted a Sustainability Week seminar which has exceeded our budget expectations. Despite this, we have continued to trade profitably and will make donations to Kerrimuir Primary, Box Hill North Primary, Woodhouse Grove Kindergarten, St Francis Xavier Primary and Whitehorse Colts Football/Netball Club Development Program, upgrade our watering system, and make further investments for the future. We anticipate returning a strong surplus in line with our budget and current forward orders support this expectation.

Emi and I attended a Team function at Springfield Park to announce our Donation to the Whitehorse Colts Netball Club. The funds we will provide for them will be used for early development activities.

There were **more than 250** people in attendance (mostly kids) and there was a real buzz. I had the opportunity to speak a little about Greenlink, but I think that was somewhat wasted when I asked for a show of hands as to who knew about us, who had purchased plants from us or walked or run through Bushy Creek. Everyone in the room has heard about Greenlink and had only good things to say - seems like we are very well known. The other thing is that the kids who play netball (and football) with the Club also go or have gone to all of the schools and kindergarten we are also donating to (or have donated to in the past). *By Trevor Eddy, Treasurer*



Whitehorse Colts Football and Netball Club

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Thanks to Greenlink for your donation to our club.

The kids were excited to have you down and our community certainly benefits from the great work you are doing. We are really grateful.

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Go Colts!

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*“Last night was a fabulous evening. Quality presentation with good advice. Supper was sensational. I appreciate the effort that went into the event.” This was an email we received less than 13 hours after our event.
Date: Fri, 5 May 2023 at 10:05 am.*



Let's hear more from others who attended the “Climate Action through Gardening” event.

Elsbeth Drury - “As part of Sustainable Living Week on 4th May about 60 people gathered at Box Hill Town Hall to hear Richard Rowe a presenter from Sustainable Gardening Australia talks about Climate Action through Gardening. Richard spoke about the Climate 7 framework by Rachel Forgasz and how to use it as part of a Climate Action Plan:



- 1 Reduce your impact
- 2 Choose well and question convenience
- 3 Get informed
- 4 Quit consumerism
- 5 Connect and join a group like Greenlink
- 6 Use your voice.....Activism by campaigning and change by doing
- 7 Reflecting

We learnt by joining a group like Greenlink is good for your health.

Stop and think of the consequences... *Do you need to use that patio heater or leaf blower?*

We can all make compost and fertiliser for our gardens instead of throwing plant material and food scraps out.

Repair your garden tools rather than replacing them with new ones.

Support wildlife as the climate changes by providing water, shelter, and food by planting the right plants.... available at Greenlink.

Some lucky people won door prizes and one very lucky person was gifted a prize by someone on their table.

After the talk we were treated to a wonderful supper and there was time to catch up with friends old and new.”

Philip and Janet Russell - Richard began by noting census data that there are some 10.8 m dwellings in Australia and that domestic gardens, if all added together, would have the land area of a major national park. He also noted that plants are one 'physical form' of carbon dioxide and that growing plants is itself a form of carbon storage we can all do. This set the scene for Richard to cover a host of ways each home gardener could in their own way connect to the environment, implement change to help build climate resilience and reduce their contribution to climate change.



1. Reduce climate impact -(Philip)

Home composting not only builds and maintains the garden, but it also stops organic waste being buried in landfill where it would produce methane gas.

Grow deciduous trees to provide shade and reduce energy bills.

Water directly to the base of plants in the ground more thoroughly but less often to encourage stronger more resilient roots. Water pots more frequently and stop as soon as any water starts to drain through the base (and use a saucer to catch that water).

(Janet) On plant choice Richard recommended plants that you are going to consume, or which require minimal additives in the form of water, fertiliser, or pesticides, and which promote biodiversity. Here the indigenous natives Greenlink grows can play a starring role, because they are the plants which have thrived without additives in the various microclimates of our local area and are those that our native species are adapted to.

In amongst the very many points made about gardening to mitigate climate change impact Richard emphasised how building healthy carbon rich soil, inhabited by more (carbon based) micro-life was the basis of climate resilient gardening. This soil holds and absorbs rainfall better, stays cooler for longer and helps support local wildlife from the tiny to our birds, bats, lizards, and frogs.

He also emphasised avoiding compaction of soil – the enemy of water absorption and micro-life. And to assist this to shrink the lawn. This ties in with the use of nature strips, (as modelled at Greenlink!) for indigenous plants and pollinators. Nature strips and other roadside spaces represent about a third of Melbourne's open space and using them as combination of plantings and spaced mown walkways could turn much of this compacted soil into healthy soil with habitat plants.

In addition to using a deciduous vine to cool his house in summer Richard also has a large pond which helps to maintain a cooler more humid microclimate. More and more the role of water for cooling and habitat, whether as a pond in a yard or a pond pot in an apartment, is being discussed, from scientists studying urban habitat to gardening shows to urban planning. Richard also mentioned rain tanks, swales, and rain gardens. It's exciting to see some of the measures we know are effective in regenerative farming now being applied in our 'burbs.

2. Questioning convenience – (Philip) Be aware that garden choices based on convenience can have climate impacts e.g., a system to build up your own soil and use your own compost can have less impact than buying a bag of compost and/or using NPK fertilisers.

(Janet) Richard recommended taking measures to 'shorten the food chain'. The shortest distance being from our yard to the table. And being aware of what was in season locally, shopping at Farmers markets and making purchasing decisions where possible that shrink the energy used to create and transport a product and it's packaging. And looking for second hand or growing your own materials.

3. Getting informed – (Philip) Understand natural cycles like the plant-soil-carbon cycle or learn how you can make your own plant nutrient instead of buying bags of fertiliser. Understand the water cycle to help keep water longer on the garden.

(Janet) Richard recommended a number of books, and continuing to keep reading about how we can better value look after our green spaces and increase their value for climate change prevention and mitigation. Until you are aware there is a problem or scope for improvement you aren't motivated to look for a solution.

4. Quitting consumerism – (Philip) Make good consumption choices such as making full use of all plant material, reuse or repurpose materials, purchasing good quality tools that will last and repairing tools.

*(Janet) Richard recommended vegetable growers join seed banks. When purchasing *microlaena stipoides* (Weeping Grass), Karin from Greenlink recommended to me collecting the seed, which I did and have been pleased to expand my lawn with plants I've grown from seed. *Microlaena stipoides* is great for a lawn that requires minimal care and mowing, and it will be great to see Greenlink's *microlaena stipoides* pocket park lawn growing up to model this lovely native.*

5. Connecting with others – (Philip) Its valuable to share gardening wisdom, including the climate actions you are taking.

(Janet) Richard noted how with gardening you are always learning from you fellow gardeners. And with indigenous plants, it's a bit crazy, but we don't have that bank of knowledge that we do with the Bunnings staples. So, the knowledge that we can share about what grows where, how plants respond to pruning, what animals we've seen using which plants as habitat can all form a really useful pool of knowledge to help people choose and grow indigenous plants with best chances of success!



6. Using your voice – (Philip) You can help bring about change by doing what you can in your garden and this becoming a demonstration and inspiration to others.

(Janet) Richard spoke about how he wanted to make a difference and help drive change for more climate resilient gardening by his own example. As we know, change is more likely to happen when more people start. to adopt a new practice: mobile phones being a familiar example. Being a first mover might feel a bit uncomfortable, but this is where having connections with others helps!

7. Reflecting - (Philip) Even if gardeners were already taking some of these steps above as good practice it is also useful and important to understand their climate benefits. Taking some climate action is not hard to do.

(Janet) *Richard commented on how he had a part of his garden that he used for meditation and reflection. I just watched a piece on the Chinese Garden in Sydney and how these traditional gardens were designed to encourage meditation and reflection too. Wherever they are gardens can be wonderful spaces for being in the moment: and the more that they are full of life from water to the soil to the visiting or resident birds and other animals, the more they allow us to engage with our senses and make a break from the tasks or other matters that we face. And the more full of life they are, the more likely they are contributing to storing carbon and creating a cooler micro-climate.*



Above from Left to right: Robert Jones (Greenlink), Belinda Moody (Whitehorse Council), Manoj Kumar (GlobalCEH), & Richard Rowe (Presenter)

After the presentation we did a couple of activities to compare how we were feeling on our way to and after the talk. The responses showed that participants had learnt some new things and had also been energised and had their spirits lifted by connecting with others. There was also a challenge for each person to commit to one climate related garden action and get a letter in 2 months' time to check in on whether we'd done it! There was plenty of discussion over the refreshments and delicious supper provided by Greenlink.

Finally, we'd like to say a big thank you to Emi, Trevor, Robert, and Chris on the Greenlink Committee for all their time and effort organising the event and a very superior supper and making the event a success.

Sustainable Gardening Australia: visit their website for lots of gardening tips including on composting, habitat gardening, sustainable design, soil, water conservation and more.

<https://www.sgaonline.org.au/>

Climate 7 framework: a thoughtful approach to considering what and how we do things and their climate impact. You may find some of the seven may resonate with you more than others or find the entire framework helpful.

<https://climate7.com/the-7-ways/>

Edendale Community Farm

<https://www.edendale.vic.gov.au/Home>

Customer's Experience

Marguerite Jones new customer to Greenlink:

Q: What caused you to come to Greenlink?

A: I joined the Monash Nature Strip Planting Project towards the end of 2022. Participants in the Project receive a voucher for 50 tube stock, hence my visit to Greenlink.

Q: You mentioned during your visit that it was your first time at Greenlink, what was your initial impression?

A: When I checked out Greenlink's website, I was interested to learn that you produced local indigenous plants and the nursery was solely run by volunteers, so great first impression before setting foot inside your gate! I wasn't expecting a small plot in a local residential street. I was made very welcome on entering!

Q: How was your customer service experience, including plant knowledge of the volunteer?

A: It was pouring rain the day I visited Greenlink. I even rang before leaving home to make sure it was still open (wasn't sure volunteers worked in the rain!) I was greeted with friendly smiles and instructions regarding the layout. After looking around for the plants on my list I was happy to receive Trevor's offer of assistance, did I mention it was pouring rain???? I was grateful for Trevor's patience and vast knowledge of the plants along with his alternative suggestions to those on my list.

Q: What did you like about Greenlink?

A: I was impressed with the range of plants available along with the harmonious team bringing their individual skill set to propagate and grow the plant stock. The offer of a cuppa was a bonus.

Q: How satisfied were you with the plants you selected?

A: I am thrilled with my plants. My local neighbours have been watching the progress of the nature strip from all grass to all mulch and then the BIG PLANT last week. The plants appear to be growing every day!!

Q: What would you say to others about Greenlink?

A: I love native plants and selecting indigenous plants for my nature strip was a no brainer. I had never heard about Greenlink before joining the Project and thus have been telling anyone who will listen about Greenlink's great plant range and welcoming and friendly volunteers.

What's On at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

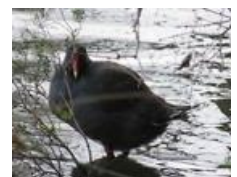
The Story of KooyongKoot (the haunt of the waterfowl)

Part 1: from Wurundjeri times to present day - 190 years!

Sunday 4th June 2.00—4pm

A fascinating pictorial history of Gardiners Creek, presented by local author, historian, archeologist, Dr Gary Presland, a highly respected and experienced speaker!

For more Information: email blsac@bigpond.com or phone 0437 172 333 **Part 2:** The Future of KooyongKoot!



"Bringing Back the Buzz"

The Rotary Club of Balwyn - Nature Strip Transformations

Would you like to convert your Nature Strip into a Bee-friendly Garden with indigenous, flowering native plants?

Information for You as a Property Owner of Boroondara

The Rotary Club of Balwyn's Nature Strip Sub-committee is now assisting property Owners in Boroondara to beautify their Nature Strips. To achieve this, we are helping to replace their current lawn (and weeds?) with a garden of (mostly) indigenous flowering shrubs, grasses, and groundcovers to attract bees, butterflies, and birds.

Emphasis is on pollinator-attracting plants. We want to "Bring Back the Buzz". The initial impetus for this project came from an inspiring talk by Costa Georgiadis (ABC Gardening Australia) at a Rotary "Bee" event in which he mentioned making better use of the considerable area taken up by our Nature Strips.

When the project was launched last year, we undertook a Pilot run of just ten sites. These spots were quickly taken up and those 10 Owners are now excited at having their Nature Strip transformed. Addresses are available on request. Their enthusiastic involvement has convinced our Club to now broaden the project by inviting more Owners to participate.

Rotary does not have an endless supply of gardeners, so the manual work is being split between Rotary and the Owner. We call it the "Do It Yourself approach" (DIY) in which the homeowner will do some of the manual tasks. Rotary will provide guidance and the essential equipment.

Officers in the Environmental-Sustainability section of Boroondara Council are very interested in our project and progress. They expect to publicise and promote Nature Strip transformations to the community soon, especially after our successful Pilot run. Just to be clear, the essential funding, manpower and management for this project is being handled by the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

Next-door neighbours of an Owner who wishes to have their Nature Strip transformed will be advised of what is planned by either the Owner or a Rotary team member.

The Owner and Rotary must ensure that all work is carried out in line with Council's "Nature strip Guidelines" which can be found at - boroondara.vic.gov.au/media/11761/

If you have any queries about this project or are interested in transforming your own nature strip, please feel free to call or text the chairperson of the Rotary Club's Nature Strip Transformation sub-committee: Murray Wilkinson, on 0425 713 007.

- There are currently 17 sites finished or under way. More are pending.
- To encourage Owners to go for indigenous plants, we bundle their first 20 plants into our offer, provided they get them from Greenlink.

We do appreciate the relationship with the team at Greenlink.

Talbot Ave, Balwyn



Chatham Rd, Surrey Hills



Photos and article provided by Murray Wilkinson, of the Rotary Club of Balwyn

Andrew Eyers is a participant of the Balwyn Rotary Nature strip project and has visited Greenlink twice in recent times purchasing plants. We also welcomed him as a Greenlink member, and he is looking to volunteer when time permits.

Andrew has provided some photographs of the huge effort and progress so far with his nature strip which began in late January, and the planting began mid-March. The nature strip is about 24 metres long with over seventy plants so far and has room for maybe a dozen more.



National Volunteer Week 15-21 May 2023

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THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

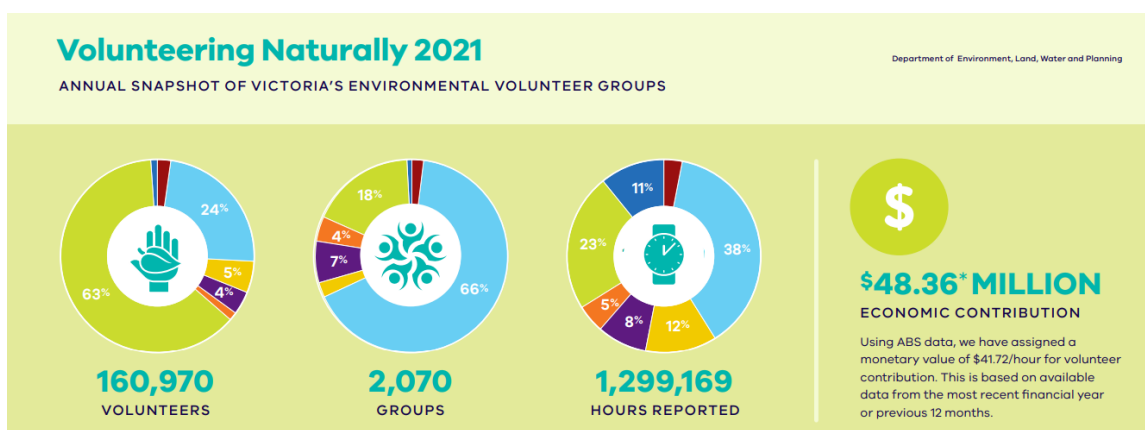
A couple of weeks ago it was National Volunteer Week. As we reflect on that we would like to express our sincere thanks to all our volunteers for the amazing work and for freely giving so much of your time and support to Greenlink. You are truly the backbone of our organisation.



Environmental Volunteering Team Victoria has undertaken data collection for annual reporting. Last year, Volunteering Naturally 2022 provided us with the following information showing the important contribution being made by volunteers in Victoria.



Our Greenlink volunteers contributed 5,000 hours included in the Volunteering Naturally 2022 report figures. This is a steady number for Greenlink considering the interruption of the pandemic during parts of the year. As a community nursery, Greenlink falls under the banner of “Caring for landscapes” which is light blue on the graphs.



The proportion of adult Australians doing voluntary work and volunteer rates have fallen substantially during the pandemic. Looking at the Volunteering figures of 2022 there has been an increase of volunteer hours compared to 2021 but nowhere near the hours of 2020. In April 2021, 24.2% of Australians had performed voluntary work in the previous 12 months, down from 36% in late 2019. It's estimated that 2.3 million fewer Australians volunteered in 2021 compared to late 2019. Although some COVIDSafe requirements including physical distancing had eased across Australia by April 2021 when the research was released, many former volunteers had not returned to volunteering.

Who knows why people change their mind about volunteering? My thoughts are that a number of factors could contribute to this such as an aging population, fear, and social impact of COVID, volunteers spreading themselves too thinly across organisations, people who volunteer in many organisations are reducing the time they spend volunteering. More people are travelling again following COVID lockdowns. More conversations need to be had to encourage more of the younger generations to get involved.

Research reference from:

1. Volunteering during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic (April 2021): ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods – Professor Nicholas Biddle and Professor Matthew Gray
2. Recovering from Covid-19 The Australian experience, generational impacts, and the future outlook. McCrindle Research June 2020
3. Deloitte; 2021 Millennial & Gen Z Survey
4. Environmental volunteering – 2020 Social Research: Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning, in conjunction with Newgate Research

The below photo is an indication of how dedicated our volunteers are to Greenlink.

What a big effort from three volunteers Elspeth, Fiona, and myself who worked in the parkland in drizzle and heavy mud on the morning of May 9th to scrape off dead buffalo grass, level off, aerate and mulch the edges ready for top dressing and sowing a microlaena lawn the following day.

Photo by Jenny McCausland



 **Eucalypt identification walk with Tony Slater and Belinda Moody.**
Winter is a great time to identify eucalypts as they are in pre flowering mode & late bud. 

Saturday 24th June 2– 4 pm

Book with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eucalypts-of-blackburn-lake-sanctuary-tickets-636277732827> or use the QR

Greenlink Box Hill Inc.



Greenlink Box Hill Inc. is now on LinkedIn. For those members on “LinkedIn” you can now join and follow us using this link [Greenlink Box Hill Inc](#)

Greenlink will welcome the return of any empty and unwanted plant tubes. Please return them to the nursery when you next visit or simply throw them over the gate/leave them at the gate if the nursery is closed.

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. Aoo18547D

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