

Spring Notes 2022

After a dry May, Winter kicked off with a very wet June and the cold and inclement weather persisted right through August. This meant water levels in the reservoir stayed high, the ground remained damp and the plantings which were done in August should get off to a good start before summer hits. It's always great to see water trickling over the spillway and through the canyon.



Wattles are also blooming madly and creating a golden vista. Most of the wattles are from this region, though we do have some varieties that don't belong such as the Cootamundra wattle (*Acacia baileyana*) and the Long-leaved, Sydney Golden or Sallow wattle (*A. longifolia*).

Birds are nesting and frogs are croaking! AND snakes are starting to be out and about.

Featured Flora

Fifty each of Forest red gum and Apple box have been put in the south west section of the Reserve.

Forest red gums (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*) are found from eastern Victoria up to Queensland and can grow well in excess of 20 meters in height, often to 35 meters or more. They are a major food source for

koalas and a habitat tree for cockatoos, bats, birds, possums and gliders. Birds and bees are also attracted to the pollen and nectar of the flowers. When established these trees have resistance to drought, can tolerate some waterlogging and are relatively fire resistant for a eucalypt. They are valued by Indigenous people for medicines and were harvested extensively for firewood and timber.



Apple Box (*Eucalyptus bridgesiana*) is also a tall tree with a large canopy found from southern Queensland to eastern Gippsland. Its wood is softer than that of other eucalypts so considered poor for firewood or building timber. Bees, however, love it and the honey they produce from the small white flowers is of high quality. They are excellent shade trees, and as a food source for insects attract insect-eating birds. Sugar gliders are also known to eat the sap and resident insect larvae. Its conservation status is listed as Vulnerable meaning it is heading towards extinction unless the circumstances threatening its survival and reproduction improve.

Projects

Latrobe City Council continues to work with its consultants and the TRRCR committee on the replacement of Deane's Bridge. This however is tied in with potential works on the spillway and the dam wall. What has stood the test of time is now subject to a higher degree of regulation which requires

extensive engineering and environmental assessments before the project can be commenced.



Working Bees

Thanks to all groups and individuals who have been busy helping get seedlings into the ground while the weather and planting conditions were favorable.

Thanks to our Supporters

- Liz from Vic Forests who kindly thought of us in donating 100 tree seedlings.
- Melina Bath MLC whose office photocopied this newsletter.
- Traralgon Bunnings for a set of shelves.

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 27 September 2022, 7.00 pm at The Shed. All welcome to attend. Please consider joining the committee.

TRRCR Committee/Friends
Meet 4th Tuesday of the month at the Shed 7pm
unless online

Working Bees
First Saturday of the month from 9.15am.
Meet at the Shed

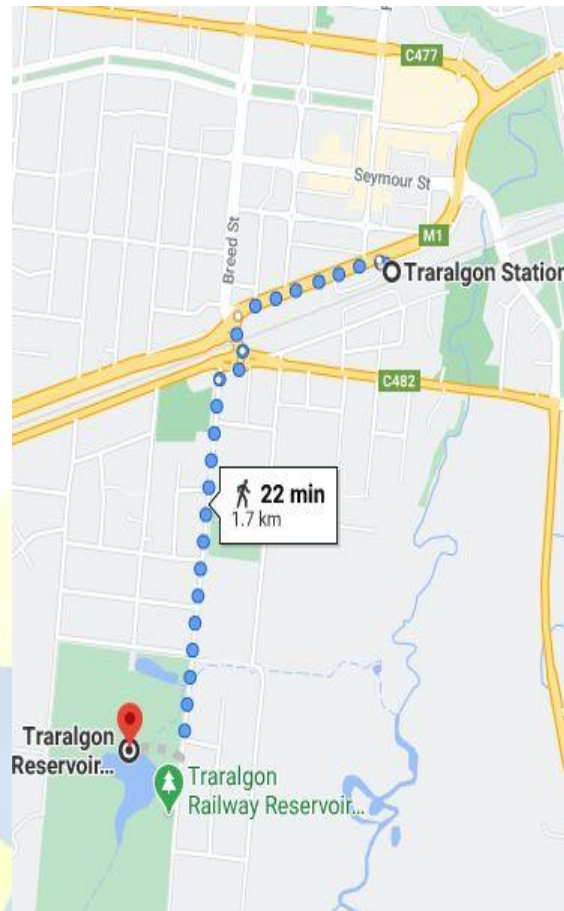
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