

The History Of The Group

In 1990 a few people wanting to share information and to increase local awareness about environmental issues formed the Dandenong Environmental Group.

They began distributing literature concerning the environment, planting trees in Tirhatuan Park and generally trying to make the environment more of an issue within our city.

In 1994 the Dandenong Environment Group expanded. It became incorporated and started the Dandenong Community Nursery, equipping it with grants from several government organisations.

In 1996, following the changes to the local government boundaries, we changed our name to the Greater Dandenong Environment Group.

Over the years we have contributed to the conservation strategy, several publications on local flora and fauna, participated in local festivals, produced a leaflet on nestboxes, organised meetings, talks, walks including spotlight walks and some social events.

The Dandenong Community Nursery

The main activity of the group is the Dandenong Community Nursery, originally set up to grow local indigenous plants. These are to be used for revegetation projects in reserves and schools within the city, to both preserve them and to increase their populations. This in turn creates new habitat for insects and birds. On creek sides it reduces runoff and absorbs nutrients that would otherwise be leached into the creek.

Revegetation also contributes to the visual environment by improving the landscape and even hiding eyesores.

We also intend to grow a wider variety of decorative plants to be used in landscaping projects to improve the look of our city and to promote a more pleasant environment for the people who live and work there.

Among the tasks that we undertake for the operation of the nursery are:

Collecting seeds,
Sowing seeds,
Pricking out seedlings,

Collecting material for cuttings,
Taking cuttings,
Potting up cuttings,
Potting on plants, and weeding.

We welcome help from anyone who is keen to help our environment.

Activities

Apart from our nursery, we try to have a wide range of activities for our members by co-operating with other local groups to organise nature walks, spotlight walks and pond dipping.

We organise tree planting days for our members and other volunteers, and try to support as many of the Council's community planting days as possible.

On occasion we conduct nestbox workshops where a selection of nestboxes for local species are constructed and eventually put in place.

We have displays at local events and hold regular meetings.

We affiliate to other environmental organisations and are always looking for new projects to interest our members.

Membership Application 2001

Membership categories:

Concessional.....\$7.50
Single.....\$15.00
Family.....\$25.00
Corporate/supporting.....\$25.00

Donation.....

Total
Remittance.....

Please accept my application for membership of the Greater Dandenong Environment Group.

My Name is:.....

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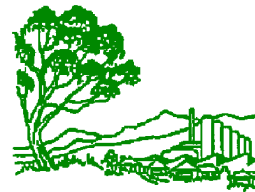
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