

Autumn Notes 2021

- It's a great time to take an early morning walk or an evening stroll on these calm autumn days!
- This may not look exciting to you but it is for us!



Council workers have been busy attending to drainage problems on the south boundary of the Reserve.

Featured Flora

Dianella species

There are several species of Dianella and our reserve has three, distinguishable by leaf, flower and stem. They are hardy, form mats or clumps and grow from rhizomes underground. Birds and reptiles help disperse seeds from the berries.

Dianella revoluta (Black-anther Flax-lily) is more widespread with small violet flowers having six petals, yellow filaments and blackish anthers.

Dianella tasmanica (Tasman Flax-lily) was first described in Tasmania in 1859 but is found in most moist shaded forests in south-east Australia. Its flowers are small blue to violet with yellow stamens and paler yellow anthers.

Dianella amoena (Matted Flax-lily) is endemic to Victoria but has only been described since 1995. It is listed as **critically endangered**. An estimate in 2010 put plant numbers at 1400 in about 120 locations. A different estimate had 2500 plants but in only 50 sites where they could independently reproduce. Hence we are very protective of our dianella amoena and are monitoring their progress very carefully. New volunteers are being shown how to distinguish this plant from what may otherwise look like weed grasses. The Dianella amoena flower is a blue-violet star with six stamens, pale yellow/orange filaments and pale lime-yellow anthers.



Working Bees

- Autumn clean-ups have been underway involving log and branch removal while maintaining a certain amount of leaf litter and protective habitat.
- The deck at the pavilion has been restrained.
- Weeding and spraying of weeds continue.
- Happily, our mowing contractor is back in action which means a reduced workload for our mowing volunteers.

Visitor numbers

- Nearly 8000 every month.
- Great to see a nature-based playgroup making use of the reserve on a Wednesday morning. You may find more info on this on LCC's website.

Projects

- No further news on the replacement of the Middle Bridge or Deane's Bridge.
- A recent walk-around with the environmental officer from LCC looked at the condition of trees near pathways.

Supporters

- We have been successful in obtaining grant money from Latrobe City Council which has gone towards fencing, plant stands and some admin supplies.
- Thanks again to Melina Bath MLC whose office photocopies this newsletter for us.

Featured Fauna



Nankeen Night-heron, juvenile. These birds have been residents of Medew's Island for some time now.

Welcome to:

New volunteers – Shirley and Trevor. We really appreciate your help!

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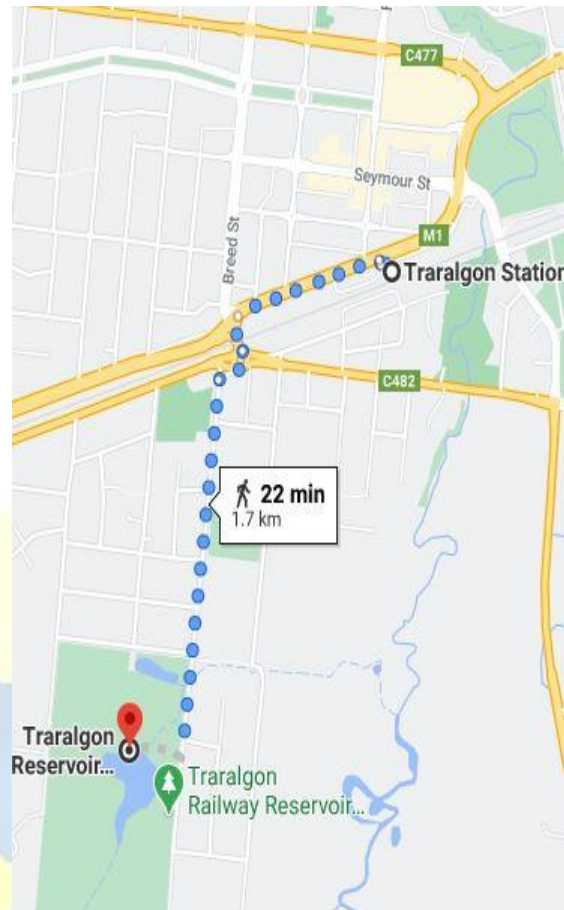
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