

# Monty Matters

DECEMBER  
2018

## Next Food Swap,

3rd Feb, from 10:30am to  
11:30am

at Were St . Montmorency



## Steering Group

### Convenor:

Katherine Barling

### Co-convenor:

Claire Holm

### Treasurer:

Garry Shilg

### Secretary:

Alan Cuthbertson

### Minute Taker:

Margaret O'Dowd

### Editor:

Alan Cuthbertson

### Ordinary members:

Jennifer Helmich

Pam Rowley

Vicki Jordan

Kay Tilley-Schilg

## NEXT Meeting:

Wed 6th February

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[montymoves@gmail.com](mailto:montymoves@gmail.com)

### Mob:

Katherine - 0413 941 170

### Website:

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

### FaceBook:

## Araluen Power Generation

	Dec & Jan	Since Installation
Power generated	7 Mwh	49 Mwh
Savings	\$1,300	\$8,600

## What's on

- **Wed 27th Mar**— Lost in Yonkers (pg 7)
- **Sat 2nd Mar**— Rattray Res Working Bee (pg 5)
- **Sun 3rd Mar**— Food Swap
- **Sun 3rd Mar**— Clean Up Australia (pg 6)
- **Sat 30th Mar**— Detox Your Home (pg 2)
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## Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to Katherine Barling for Receiving a Jaga Jaga Community Australia Day Award.

For full details, see page 2

## Jagajaga Community Australia Day award

We are very pleased to announce that our MCG convenor, Katherine Barling has received a Jagajaga Community Australia Day award for her contribution to our local community, especially through the Transition Towns movement.

The award was presented by Jenny Macklin, MP. The citation reads:

***"Katherine is a founding member of the Montmorency Community Group, working tirelessly for the benefit of her local community for many years, using her considerable skills in networking, local governance and project planning".***

Here is a list of some of the projects and organisations that Katherine has been involved with, often taking a leading role.

Diamond Valley LETS	Be the change,
Melbourne social forum	Monty community newsletter
Montmorency foodswap	Guided walks in Monty
Local Food Connect	Diamond valley autism support group
Banyule transition network	Transition streets
Banyule Co-housing	Watsonia Neighbourhood House
Boomerang bags	
Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden programme	



***Katherine and supporters after receiving her award***

## SCREENAGERS FOLLOW UP

Screen time is a never-ending battle for many families today and there are quite a few good books out at the library on the topic. **Glow Kids: How Screen Addiction Is Hijacking Our Kids** - and **How to Break the Trance** by Nicholas Kardaras is one of them. In Glow Kids, Dr. Nicholas Kardaras examines how technology more specifically, age-inappropriate screen tech, with all of its glowing ubiquity has profoundly affected the brains of an entire generation. Kardaras will dive into the sociological, psychological, cultural, and economic factors involved in the global tech epidemic with one major goal: to explore the effect all of our wonderful shiny new technology is having on kids. Glow Kids also includes an opt-out letter and a "quiz" for parents in the back of the book.

To listen to him speak click below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nL25vrifUp8>

### Detox Your Home

Run by Environment Victoria. For more info [click here](#)

**Event location:** Doncaster East

**Date:** 30/03/19

**Time:** 8am to 4pm

[Additional Information and to register](#)

## COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT

Montmorency Community Group is planning a games night with board games, card games, jigsaws and maybe even a game of twister! We are hoping to run these games nights at the local Primary Schools in Montmorency. This will be an opportunity to bring your own board game or have a go at something new and of course GET YOUR KIDS OFF THEIR SCREENS !!!! We will try and offer one a term, getting local primary schools involved to host and work together to build a sustainable model, where school communities and wider community can come together in a technology free environment.



## Extinction Rebellion

As I have mentioned previously, this is a group committed to using Non Violent Direct Action to bring pressure on the Government to take real action on Climate Change.

We have a range of actions on over the next few months, but the main one I would like to mention is my own initiative to help raise the profile of Extinction Rebellion. We are doing banner drops over freeways around Melbourne.

We did our first drop in Clifton Hill on Thursday morning starting at 6:30. We had been there 30 minutes when two police officers turned up. We thought it would be the end of our activity, but instead they checked that it was securely attached and that we were not going to leave it unattended and went away!

So if you want to join me hanging our banner in various locations, please get back to me.

Other activities planned are:

**Die in in the city Mon 4th March.** We will be visiting some shopping centres and "dying". We will have banners and a choir so it should be fun.

**Declaration Day Fri 22nd March.** This is the day that we will present our demands to the government in the city.

**International Action Day Mon 15th April.** This will be done in coordination with other countries world wide. We hope to block a street in Melbourne, although details are yet to be confirmed.

If you wish to join us, or want more information, please get back to me.

***Note: This is my personal project and is not necessarily endorsed by the Montmorency Community Group.***

Alan Cuthbertson



***On the Bridge in Clifton Hill***

# Friends of Montmorency Bushlands

## Working Bees for 2019

2019 DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	MELWAYS REFERENCE
<b>February</b> Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Pecks Dam</b>	<b>Aquatic Planting:</b> some plants ordered in 2018 to be planted in the warmer months	Map 21, F,7
<b>March</b> Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10am-12 noon	<b>Rattray Reserve</b>	<b>Watering/Handweeding:</b> Focus watering on the herbs planted in early planting season 2018	Map 21, F,6
<b>April</b> Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Belmont Reserve</b>	<b>Direct Seeding:</b> Direct seeding species into weed controlled areas of the main bollard section	MAP 21, F,7
<b>May</b> Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Rattray Reserve BBQ and Cuppa</b>	<b>Planting:</b> Infill herbs through 2017 burn site. Similar to 2018 planting	Map 21, F, 6
<b>June</b> Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Pecks Dam BBQ and Cuppa</b>	<b>Planting:</b> Infill through batters with some shrubs near the dam edge	Map 21, E, 6
<b>July</b> Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Belmont Reserve BBQ and Cuppa</b>	<b>Planting:</b> Continue to infill plant through the main bollard section	Map 21, F, 7
<b>August</b> Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Olympic Reserve</b>	<b>Planting:</b> Herb planting through bollard section	Map 21, E, 7
<b>September</b> Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Rattray Reserve</b>	<b>Planting:</b> Planting through top section of the reserve	Map 21, F, 6
<b>October</b> Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Belmont Reserve</b>	<b>Handweeding:</b> continue to maintain this year and previous years' plantings	Map 21, F, 7
<b>November</b> Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon	<b>Pecks Dam</b>	<b>Handweeding:</b> clean up around this year's plantings	Map 21, F, 7

Contact: Julia 94392378 or Pam 94391853

[www.facebook.com/friendsofmontmorencybushlands](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmontmorencybushlands)



## Right Track stall

The Right Track team held a stall at the popular QWere Street festival on Saturday. Our aim was to encourage interested people to lobby MP's about Australia's asylum seeker policy and to pledge they will support humane and non-discriminatory policies. We were very gratified to find so many people who were willing to give up their leisure time to participate. In total, 94 people signed pledges, 11 people made phone calls to politicians and 12 people wrote letters. We conclude that Monty is a very compassionate community, in which people are happy to reach out to others in need of our support.

Pam

## Wanted – An Old Bike

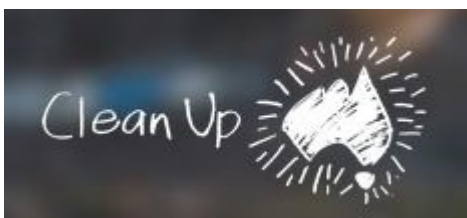
As part of our strategy to keep pressure on Labor during the election to #StopAdani, I plan to artistically decorate an old bike with #StopAdani signs and then lock it in a bike rack near Jenny Macklin's office. I will then move it around every week.

So, if you have an old bike that is destined for the rubbish tip, you can give it one last chance to help save the environment.

If you can help, send me an email at [alan@diydoublinglaze.com.au](mailto:alan@diydoublinglaze.com.au)

Alan Cuthbertson

## Clean Up Australia Day



Once again we will be involved helping to Clean Up Monty.

You can join us at the Food Swap in the Monty square at 10:00 to spend sometime collecting rubbish. Alternatively, you can contact me and I can provide bags for you to collect rubbish at some other time.

For more info, [click here](#).

Alan Cuthbertson

## Lost in Yonkers, by Neil Simon

MASSG fundraiser

*Come and see this famous play and help raise funds for people with little or no income.*

Book online at Trybooking:

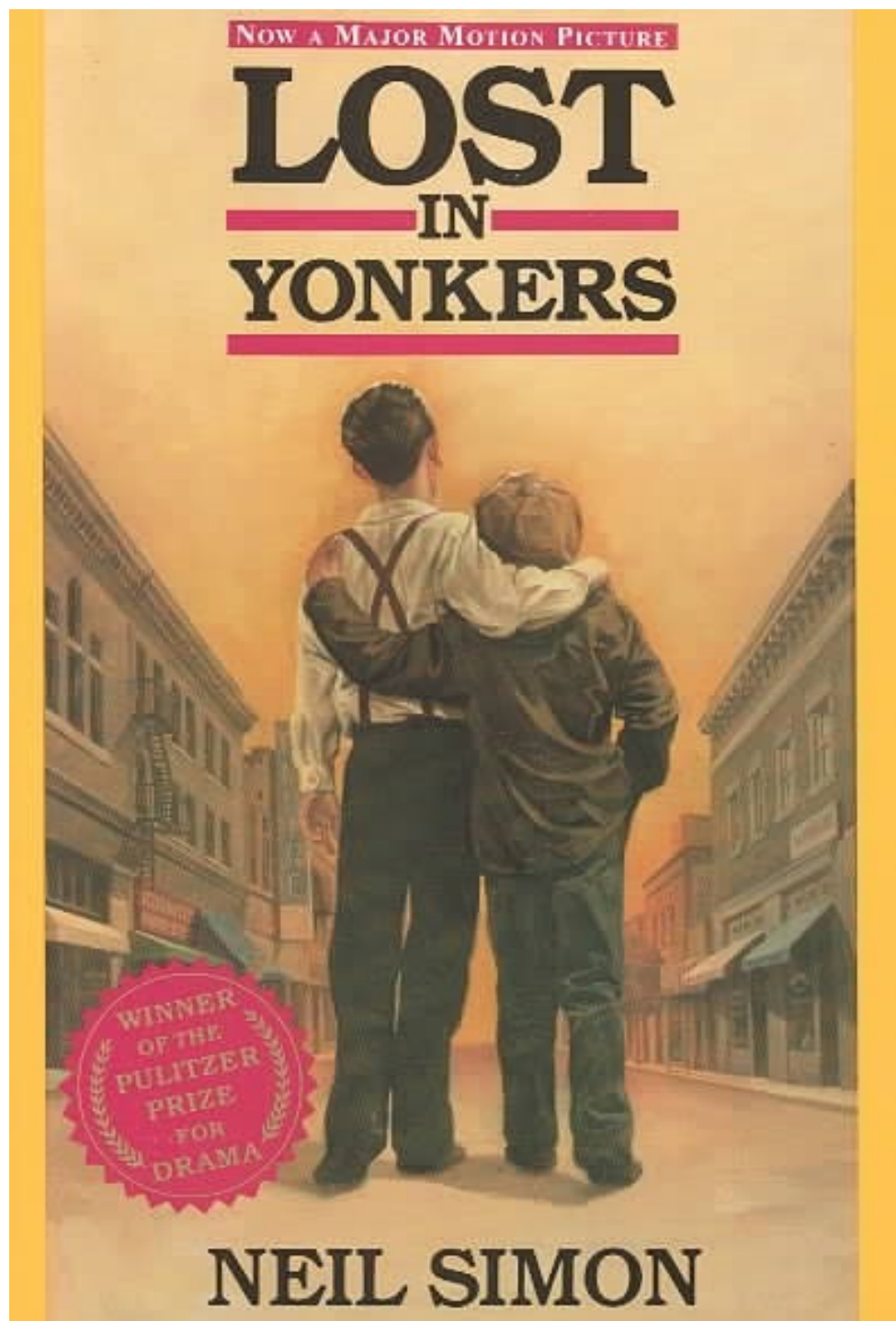
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=460591&>

An evening of live entertainment with delicious supper.

**8pm, Wed Feb 27th**

**Heidelberg Theatre Company**

**Turnham Ave, Rosanna (opposite station)**



## PickMyProject—Sugar Gliders

Last year you may have voted for the Banyule Sugar Glider Project. I'm excited to say we received over 500 votes, making us one of the winners of the Pick my Project, Premier and Cabinet grants. It also ensures we receive the \$65,000 that we asked for.

Now we are looking for up to 16 volunteers who will receive training at heights, so they can safely climb ladders and look in the Sugar Glider nesting boxes. Volunteers will be asked to work in pairs to check the boxes 2-3 times a year.

Up to 300 boxes will be professionally installed north of the Yarra River and east of the Plenty River area. Findings will be collected and analysed and the pattern of their occupancy used to indicate where the wildlife corridors are.

**Would you be interested in being a volunteer or do you know someone who might be?**

If you are interested in being part of this important work, please contact Jane by email at [Montysugargliders@gmail.com](mailto:Montysugargliders@gmail.com)

Jane Oldfield  
Convenor of the Montmorency Bio Diversity Group





**CONTRIBUTIONS** to our newsletter are welcome. Please send articles of interest to the newsletter coordinator by the 10th of each month. The newsletter is issued on the 15th of the month.

Please email to [montymoves@gmail.com](mailto:montymoves@gmail.com) and send a copy to the Editor [alan@diydoublagleaze.com.au](mailto:alan@diydoublagleaze.com.au) .

Please use the subject line "Newsletter - (then add anything else after that)

**ADVERTISING**

Advertising is \$10 per quarter page but must be in line with the MCG ideals of community and sustainability.

Newsletter coordinator is Alan Cuthbertson

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## **Montmorency Community Group Inc. Membership Form 2018–2019**

You are invited to become a financial member of the Monty Community Group, by filling out this form and posting it (with your membership fee if you would like to pay by cheque) to the Monty Community Group at the address below.  
Your membership will help to support initiatives of the Monty Community Group and our Transition Town program.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Bank Account: Montmorency Community Group

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 140371089

**When making a bank transfer, please ensure your name is noted so we can reconcile your payment with your application.**

Payment by Cheque: Payment Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Cheques payable to: Montmorency Community Group  
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