

# Monty Matters

NOVEMBER  
2018

## Next Food Swap,

2nd Dec, from 10:30am to  
11:30am

at Were St . Montmorency



## Steering Group

### Convenor:

Katherine Barling

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Claire Holm

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Garry

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Alan Cuthbertson

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Margaret O'Dowd

### Editor:

Alan Cuthbertson

### Ordinary members:

Jennifer Helmich

Pam Rowley

Vicki Jordan

Kay Tilley-Schilg

## Araluen Power Generation

	Sept	Since Installation
Power generated	3.3 Mwh	37 Mwh
Savings	\$600	\$6,900

## What's on

- **Sat 17th Nov**—Monty Street Stall (pg 2)
- **Wed 28th Nov** —Screenagers film (pg 3)
- **Sun 2nd Dec**— Food Swap

## NEXT Meeting:

Wed 5th December

## For info, contact:

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[www.transitionmonty.org](http://www.transitionmonty.org)

## FaceBook:

## Naked Truth Calendar

This fund raiser for the Stop Adani Eltham group has 12 very tasteful images of naked activist protesting against coal.

Check it out on Page 4!

## NOVEMBER STREET STALL

Monty Community Group is planning to hold an information stall to promote ourselves and our activities to the public.

*No- you won't need your iPad, iPhone or social media*

*Yes- you can become informed, meet your neighbours and support community activities in the lovely surroundings of your local Were Street park.*

**When:** Sat 17th November

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.30pm

**Where:** Were St park

Information will be available for the public about community groups in Monty

- MCG- climate emergency, Pick My Project, Transition Towns, how to join us and participate
- MASSG- petitions, "tiny treasures" table, Xmas food drive for people (single mothers, students, unemployed etc) who have no access to even basic income support.
- Friends of Montmorency Bushlands- indigenous plants, identify your garden weeds, see Julia's decorated bike

Enquiries- Pam 94391853



## SCREENAGERS—GUEST SPEAKER DR ANTHEA RHODES FROM ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Montmorency Community Group are having a community movie night and we are hosting the documentary 'Screenagers' to help raise awareness about the issue of mental health and children and digital technology. After the film, Dr Anthea Rhodes will answer questions

**Tickets must be purchased in advance for it to go ahead.** We have reached our goal of 70 tickets so the film will proceed. But you can still buy a ticket and join us.

**Where:** Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough

**When:** Wednesday the 28th of November 6.30 pm

Buy tickets online

\$21.00 AUD Admission + \$2.00 booking fee = \$23.00

<https://fan-force.com/screenings/screenagers-hoyts-cinemas-greensborough-vic/>

**SUITABLE FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, TEACHERS, TEENAGERS & CHILDREN AGED 8 and UP.**



### **Dr Anthea Rhodes Director**

Dr Anthea Rhodes is a paediatrician and medical educator. She has clinical interests in the health needs of the vulnerable child, with expertise in child development and behaviour.

Dr Rhodes undertook her paediatric training at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, where she has worked since 2004. She has postgraduate training in medical education and is a lecturer and co-ordinator for the Child and Adolescent Health component of the Doctor of Medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Rhodes has been involved in a number of research projects across the fields of health service delivery, immigrant health practice and health professional education. She has been the Director of the RCH National Child Health Poll since its first release in December 2015.

## Spring Walk along Plenty River Trail

The 4th walk in our series of free guided walks in Monty was held on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

The group spent 2 hours strolling along the Plenty River and learning about the history of this picturesque area. There was much to see and learn, thanks to our guides, Katherine and Julia. Although the main trail along the Plenty River is a well-known route for walkers and cyclists, the group also followed little-used side trails and made some interesting discoveries. Even residents who had lived in Monty for decades did not know of these hidden treasures so close to home. After the walk, the walkers enjoyed a picnic at Motts Paddock.

The history of this area- both Aboriginal and European- was researched by our local historian, Maureen Jones. Thanks also to the Friends of Plenty River for providing information on the natural history and the re-vegetation of the area.

***Our series of guided walks was funded by a grant from the Bannuylue City Council. Monty Community Group has plans to continue and extend our Walks project next year, by developing resources that residents can use to take their own self-guided walks.***

***WATCH THIS SPACE for more information about this in 2019***

Pam Rowley

## Join the MASSG November Food Drive!

Your generous donations will go towards  
the Foodbank at the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre

The Foodbank is a free grocery store inside the ASRC Footscray Centre  
that provides health and wellbeing to over 600 people seeking  
asylum each week.

(Note- Many people come to the ASRC because they are denied the right to work. Others have very low incomes. Also, the need for food has increased recently since the Federal government removed all income support from people who were previously eligible for financial assistance- such as those without employment, students, parents caring for children)

Deliver your donations to

[52 Looker Road, Montmorency](#)

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

[or to MASSG's Were Street stall in the park](#)

**Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 10am to 3pm**

Thank you for your compassion in action!

Enquiries: Pam 9439 1853 or Jocelyn 9432 0416

Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group

<https://massgblog.wordpress.com/>

## Visit to Western Plain Flora

One refreshingly rainy, cool October Saturday morning, six intrepid plant lovers set off from Petrie Park, Montmorency for Western Plains Flora, Wildwood: a large wholesale nursery on the outskirts of Melbourne, on the eastern edge of the Western basalt plains.

Notwithstanding recalcitrant window demisting and sluggish engine capacity, one small car loaded up with food and four passengers, successfully negotiated the Western Ring Road, the Tullamarine freeway, Sunbury Rd and then Wildwood Road to arrive at WPF in clearing weather. Once there, we met up with four others, Monty folk and friends.



WPF, director, Ian Taylor, welcomed us all, explaining and answering many questions about the operation of the seed room. Insulation and careful orientation, provides sufficient temperature control inside. A huge variety of seeds are collected from many different provenances. They are dried and some are treated with permethrin to prevent insect attack. All seeds have a dormancy period the length of which varies from species to species. The seeds are stored in jars for convenience and also to prevent further insect attack. Viability can vary from !8 months for some species to 20-30 years for acacias. Therefore, they do not have to collect seed of all species every year. Planting

should only occur during the planting season, May-August for Banyule.

Ian showed us through the enormous greenhouse sheds, where thousands of seedlings are grown, irrigated and moved through their growth stages, until they are finally hardened outside. Regular plant orders from Banyule Council, VicRoads as well as developers are processed over many procedures, by the ten staff employed there.



We noted Ian's four prime criteria for planting native seedlings successfully: carefully select a 'fresh', well-grown specimen; choose suitable siting and soil specifically for that species; plant in autumn to allow it to settle well before the challenge of summer; allow it enough space, so it's not competing with others for water.

Over the copious cups of tea and lunch we all shared together, Ian regaled us with a little of his story about the 2001 beginnings of WPF at Wildwood. From the windows of his attractive, sustainable, rammed earth house, we enjoyed seeing groups of kangaroos and 3 metre eucalypts ringing the lake ahead, while elsewhere unusual flowering native species abounded. We also loved seeing New Holland honeyeaters appreciating the garden.

Finally, our group were delighted to have the opportunity to choose to take home unusual tube species. We all thanked Ian for hosting a very enjoyable visit to WPF: Ian's passion for environmental sustainability as well as his hospitality and generosity inspired us all.

Wendy Hames,

### **Seedlings**

and Nerida Hames, Pam Rowley, Jocelyn & Peter Grey, Jane Oldfield & Dave, Reg Elder, Sonia Gatti and Lesley Kubalsky

## Annual General Meeting

This years annual general meeting was small on numbers and yet heart-felt and passionate, delicious and moving. We started in the castle at Monty primary school with a pot luck dinner including yummy home made and favourite take away options, followed by an AGM that took no time at all, (thanks to everyone who sent apologies, they were noted and you were with us in spirit!)

Alan took us through what we know so far for our PickMyProject projects, for the Banyule sugar glider project and the community solar project then gave a masterful presentation of the history of our climate action, what a climate emergency declaration is and why the current facts of the climate challenges we face (mass extinction, weather changes, sea level rises, ocean pollution and much more) call forth a Climate Emergency Declaration.

We all breathed in together and discussed some of the new combined actions we could take together.

We welcomed new people (Kay and Garry) to our steering group, said thank you and farewell to some, and some of us stayed on to endeavour for another year to make Monty and our surrounding areas more sustainable than we ever have. A special thanks to Ross who has been our treasurer for 3 years but cannot continue because of work commitments.

With our regular events like the bushdance, foodswaps, home energy assessments, monthly newsletter, our Araluen solar project and the sugar glider project already making an impact, this year we added walks in Monty. We are very encouraged and grateful for all the support. As part of a worldwide network of transition towns and a thriving Banyule transition network, we are just a small part of the solution. World news events and our extended local network inspire us to dig deep and keep going in our efforts to fulfil our vision.

Please get in touch if you have a project idea or something you'd like to see in our neighbourhood. There's lots to be done and we can achieve a lot together.

Thanks everyone for all your efforts!

Katherine Barling  
Convenor

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Fee: \$10 per individual/household, \$5 concession, \$25 per business.

Payment Methods: Bank Deposit: Receipt Provided No. \_\_\_\_\_

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BSB: 633 000

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