



Community Planting Day

Volunteer Information Pack

Help us plant 4,000 trees for a better, greener future.

When: Saturday 24th July 2021

**Where: Kel Shields Flora Reserve, Bacchus St,
Maddingley (Mal Ref 333 F8)**

**Times: Morning session 9.30am-12pm
Afternoon session 1.30pm-4pm**

What: you will be joining other volunteer to plant 4,000 seedlings, make up and install tree guards, water and mulch the seedlings.

**Bring: warm clothes, hat, gloves and sturdy footwear.
To minimize waste, please bring your own water bottle and mug/coffee cup.**

Registration is essential, as numbers are limited.

Register at www.growwest.com.au between 1st June to 19th July.

Grow West is a partnership between Port Phillip & Westernport CMA, Melbourne Water, Moorabool Shire Council and Southern Rural Water.

The Grow West Community Planting Day is an annual event is run by Grow West in partnership with Victorian National Park Association, Friends of Werribee Gorge and Long Forest Mallee, Bacchus Marsh Lions Club, Victorian Mobile Landcare Group.

The 2021 event is funded through the generous support of SureGro Treemax, Bacchus Marsh Community Bank, 15 Trees, G.J. Gardner Homes and Moorabool Shire Council.



EVENT SCHEDULE

Morning session (9.30am-12pm)

9am	Registration
9.30am	Planting begins
10.30am	Morning tea
11.45am	Speeches/large group photo

Please note that lunch is not supplied.

Volunteers are encouraged to support one of the many local cafes (see pages 4-5 of information pack for list).

Afternoon session (1.30pm-4pm)

1pm	Registration
1.30pm	Planting begins
2.30pm	Morning tea
3.45pm	Speeches/large group photo

About the planting day and Kel Shields Flora Reserve



The annual planting day is one of Grow West's biggest events and is an important opportunity to rejuvenate and restore local landscapes. This highly anticipated community event was sadly cancelled in 2020 but is back this year bigger and better than ever for World Environment Day.

The planting day will be held at Kel Shields Flora Reserve in Bacchus Marsh. The five-hectare reserve forms an important urban biolink, connecting the escarpment with the Werribee River that runs through town.

The reserve supports a diverse understory of native grasses and shrubs but would benefit from the revegetation of native canopy trees to improve its environmental health.

In the future, this reserve will become an important thoroughfare for the community, with walking tracks connecting new suburbs of Bacchus Marsh to the train station and main street.

The reserve was named after Bacchus Marsh community member and former Shire President, the late Kelvin Shields. Kelvin (Kel) was born in Bacchus Marsh in September 1923 and was elected to the Bacchus Marsh Shire Council in 1967, serving until his passing in 1989.

In addition to his role on the Shire Council, Kel was an active member of the Bacchus Marsh Conservation and Planning Association and other local organisations including the Bacchus Marsh and District Historical Society and the Bacchus Marsh Football Club.

The planting of the trees currently found at Kel Shields Flora Reserve were a project of the association in the early 1980s. They were planted as an example of Australian native species from a wide range of habitats, which explain why the species growing there are not all local species.

The association also assisted with local revegetation projects such along Myers's Road into the Werribee Gorge (after the construction of the Western Freeway), and at Organ Pipes National Park.

When the association closed in the mid 1980s, it passed its remaining funds onto the Friends of Werribee Gorge and Long Forest, who are long-time partner of Grow West and the planting days.

Grow West has worked with thousands of volunteers and hundreds of landholders over the past 18 years to plant over a million trees in Melbourne's west.

Grow West's vision is to rejuvenate 10,000 hectares of land by connecting the You Yangs Regional Park, Brisbane Ranges National Park, Werribee Gorge State Park and Lerderderg State Park through a mosaic of restoration works on private property.

Grow West's partners are fundamental to the program's success, with government organisations, landholders, community groups and businesses all working together to achieve on-ground results.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the planting day?

Saturday 24th July 2021, from 9.30am to 4pm.

You can register for the morning session (9.30am-12pm) or afternoon session (1.30pm-4pm)

How do I register?

Registration online at www.growwest.com.au.

How will the day be organised?

The day will be broken up into a morning and afternoon session. Volunteers will be allocated to a small team of about 10 people who will work together under the guidance of a team leader. The team leader will demonstrate the method of planting to be used on this site.

What will I be doing?

You may be asked to help with tasks such as, delivering and laying out of plants and tree guards in your nominated planting zone, assembling tree guards, planting in rip lines, installing tree guards, watering plants, quality control inspections, spreading mulch and gathering of tools, spare plants and tree guards at the end of your planting session.

What should I bring / wear?

Please bring along a raincoat, warm clothing, hat and sturdy footwear. It would be helpful to bring along gardening gloves. Make sure you clearly label your personal items.

Do I, along with family or friends, need to register?

Every person who attends the planting day needs to be registered in order to cover public liability insurance requirements. Registration makes it possible for the organising committee to plan for catering, allocating number of volunteers to teams and organising tools and plants for the day.

Can children attend the day?

School aged children are most welcome to participate, however any person under the age of 18 is the responsibility of adults they attend with and should be supervised at all times. It is also important that children are supervised for their safety and during planting, to ensure that the right planting technique is undertaken for optimum plant survival.

If I have registered but I am not able to attend on the day, should I notify the Event Coordinator?

It would be greatly appreciated if you can notify the Event Coordinator or hop online to cancel your online booking. Your cancellation may make it possible for someone else to attend.

What about meals on the day?

Please indicate any dietary requirements when registering. To minimise waste, please bring your own water bottle, thermos and mug/coffee cup. We will be providing morning/afternoon tea but NO LUNCH. We encourage volunteers to support our local cafes. A list of local cafes are provided in this information pack.

How fit do I need to be?

A reasonable level of fitness will be necessary for you to be involved in the planting activities. Tasks include carrying plants, digging holes, planting trees and watering with buckets. Jobs are allocated depending on an understanding of your fitness or physical capabilities. There are also important jobs that don't require much walking or physical activity, such as making up tree guards.

What about my safety?

A thorough safety audit is prepared for the day. There will also be qualified first aid support at all times. All participants will also need to practice due care and take responsibility for their own safety. Don't forget to bring adequate sun protection, sturdy footwear and warm clothing.

Will there be public liability insurance cover?

Yes, the organising committee arranges normal public liability insurance for the day.

What will the weather be like?

Being winter and the nature of the site, it is likely to be cold and maybe windy. We advise that you come prepared for all weather conditions, but highly recommend you bring along warm clothing. Visit www.bom.gov.au for more information about the weather forecast for the area.

Is the project environmentally friendly?

Planting trees couldn't be any more environmentally responsible. We also ask you to bring your own water bottle, thermos, and coffee/mugs to save on using throwaways.

Am I allowed to bring my dog to the planting day?

For the comfort and safety of all participants, dogs are not permitted at the planting day.

Lost property?

On occasions, personal items of clothing, drink bottles or planting equipment are left behind after the planting day. We will endeavour to return property but please ensure that you clearly identify all your personal items.

Who do I contact if I need answers to information not covered above?

Emma Muir | M: 0412 685 404 | E: emma.muir@ppwcma.vic.gov.au
Helena Lindorff | M: 0437 195 511 | E: helena.lindorff@ppwcma.vic.gov.au

Local food venues to support

This year, we are asking our volunteers to help support our local food venues by visiting for lunch or dinner before or after you have attended a planting session. We will provide morning/afternoon tea at the planting session, but there will be no lunch provided. We have provided a list of local venues within the Shire of Moorabool that would benefit from your support. Please take this opportunity to explore this great region.

Baby Black Espresso Bar
10 Church St, Bacchus Marsh,
03 5367 5156
facebook.com/babyblackespressobar

Bacchus Marsh Golf Club
18a Links Road, Darley
03 5367 2226
www.bmgolf.com.au/bistro/

Badass Burgers, Fish & Chips
Shop 7 Darley Plaza, 151 Gisborne Road, Darley
03 5367 7653
<http://badass-burgers-fish-and-chips-107539.square.site>

Big Apple Café
432 Bacchus Marsh Rd, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 7625
<https://www.facebook.com/BigAppleCafeBacchus>

Blackwood Hotel
22 Martin Street, Blackwood
03 5368 6501
facebook.com/The-Blackwood-Hotel-The-Resurrection

Blackwood Post Office Coffee Shop and Store
23 Martin St, Blackwood
(03) 5368 2988
<https://www.facebook.com/Jindarup-180034066089373/>

Botanica
32 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh
<http://botanicabm.com>

Commercial Hotel
151 Inglis Street, Ballan
(03) 5368 2032
www.commercialhotelballan.com.au

Fabulous Flower Co
148B Inglis Street, Ballan
0448 380 004
www.facebook.com/fabulousflowerco

Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse Bacchus Marsh
151A Main St, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 7077
<https://www.fergusonplarre.com.au>

Flanagans Border Inn
139 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 2016
<https://www.flanagansborderinn.com.au/>

Fossils Espresso
23 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 3986
<http://www.fossilsespresso.com.au>

Garden of St Erth's Fork to Fork Cafe
189 Simmons Reef Road, Blackwood
(03) 5368 6520
<https://www.diggers.com.au/our-gardens/st-erth/cafe/>

Gordons at Gordon
69 Main Street, Gordon
0419 357 778
<https://www.facebook.com/GordonsatGordon>

Gordon General Store
90 Main Street, Gordon
03 5368 9257
<https://www.facebook.com/gordongeneralstore>

Grant Pizza Place
58 Grant St, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 4447
www.grantpizzaplace.com.au

Great Western Hotel
110 Inglis Street, Ballan
(03) 5368 2492
www.greatwesternhotelballan.com.au

Jimmys Fish & Chip Shop
171 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 1017
<https://www.facebook.com/JimmysFishShop>



Local food venues to support

Little Lucky Cafe
3 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh
0456 826 172
<http://facebook.com/littleluckycafe>

Lola's Cafe
110 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 0618
<https://www.facebook.com/Lolacafe110>

Memphis Diner
174 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
03 5367 0828
menulog.com.au/restaurants-memphis-diner/menu

The New Golden Saffron
Shop 2, 61 Grant Street, Maddingley
0478 491 555
<https://www.facebook.com/TheNewGoldenSaffron>

St Anne's Winery
64 Garrards Lane, Myrning
(03) 5368 7209
<http://www.stanneswinery.com.au>

Stoney's Club
59 Grant St, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 2031
<https://orders.stoneysclub.com.au/>

Taco Bill Bacchus Marsh
100 O'Connell Rd, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 4367 7002
<http://tacobill.com.au/locations/bacchus-marsh>

The Ballan Takeaway
131 Inglis Street, Ballan
(03) 5368 1370
<http://theballantakeaway.com.au>

The Courthouse Hotel
116 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 2086
<http://www.courthousehotelbm.com.au/>

The Flour Pot Cafe
185A Main St, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 7888
<https://facebook.com/theflourpotcafe/>

The Garden Room at Blackwood Ridge
812 Greenhills Road, Blackwood
(03) 5368 6707
<https://www.blackwoodridge.com.au>

The Plough @ Myrning
17 Main Street, Myrning
(03) 5368 7173
thelough.com.au

The Tin Plate Cafe
1/132 Inglis Street, Ballan
(03) 5370 2157
<https://thetinplatecafe.com.au/>

The Wine and Deli Co
148A Inglis Street, Ballan
0424 175 323
<https://www.facebook.com/thewineanddelico>

Village Pizza and Pasta Bacchus Marsh
Shop 26, 186 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
03 5367 0044
<http://villagepizzaandpasta.com.au>

Wallace Hotel
741 Bungaree-Wallace Road, Wallace
(03) 5334 0322
<http://wallacehotel.com.au/>

Zest Licensed Cafe
1/130 Inglis Street, Ballan
03 5368 2740
www.facebook.com/zestlicensedcafe

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