

# Monty Matters

MAY  
2019

## Next Food Swap,

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

at Were St . Montmorency



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## Araluen Power Generation

|                 | Feb     | Since Installation |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------|
| Power generated | 1.8 Mwh | 55 Mwh             |
| Savings         | \$300   | \$9,400            |

## What's on

- **Thu 16th May** — Creating New Friendships (pg 9)
- **Sun 26th May**—Transition to a safe Climate (pg 9)
- **Sun 2nd June** — Food Swap—Pizza (Pg 4)
- **Sun June 16th** –Sustainable Watsonia Day (pg 6)

## NEXT Meeting:

Wed 5th June

### For info, contact:

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

### Mob:

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### Website:

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

### FaceBook:

## Sugar Gliders

See how the Sugar Glider projects are progressing on page 2-4



### **Update on Banyule Sugar Glider Project-**

**Funds-** The funds for this project have arrived and we are now proceeding.

**Dusk gatherings-** Two public gatherings have been held at dusk to look out for gliders and to hear from glider expert, Richard Francis. The residents of Lower Plenty and Briar Hill who attended were encouraged to apply for a box to be installed in their garden.

**Nest boxes-** This project is ongoing, so if you live in either of these areas and are interested in ordering a box for your garden, please send an email to Robin at [montysugargliders@gmail.com](mailto:montysugargliders@gmail.com)

So far 10 Banyule Project boxes have been installed in the grounds of Heidelberg Golf Course.

Many thanks to the Eltham Mens Shed who have made at least 300 boxes for the project.

**Training for volunteers-** As a result of our appeal for volunteers to do box monitoring, we have received a large number of replies and there will be ladder climbing training for these volunteers in the near future.



Note that the Monty Sugar Glider Project is also continuing, so Monty residents can still apply too.

**Some of the 300 boxes  
made by the Eltham  
Men's Shed**

Would you like to enhance wildlife in your area?

# Biodiversity in Banyule

DO YOU LIVE IN ST HELENA, BRIAR  
HILL OR LOWER PLENTY?



NESTING BOXES - \$32  
PROVIDED BY THE  
ELTHAM MENS SHED

To register for a  
nesting box email;  
[montysugargliders@  
gmail.com](mailto:montysugargliders@gmail.com)

## The Banyule Sugar Glider Project

The Banyule Sugar Glider Project was successfully voted in by the community in the state funded Pick My Project Scheme. We are seeking interested residents to purchase a nesting box for their yard which would be monitored by a dedicated team. The aim is to map the presence of sugar gliders in the strategic vegetation corridor between St Helena and Lower Plenty..

Check out the footage on  
[facebook/montmorencycommunitygroup](https://facebook.com/montmorencycommunitygroup)  
More info: [transitionmonty.org](http://transitionmonty.org)







The Banyule Sugar Glider Project is currently looking for people in the St Helena, Greenhills, Eltham North, Briar Hill and Lower Plenty area who would like to host nest boxes for sugar gliders. Check out the flier attached.

We had a couple of well attended dusk gatherings on the school holidays at Andrew Yandell Reserve and the Plenty River trail. Richard Francis, local ecologist, led a tour talking about local ecology. It was exciting to see a couple of sugar gliders at Andrew Yandell reserve gliding between the trees. The Plenty trail walk included viewing footage of sugar gliders on a computer, kindly brought along by local residents John and Ramon, who have recorded footage over many years following a family of gliders.

Look out for volunteers from the Banyule sugar glider project as they may be wearing a T-shirt screen printed by Ann Jackson from Spikey Designs. Ann kindly devoted her time and made a screen with a design created by herself and Merinda Gray. Lascelle, Jane and Sophie screen printed T shirts for the project volunteers from donated and second hand t shirts. They look great.

Stay tuned to hear about the launch of the project coming up and follow us on facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/MontmorencyCommunityGroup/>

### ***Printing T shirts***



### ***Drying the T shirts***

## Election Guide

### for Refugee Policies

|   | Greens   |  | Labor   | Liberal/Nat   |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| End offshore detention  | ✓  |  | ✗   | ✗   |
| Urgent medical transfers on advice of doctors                     | ✓  | (Support, but policy is to bring people to Australia.) | ✓   | ✗   |
| Accept New Zealand's offer to resettle people                     | ✓  |  | ✓   | ✗   |
| Fair process with access to independent review                    | ✓  |  | ✓   | ✗   |
| Family reunion and belonging for all people with protection visas | ✓  |  | ✓   | ✗   |
| End boat turn-backs   | ✓  |  | ✗   | ✗   |
| Increase annual refugee intake                                    | 50,000 per year (+ up to 10,000 sponsored).  |  | Increase to 27,000 (+ 5,000 sponsored).   | 18,750 in 2018/19 (no future target available).   |
| Humane detention timeline and conditions                          | 7 day time limit.<br>Royal Commission.   |  | 90 day time limit.<br>Independent oversight.  | No time limit.<br>Lack of transparency.   |
| Regional cooperation to address need                              | \$500 million to UNHCR etc. over 4 years for support & assessment for people waiting in transit countries. |  | \$500 million to UNHCR over 5 years for support & assessment for people waiting in transit countries. | People registering with UNHCR in Indonesia are currently barred from resettlement in Australia. |

Here is a link to the scorecard designed by the ACF on environment policy of the 3 main parties.

[https://www.acf.org.au/scorecard\\_2019?skipSurvey=true](https://www.acf.org.au/scorecard_2019?skipSurvey=true)

You can visit the ABC's Vote Compass survey to compare your opinions on policy with the policies of the parties

<https://votecompass.abc.net.au/survey>

### Monty Food Swap

A big shout out to all who came to our May foodswap at Monty Primary School on the first Sunday of the month. A special thanks to Alan for getting in early and firing up the wonderful pizza oven, installed some years ago by community members and parents with great care and precision.

If you missed our ever delicious wood fired pizza then we hope you can join us on World Environment Day, as we join with Monty Traders for a celebration in Were Street Park on Sunday 2 June. There'll be activities for all ages as well as our foodswap and a clothes swap too. Join us between 10-12



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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.watsonianh.org.au)

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## Transition to a Safe Climate - our local Network's Transition Conference for 2019

Join us for our second fabulous local transition town conference where we have an opportunity to reflect on the year behind us and plan for the year ahead, using all the caring and nurturing principles of transition - practical, grassroots, doable, fun and connected. It's on Sunday 26 May, and we have some lovely nurturing workshops as well as some engaging speakers including Dr Ben Habib from La Trobe University, and Julian Burnside, now combining his passion for social justice with its connection to the urgent need for climate action. This year's conference offers a space for stirring, nurturing and inspiring discussion that feeds our souls as well as our bellies, so we can expect to be refreshed and inspired to action in new ways, or to existing projects with renewed energy.

## AGE FRIENDLY BANYULE - HAVE YOUR SAY

In 2014 Banyule City Council became a member of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and in 2016 a Signatory to the Victorian Age friendly declaration. Joining the Global and State Network, the Council made a commitment to a cycle of improvement that would positively influence the health and quality of life of older people. A core aspect to the Age friendly City approach is to include older people as active participants in this process.

In Banyule, the number of older adults aged 50+ years represents 36% of the total population. The council has a mandate to focus on the abilities of older people and support us "in navigating a changing world and to invent new, better and more opportunities to achieve things that people value as they age". (Banyule Older Adults Strategic Plan 2017-2021)

The commonwealth government is currently subsidizing additional services for older adults, so we have the means to live in our own homes longer.

There are two consultation opportunities in Montmorency this May, where older adults can be involved.

Firstly **The National Aging Research Institute** NARI is inviting seniors to be part of a facilitated one hour focus group on "what older people want from their health care?" (see page 8)

Secondly **Banyule council** is inviting people to a session "Creating New Friendships in Today's Society" on Thursday May 16th. See page 9 for details.

Jennifer Helmich, Montmorency Community Group



## *What do older people want from their health care?*

### **Invitation to take part in a focus group**

NARI is working with the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to better understand what is important to older people in Victoria in relation to their health and wellbeing needs, at key points in their later life.

We would like to invite you to participate in a focus group to discuss your health care preferences, expectations and priorities. This information will inform a report to be provided to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, to assist them to develop health policy that is informed by older people themselves.

#### **The focus group session will:**

- Take approximately 60 minutes
- Be held at a local home in Montmorency
- On a Wednesday afternoon or evening in May

If you are interested in participating in this focus group or would like further information, please contact:

Jennifer Helmich, Montmorency Community Group  
email- [jennifer.helmich1@bigpond.com](mailto:jennifer.helmich1@bigpond.com)  
phone 9439 8007

or

Dr Jessica Cecil NARI Research Officer  
email: [j.cecil@nari.edu.au](mailto:j.cecil@nari.edu.au)  
hone: 8387 2301





## Creating New Friendships in Today's Society

Close friendships have become increasingly difficult in our modern world. As many as 1 in 4 adults have no close people at all, and while it may feel intensely personal, loneliness and isolation aren't an individual problem. They are a societal and structural ones.

In this workshop, we'll start by reflecting on your own experience of friendship over your life. We'll then use that to look at the broader challenges of supporting strong ties in modern society and what action we might take as individuals, organisations, and in council to make things better for all of us.

We are working with the founders of Kitestring to explore friendship to find new ways to strengthen the ties that matter most. For more information visit [kitestring.org](http://kitestring.org)

**Thursday 16 May 2019, 10.30am - 3pm (registration 10.15am)**

**Briar Hill Community Hall, 126 Mountain View Road, Briar Hill**

**Free event**

**Bookings essential on 9490 4222 or [agefriendly@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:agefriendly@banyule.vic.gov.au)**

## Friendship Groups in Banyule

### Rosanna Fire Station Community House

Come and join our friendly friendship group. It is an opportunity for local people to meet other community members, learn and share skills. If you like knitting, bring it along.

The group meets once a fortnight on Wednesday from 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

For more information phone **9458 1935**

## Livingstone Community Centre

### 1 Livingstone Street, Ivanhoe

Friendly Circle is a friendship group that goes on lunch outings, plays games and runs special events.

The group meet on the third Friday of every month from 1.30pm – 3pm.

The group is free to attend but sometimes there is a small charge for special events and lunches.

For more information phone **9497 2014**.

## Watsonia Neighbourhood House

Get to know your community through social connections. Watsonia Neighbourhood House offer a range of social activities such as 500 Cards Club, men's breakfast, men's coffee group, Scrabble, social art, walking groups and heaps more.

For more information phone **9434 6717** or visit [watsonianh.org.au](http://watsonianh.org.au)

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

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

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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  
PO Box 87 Montmorency 3094