



The Greater
Dandenong
Environment
Group Inc.

Newsletter!

August/September 2001

Hello!

Greetings one and all! I would like to congratulate our President, Ian on the successful lure of new members to our humble group! I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members – Welcome! As for me being publicity and publications officer, I believe I should just be deemed publications officer, seeing as Ian is doing very well by himself in promoting the group and its efforts!

Association Amalgamation!

GDEG, Little River Earth Sanctuary and The Field Naturalists Club of Vic – The Junior Field Naturalists

The Junior Field Naturalists enjoyed a weekend at the Little River Earth Sanctuary, accompanied by a few of the regulars from the Fauna Survey Group of the Field Naturalists Club and of course Ian. On the weekend of the 10-12th of August the Jnr Field Naturalists observed and identified an array of wildlife, which included a number of birds, skinks and frogs as well as a sighting of a Whip Snake.

Little River Earth Sanctuary – Day Trip!

There will be a ‘Hunt for Reptiles’ at the Sanctuary on the 10th of November. This day promises to be a great one, especially as late spring will be the perfect time of year to catch our reptile friends basking in the sun as we take in the picturesque views of the landscape in the sanctuary. The evening will herald a spotlight walk and frog hunt as well as one of Ian’s famous barbecues! So come one, come all! For further details contact Ian (97957423).

Fauna Survey Group – Field Naturalists Club of Vic.

- On Tuesday 4th September the Fauna Survey Group will hold its monthly meeting with special guest speaker Luke Hunter from the ABC Natural History Unit, who will be presenting his talk; “Reintroduction of Cheetahs and Lions onto land reclaimed for conservation”. Meetings are held in the FNCV club rooms –
1 Gardenia St, Blackburn.
- A fauna survey/stag watch will be held on the 8th of September and 13th of October in Powelltown.

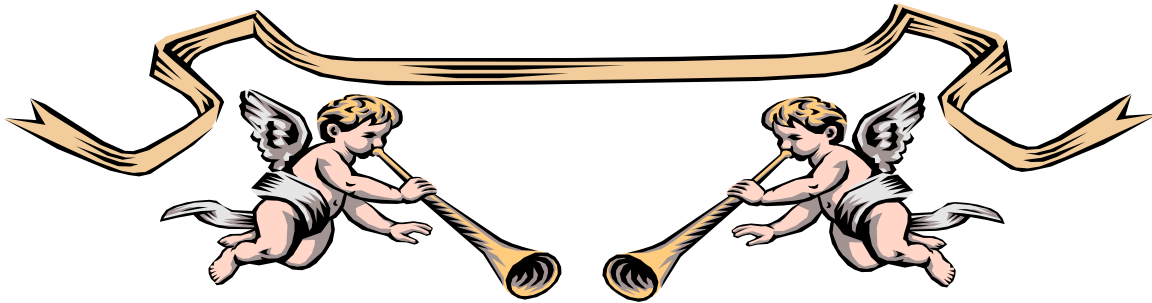
If anyone is interested in any of the above – please contact Ian on 97957423.

Group Endeavours!

On the **15th of September** there will be another 'Walk in the Wetlands' Bird-watch. All are welcome, but please remember your gumboots! The walk commences at 10am, meet at the south end of the Dandenong Basketball Stadium car park.

It's that time of year again, when the sap begins to flow, buds are budding, new blooms appear and new natives are planted in Tirhatuan Park – yep, you guessed it! Spring Planting Festival! All are welcome to help plant in Tirhatuan Park and Wetlands on the **9th of September**. Planting will be from 10am to 1pm with the inaugural BBQ to follow! Please bring gumboots for planting in and around the wetland areas. Meet in the car park in Kriegal Way.

Well, that's all folks!



Beat the Christmas Rush!

Order your Christmas Cakes now!

The Lions Club of Victoria are selling their delicious christmas cakes: Brian Delaney is chairman of their Christmas Cake Committee and the proceeds go to support the work of the Lions club including environmental projects Dorothy assures me.

So please support your fellow members' other activities and buy buy buy. They are such nice people too.

1Kg - \$7.80

1.5Kg - \$10.50

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For orders please call Brian or Dorothy Delaney on 97956031.

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