

The Friends of The Peter Francis Points Arboretum



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Open day at the Arboretum – you are invited

Saturday **October 23** is a very special day for the Arboretum as we are holding an Open Day to which everyone is invited. This year marks 40 years since our founder, Peter Francis, was given permission by the former Wannon Shire to fence off about 16 hectares to plant Eucalypts from the Coleraine area. The Arboretum was originally gazetted a reserve for water supplies but had been used by the shire to quarry gravel and loam for road making. Previous attempts to revegetate the area had failed.

Our Open Day will include guided walks from local native plant enthusiasts, a community planting workshop to give gardening enthusiasts hands-on experience clearing weeds and re-planting native species and a community barbecue. We will also have a fund-raising stall selling Arboretum merchandise. The day starts at 11am. At this time of year many of our Eucalypts, Hakeas, Grevilleas, other trees and shrubs and native wild flowers are in bloom and the grounds look spectacular. We are hoping as many people as possible will visit the Arboretum to enjoy the native plantings and spring flowers and share a barbecue lunch with us from 12 noon onwards. The event is free. The afternoon will finish by 4pm, but you are free to arrive and leave between those times. To help with catering please phone our chairperson Cathy on 5581 1816 or Ray, our curator, on 5575 2607 if you are planning to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

2010 Year of the Volunteer for the Points

This year we have been very lucky to secure three teams of Conservation Volunteers Australia hosting international student volunteers from England, USA, Canada and South Korea at the Arboretum in week long blocks. The next set of volunteers to join the Arboretum were two teams of Green Jobs Corps workers—^{Look who is visiting} young unemployed people from the Hamilton region who are undertaking work experience through a partnership between Conservation Volunteers Australia, Mission Australia and Centrelink. The young people are working mainly at the Arboretum and Penshurst's Yatmerone Reserve on activities that benefit our natural environment and cultural heritage through conserving, preserving and restoring the environment. A team of community corrections workers are also helping out at the Arboretum weekly. We thank them all for their valuable assistance throughout this year. The Arboretum is open every day of the year, but always looks particularly spectacular in Spring, and a walk through it at the moment will confirm their excellent work.

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Calling all seed savers.....

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To complete our collection of all Victorian eucalypts growing at the Arboretum we still need seed from the following

Eucalyptus alligatrix ssp alligatrix	E. ovata ssp grandiflora
E. alligatrix ssp limaensis	E. pauciflora ssp acerina
E. angophoroides	E. pauciflora ssp hedraia
E. arenacea	E. serraensis
E. aromaphloia ssp sabulosa	E. splendens ssp arcane
E. calycogna ssp trachybasis	E. splendens ssp splendens
E. connata	E. tereticornis ssp mediana
E. fulgens	E. verrucata
E. globulus ssp pseudoglobulus	E. victoriana
E. leucoxydon ssp ballarinensis	E. viminalis ssp pryoriana
E. maidenii var williamsonii	E. viridis ssp wimmerensis X phenax

If anyone has seed of any of these eucalypts that we can have please contact our curator, Ray Clay on 5575 2607 by phone or letter. Thanks to those who have already supplied us with seed for other wanted eucalypts in the past.

Vale—Malcolm Brumby

We acknowledge with sadness the recent death of former board member, life governor and life-long friend and supporter of the Arboretum—Malcolm Brumby—who passed away in September. We were honoured to receive a request from Malcolm's family for his funeral procession to drive through the Arboretum after the church service.

Points AGM

The Friends of the Peter Francis Points Arboretum committee of management is a volunteer group responsible for running the Arboretum. Our 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday October 17, at 2pm in the old Shire Offices in Whyte St, Coleraine. Everyone is welcome—anyone who would like to join the Friends committee of management will be particularly welcome.

And One Last Thing

The Arboretum relies heavily on membership fees, donations from the community and the generous support of Mr Geoff Handbury, Southern Grampians Shire Council and Parks Vic to operate and improve the Arboretum. We have Australian Taxation Office Endorsed deductible Gift Recipient status which means that all donations of \$2 and over are fully tax deductible. We are currently seeking donations to replace the Arboretum's landcruiser which is 31 years old and fast nearing the end of its working life. The landcruiser is used daily for track grading, patrol work, and haulage and is an essential piece of equipment. Your assistance to help us purchase a replacement vehicle would be greatly appreciated. To ensure you receive an official registered receipt send your donation direct to the treasurer.