

# Monty Matters

MAY  
2018

**Next Food Swap,**

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

at Monty Primary School

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Vicki Jordan

## Araluen Power Generation

	March	Since Installation
Power generated	1.7 Mwh	26 Mwh
Savings	\$300	\$5,700

## What's on

- **Sat 19th May**—Walk No 2 through Monty (Pg 5)
- **Sun 3rd June** —Food Swap
- **Sat 4th Aug**—Bush Dance (pg 6)

**NEXT Meeting:**

Wed 6th June

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## Walks Through Monty

Our next walk is Sat 19th May.

You can visit the comments on Facebook from old residents and add your own memories:

[https://www.facebook.com/  
MontmorencyCommunityGroup/photos/  
a.646504872028389.1073741826.472370426108  
502/1923774624301401/?type=3&theater](https://www.facebook.com/MontmorencyCommunityGroup/photos/a.646504872028389.1073741826.472370426108502/1923774624301401/?type=3&theater)

## Profile—Vicki Jordan



A long-time resident of the 'northern suburbs' I have always loved the bush feel of Monty and surrounds. Growing up was a world away from what it is now - I can remember when Grimshaw Street was a dirt road and each day petting the draft horses at the Monty dairy on the way to school at St Francis Xavier's.

I am now retired, having spent my last occupation in IT at La Trobe Uni. I live on 2 acres of mostly bush with a mixture of exotics and, of course, my vegetable patch. I love gardening and look forward to the camaraderie and sharing both of produce and knowledge at the monthly food swap.

I have one son and am a proud grandmother of two beautiful girls. I look forward to contributing to the wonderful work of the MCG.

## Nillumbik Reserves Saved

At a recent meeting of the Nillumbik Council, the issue of the sale of 17 reserves was decided. The vote was to sell 3 of these reserves.

So, of the 17 public reserves that the Council had proposed to sell, 14 have now been saved. This decision has been attributed to the united effort of the local community members in opposing the sale- through petitions, submissions, speeches and community rallies. This is a fabulous effort by a concerned and active community. Councillors voted for the 14 saved reserves to go through a process now to be rezoned to PPRZ (public park and recreation zone)

Residents say they will stay vigilant to ensure it happens. They are also planning to work on giving each reserve a sign (identity) and ask the surrounding residents what, if anything, they would like on their reserve- park bench, local art sculpture, drinking fountain, play equipment.

Then it is proposed to work with Council and local groups like the men's shed to create a package and apply for grants and funding.

Pam



## Register of Significant Trees

Did you know that as well as protections through planning regulations, Banyule Council also has a Significant Trees and Vegetation Register.

The Montmorency Biodiversity Group is concerned at the continuing damage and destruction to many of our valuable local trees and want to see them given a higher level of protection. We are currently considering local trees for nomination for Significant Tree status and we are also asking residents to consider nominating trees. As well as individual trees, you can also nominate avenues and areas of vegetation that have special significance.

### **How can you nominate a tree for the register?**

Residents can complete the official nomination form and send it the Environmental officer. Download the form from the Council website. You need to give reasons for the tree's significance. Nominations are assessed twice a year by qualified specialists.

### **What reasons can be given?**

There are 10 criteria accepted as reasons for nomination, including

- habitat value
- age and size
- association with Aboriginal heritage and
- its value as a landmark or for aesthetic reasons.

### **How does this listing protect trees from damage/ pruning etc by the private or public owners of the land?**

The listing provides the trees with additional levels of protection, both in relation to any potential pruning and also removal. Any works to the tree would need to undergo a permit through Council, with the Council arborist making an assessment as to whether it would be appropriate.

For more information, you can contact

Environmental Sustainability Officer on 9457 9828

<https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Council/Environment-and-Sustainability/Trees-and-Plants/Significant-Tree-Register>



***Our own significant tree—the 100 year old olive tree in Petrie Park***





***Viewing an old tree in Price Avenue  
(No 120 on the Significant Tree Registry)***

## **Walks through Monty – Autumn Walk No.1**

Despite a rainy morning, and with a promise of more drizzle in the afternoon, 30 walkers assembled at Petrie Park to walk through Monty. Armed with historical research provided by Maureen Jones, and a wealth of local knowledge from Katherine Barling, the group was lead by Katherine first to SFX church, where items of historical interest were pointed out and explained. The walk from there continued along Mountain View Road taking in the heritage listed home 'Akaroa', former residence of the Anglican Bishop who ministered to the St Faith's community.

Price Ave and Hawthorne Grove was a delight of native vegetation nurtured by local residents, an ancient Aboriginal Marker Tree and a wealth of history from the old days, including much activity by the Girl Guides. A stock race in someone's front garden and rustic post and wire fencing nearby raised speculation as to whether they were originally there or installed as items of interest by residents.

The homeward route cut through a lane which connected Mountain View Road to Wattle Street and from there to Railway Wildlife Corridor which includes a couple of sugar glider nests, on to Mayona Park which has recently been spared from hosting a mobile phone tower and then back to Petrie Park.

Areas of interest at Petrie Park included the 100 year old olive tree, the 250 year old Swamp Gum which has unfortunately died, and finally the picnic table, where Pam had laid out makings for a reviving afternoon tea.

The whole excursion took about two hours and was enjoyed by all the participants, who found the historical background enriched their experience of walking around Monty.

To join our second walk on Saturday 19th May, see the next page

## WALKS THROUGH MONTY

Are you a new resident in Monty? These guided walks are designed to let you know why Monty is special. They cover the history, both Aboriginal and European and the precious natural environment for which Monty is known. These walks are being conducted and organised by volunteers, with research undertaken by Maureen, our local historian, thanks to a grant provided by the Banyule Council. They are free to attend.

### AUTUMN WALK NUMBER 2: SAT MAY 19th

Do you know:


Which Were Street shop used to be a hardware store?

Why is there a windmill in Were Street?

What happened to the cinema?

What species is the impressive tree at the entrance to the park?

If you can't answer these questions, then come on our next guided walk and find out. If you do know the answers, come and share your knowledge and experience of living in our suburb.



**MONTMORENCY  
COMMUNITY GROUP**


**WALKS THROUGH MONTY  
AUTUMN WALK NO.2**

**SATURDAY MAY 19TH, 2018**  
**TIME: 2.00 – 4.30 PM**

Bring water bottle and wear comfortable walking shoes.  
A guide will point out areas of historical  
and environmental interest along the way.  
Afternoon tea for post-walk revival at a local cafe.

Meeting place will be advised on receipt of registration.  
There is no charge, however, a gold coin donation will help  
with our printing expenses.

To book please call / text Margaret on  
**0439 435 897**

  
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Supported by a Banyule Community Grant 2017 and many hours of volunteer time.



**Monty Community Group &  
The Banana Lounge Dance Band present**

*8<sup>TH</sup> Annual Carbon Neutral*

# *Bush Dance*

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018 | 6.30pm to 10pm**

**Petrie Park Hall  
16 Mountain View Rd  
Montmorency 3094**

TICKETS	ADULTS	CHILDREN (<14)
MEMBERS	\$20	\$5
NON-MEMBERS	\$25	\$7.50

Limited concessions for Centrelink cardholders

**BYO drinks & a plate to share!**

**FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL DOOR PRIZES**

**BOOKINGS AVAILABLE from 12<sup>th</sup> May [www.trybooking.com/378247](http://www.trybooking.com/378247)**

**FOR MORE INFO:**

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***Local citizens working out how we can address the Climate Emergency***

## **Transition to a Safe Climate**

Last Friday many members of local transition groups met with others to listen to Ian Dunlop talking on the need for an Emergency Response to Climate Change. He argued strongly that years of inaction now mean that promises made in Paris can no longer be met without the world treating Climate Change as an Emergency that should influence all of our decision.

It is interesting to note that the Budget delivered this week did not mention Climate Change. Even the opposition response only gave it a passing mention.

Faced with this information many of us gathered again on Saturday to discuss what we could achieve at the local level. The suggestion that attracted my attention most was to work to get our Banyule Council to sign a Declaration of a Climate Emergency. Darebin council has already signed such a declaration, as have several American councils. Many more are considering it.

Such a declaration must be more than words. It must be supported by actions. Darebin Council has conducted education sessions for its councillors and employees and employed a person dedicated to the task of acting on the Climate Emergency. All council decisions are reviewed through the lens of the Climate Emergency.

A task group has been set up with the aim of Banyule council signing a similar Declaration within 12 months. If you would like to be involved in such a task, please get back to me.

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Your membership will help to support initiatives of the Monty Community Group and our Transition Town program.

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

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

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

Account No: 140371089

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

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