

# Welcome

Welcome to the July Newsletter.

Just a note that there will be no Owl Land working bee this month, but will resume again on Sunday August 3.



## Electronic Bird scaring devices

Recently MEEPPA have written a submission to the Shire of Yarra Ranges asking them to amend the Scare Gun Control Local Law – ‘Electronic Bird Scaring Devices’

This submission asks people to look at the long term solutions instead of just short term which could be extremely damaging to the unique birds we continually try to protect.

“MEEPPA do not consider these electronic devices as an environmentally responsible solution to the frightening of Feral and Pest birds due to the lack of any discriminatory controls. At present they only amount to ..’throwing out the babies with bathwater’... They would clearly be an environmental disaster if introduced into many areas of this Shire.”

## In Memorium

Our behalf of the MEEPPA executive and membership our thoughts and best wishes are extended to Barry (Marshall) after his mother passed away last week. Our thoughts are especially with you this week Bazza!

## Good news from The Owl Land

The Owl Land pair of Owls are nesting in their favourite hollow in the Haig Street/ Fuller Roadt Gorge. This is just below the Owl Land and we are very excited to be able to report that we have witnessed the Owls in their breeding behaviour.

We will keep you informed of their progress.



# Ivy Blitz **PLUS**

**TYPICAL NASTIES**



**IVY**



**AGAPANTHUS**



**JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE**



**MONTBRETIA**



**WANDERING TRAD/JEW**

The Shire of Yarra Ranges invites residents to take part in the trial of it's revamped weed removal program, Ivy Blitz PLUS.

The trial aims to assist residents in removing weeds from their properties by supplying them with **one** of a limited number of transfer station vouchers for the disposal of key weeds.

### Ivy Blitz PLUS

**16 June to 14 July 2008**

The transfer station vouchers will have a **limit of one cubic metre** (one trailer load) of weeds only.

The transfer stations are in Coldstream, Healesville, Wesburn and Lysterfield.

A limited number of vouchers are available. To receive an information pack and Voucher contact



**Gavin Prentice on 9294 6148 or via email [g.prentice@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:g.prentice@yarraranges.vic.gov.au) or the Shire's Environment Department**

# Thank you to MEEPPA

This letter was written to MEEPPA from Mt Evelyn Christian School after participating in an Owl Land working day.

We will be calling for help when they return again later in the year, working with school groups is always a great day with everyone enjoying the time.

Dear Clare,

I want, once again, to say how much we appreciated your involvement organising our recent Community Service activities weeding and planting trees with the Friends of Owl Land. The students wrote their journals and made some great comments about their experiences.

Next semester, we shall once again be looking to repeat the Community Service activities, and I hope you will be kind enough to take us again for a session with the Friends of Owl Land. This would be in Term 4 which will be in the Autumn (October/November), and I suppose the activities may be a bit different considering the time of year. But I will leave that with you.

Closer to the time, I will again give you an e-mail or a call.

With best wishes,  
James Gashumba  
Teacher, Service Elective.

## July events

Our next meeting is July 7, starting at 7:30pm at the Community Room, Wray Crescent. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like anything to go on the agenda for these meetings please email us at [meeppanews@gmail.com](mailto:meeppanews@gmail.com)

## STOP group wins

The STOP action group in Montrose have managed to stop the expansion of the Montrose Boral Quarry.

They will be holding a community party and everyone is invited. Details below.

Dear Friends,

We are holding a community celebration to celebrate the success and end of a very long campaign against the Montrose Quarry expansion. It's on July 13th, 1.30 p.m. at the Montrose Town Centre.

RSVP Darren 0412 918 404 or David on 0430 286 168

We'd love to see you there.

Darren McCrorey  
President



YOU ARE INVITED  
TO COME TO THE  
COMMUNITY  
CELEBRATION

*From 1.30 p.m. Sunday, 13th July 2008  
at the Montrose Town Centre.*

SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE

*(Tea, coffee, meat and salads will be provided)  
B.U.O. drinks and chairs*

*Organised by the STOP Committee  
R.S.V.P. David on 0430 286 168*