

Monty Matters

JUNE
2019

Next Food Swap,

7th July, from 10:30am to
11:30am

Montmorency Primary School



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Araluen Power Generation

| | May | Since Installation |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
| Power generated | .5 Mwh | 57 Mwh |
| Savings | \$100 | \$9,500 |

What's on

- **Sun 16th June** — Sustainable Watsonia Open Day (pg 5)
- **Fri 21st June**—Climate Rally in City (pg 4)
- **Fri 21st June**—Monty Primary Trivia Night (pg 6)
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- **Wed 10th July** –MASSG Theatre Night (pg 7)

NEXT Meeting:

Wed 3rd July

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Ivy

Time to take action!
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Ivy

Why are we concerned about ivy growing on trees?

- We have surveyed trees in our suburb and found that many are being damaged by infestations of English ivy smothering their trunks and branches.
- As it climbs up tree trunks and over branches, ivy damages the bark and weakens the branches
- Ivy stems cling to the tree, preventing light from penetrating leaves.
- Weakened plants and trees are more susceptible to problems like pests or disease.
- This weed will eventually overtake even a mature tree. We have seen many smothered trees and shrubs dying or completely dead,
- Ivy is often planted as a hedge and ground cover- while careful gardeners often keep it contained, the seeds can spread it into neighbouring gardens
- English ivy is very invasive, it can spread easily into bushland and endanger whole ecosystems. On the ground, it forms a dense matting that excludes all native plants.

The Ivy Project

MCG is working with the Banyule Council to reduce the proliferation of English ivy in Montmorency, to prevent the destruction of our precious trees.

We have surveyed ivy infestations on trees on public land and the Council has begun to remove it.

But we are hoping that local residents will also help with this project, by removing any ivy from their land if it is growing up a tree trunk or covering vegetation

Throughout the month of June, you will see information about ivy as a weed in the local media

For more information visit www.transitionmonty.org/ivy.html



Food Swap

Thanks to everyone who joined in our world environment day activities, with our regular foodswap alongside the Monty traders, Monty boomerang bags, info on ivy Co trip to project our magnificent gums, and a human sized sugar glider.

Our next foodswap will be Sunday 7 July, from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the castle at monty primary school. Bring a favourite soup recipe and we can share them around too over a cuppa. And there will be a few boxes of jars available for all you marmalade and pickle makers.. someone we know is downsizing so there's plenty of

Ivy (cont)



Bush Dance

Our annual carbon Neutral Bush dance is coming up in August.

The final date should be posted on our facebook page by next Friday, so follow us on Facebook and put the date in your diary.

Booking details will follow shortly after

Tips for Removing English Ivy from Trees

1. It is best to always remove ivy if it is growing on your tree. Also remove ivy plants from the ground and near-by plants.

2. If you want to keep ivy for ornamental purposes, keep it away from tree trunks, at least 3 to 4 feet, to prevent it from climbing up the tree.

3. **DO NOT** simply rip the ivy off the tree. The roots will be firmly hooked into the bark so you will also remove some of the bark and damage the tree.

4. Instead, starting at the base of the tree, cut an inch or two sections out of the ivy stems and remove them. Carefully paint the cuts on the still attached stem with a full strength herbicide.

5. Repeat the process every few feet up the stem of the ivy as high as you can reach. You may need to repeat this a few times before you fully kill the ivy.

Once the ivy has died, you can then safely take the stems off the tree.

DO NOT use chemical sprays except as a last resort.

For more information:

[Removing English Ivy](#)

[Removing Cape Ivy](#)



What happened at the election? What Now?



I think all of us were surprised by the election and many of us were disappointed. It was a major set back for environmental groups who had built all of their plans on electing a labour government and then influencing them to do more for the environment, especially with regards to Climate Change.

A month later we now recognise we must influence the Liberal government. This is a much harder task, but not impossible.

Extinction Rebellion is working towards mobilising people in acts of non violent civil disobedience. We start with a rally in the city at 5:30 on Friday (21st). [For more information.](#)

The international Extinction Rebellion is planning a day of mass disruption on Monday 7th October. If you want to be involved in the Melbourne actions, please contact me.

Alan Cuthbertson

This article is a reflection of my views. The Montmorency Community Group strongly supports action on Climate Change but does not necessarily support the actions of Extinction Rebellion.



Our last rally in June

Sustainable Watsonia is a transition town based at Watsonia Neighbourhood House. It provides opportunities for community to join together to build a more resilient and sustainable community. The neighbourhood house will host an open day on June 16th where Sustainable Watsonia will facilitate a repair café, discussions, presentations and skill share demonstrations. More details can be found on the website and facebook.

SUSTAINABLE WATSONIA OPEN DAY

Sunday June 16th

11am - 3pm

*check our website for timetable

Welcome to Country
from our neighbours at
Gurwidj Neighbourhood House

Enjoy hot soup
around the
fire pit

Repair Cafe - Bring items for fixing
Knitted garment repair & skill sharing
Household energy & house tour
Public transport & disability
"Yarning"- conversation circle
It's not always easy being green - Inner Transition
Roving Refills until 2pm - byo container
Share table - bring produce/plants/quality items to share or swap

Watsonia Neighbourhood House
47 Lambourn Rd. Watsonia
enquiries: 94346717
www.watsonianh.org.au

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MASSG fundraising Theatre Night!



Join us for our fundraising event, at this heart-warming play,
performed by Heidelberg Theatre Company.

Cost: \$25 per ticket.

Where: 36 Turnham Ave, Rosanna.

When: Wed., 10 July 2019, 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

Delicious supper by donation available in interval .

Online booking is at eventbrite.com.au/e/62346611393
(or you can book and pay at the June MASSG meeting.)

(Collect seating tickets at the theatre from 7.30pm.)

All proceeds go towards providing essential items for people
living in our community seeking asylum.

About the play

This is the tale of George Bailey - a man who'd given up his own dreams in order to help others. He plans to commit suicide on Christmas Eve but his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody, appears and intervenes. Clarence shows him all the lives he, George, has touched and how very different life in his Bedford Falls community would be if George had never been born. Inspired by the classic American film starring James Stewart, this production is performed 1940s live radio style with a studio audience. A fully immersive experience that will have you leaving the theatre full of love and joy.



Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group
For more about MASSG, go to <https://massgblog.wordpress.com/>





Join the MASSG

Long Winter Food Drive

— donate food from June 16th to July 22nd, 2019.

Who's it for? People seeking asylum and refugees

We're helping restock the [Asylum Seeker Resource Centre's Foodbank](#), which currently provides meals and food basics to over 700 people seeking asylum and refugees each week, most of whom have no income.

What's needed? Nonperishable essentials. Here's the ASRC's urgent list:

| Food | Essentials |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. tinned tuna in oil | 1. Coles Group & Myer gift cards for families to buy essentials such as underwear, kitchen utensils, heaters) |
| 2. honey | 2. nappies all sizes (hypo-allergenic preferred) |
| 3. coconut cream | 3. Unscented baby wipes |
| 4 tinned tomatoes 400g | 4.. Laundry powder |
| 5. peanut butter & jam | 5. Toothbrushes |
| 6. Basmati rice | 6. Disposable razors |
| 7. breakfast cereal | 7. shaving cream |
| 8. tomato paste | 8. Soap |
| 9. sweet & savoury biscuits | 9. deodorant |
| 10. tinned fruit | |

Where do I drop off food?

In Banyule: 3 libraries are leading the food drive (Watsonia, Rosanna and Ivanhoe).

In Eltham: Earthbound Bolton Café, 266 Bolton St. or Vicki Ward MP, 1040 Main Road.

In Montmorency: 52 Looker Road.

In Hurstbridge: Nature's Harvest, 920 Main Road; Hurstbridge Deli & Larder, 4 Parker Rd.

The Manningham Uniting Church is taking donations.

All food collected will be delivered by MASSG to the ASRC

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 and send a copy to the Editor alan@diydoublagleaze.com.au .

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

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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: \$_____

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