

# Welcome

Welcome to the April Newsletter.

This month we are postponing the Owl Land working bee for a month and helping out with the Yarra Flats volunteers day instead. Details on page 2.



## RabbitScan

RabbitScan has been launched amid renewed fears by government, industry and the community that rabbits are growing in numbers, range and in the damage they cause, right across Australia.

RabbitScan is a nation-wide challenge for community and schools to help scientists map where rabbits are, by asking people to 'scan' their landscape (school, farm, parkland, roadside reserves, ovals etc) for signs of rabbits and their damage, and to load their results online - during RabbitScan Month in May 2009.

To learn more about RabbitScan you can visit the website: [www.rabbitscan.net.au](http://www.rabbitscan.net.au)

## Yarra Ranges Local Plant Directory Launch

Due to the bushfires that affected everyone in the Shire of Yarra Ranges recently, the proposed Launch in February was postponed. The Shire of Yarra Ranges now invites you again to send representatives from your group to attend the launch of the Yarra Ranges Local Plant Directories. Come and enjoy a morning tea and hear about the Shire's new plant directory.

When: Monday 4th May 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Where: Lillydale Lake Community Hall Swansea Road Lillydale  
Melways Ref: 38 G6,7  
RSVP: Marilyn Gray by Friday 24th April.  
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ph 039728589  
[www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/plants](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/plants)

## Wray Cres/York Rd Intersection

Plans for the Wray Crescent and York Road intersection have been modified again with a turning lane looking at being added before the roundabout to access the south side traders.

Because of this we may yet lose another 5 possibly 6 trees and shrubs depending on whether the turning lane gets final approval and to what degree the road pavement can be moved to the north or Bowens side.

In addition to this the new shops planned on the Bishops Land (which now numbers 6) have also had a Right Hand Turning Lane imposed on them from Monbulk Rd. just past the Roundabout.

The Council have agreed to produce a Community Leaflet to explain the changes.

## Candlebark Nursery Sale

The Candlebark Nursery Sale is on Sunday the 5th of April from 9am till 3pm.

A wide range of species suitable for many different environments within the Yarra Ranges will be available in both tubes and larger pots.

The nursery is located on the corner of Hull Road and Taylor Road in Mooroolbark (entry off Hull Road).

Enquiries – 9727 0594 or email – [info@candlebark.org.au](mailto:info@candlebark.org.au)



# Friends Support Day

Please come and offer your support to  
**The Friends of Yarra Flats Billabongs** in their time of need.

**Yarra Flats Billabongs Reserve at Yarra Glen was completely burnt out by the February 7 fires. Everything is gone, the boardwalks, viewing platform, historic fencing and stock yards and thousands of plants planted by the Friends group.**

**When:** Sunday 5th April, from 10am onwards

**Where:** **Yarra Flats Billabongs** Map 275 A3

Parking at northern entrance Map 275 A2 or in the neighbouring Yarra Glen Showgrounds Reserve

**Bring:** Gloves, wire cutters or pliers to cut wire, a wheelbarrow if possible and drinking water. We recommend wearing long sleeves and long pants.

**Lunch:** Will be provided

**Tasks** on the day will include taking out wire from burnt out fences, clearing litter from along the old highway and spraying respraying weedy grasses



Please RSVP with your preferred task so we can organize equipment for the day:  
Contact Gaye, Katie or Gavin on 92946148  
Email [g.gadsden@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:g.gadsden@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)