

TRRCR Winter Notes 2020



(Round-leaf Wattle) and *A. verticillata* (Prickly Moses, pictured).

- Good rainfall over winter has seen the reservoir overflowing into the canyon on a number of occasions. Plantings, shrubs, grasses and trees have benefited enormously from this, however a bit of spade work has been required to repair drains and unblock culverts.
- The construction of the toilet was a major project undertaken with funds provided by Latrobe Valley Authority and overseen by Latrobe City Council (LCC). Many positive comments have been received from the public, though unfortunately a problem with the power supply has necessitated the toilet's closure at the moment.
- Extra lighting funded by the Victorian Government and LCC has been installed between the car park and the pavilion and is now operating at dusk.
- A new section of footpath goes south from the car park to a gateway on Hickox Street.

Featured Flora

- Wattles have been blooming madly. Our park has at least 10 varieties of *Acacia* – *A. dealbata* (Silver Wattle), *A. howittii* (Sticky Wattle), *A. mearnsii* (Black Wattle), *A. melanoxylon* (Blackwood), *A. longifolia* (Long-leaved Wattle or Sydney Golden Wattle), *A. mucronata longifolia* (Narrow-leaf Wattle), *A. paradoxa* (Hedge Wattle), *A. pycnantha* (Golden Wattle), *A. uncinata*

Working Bees

- Restrictions due to COVID19 have temporarily halted working bees, but prior to this a main task had been to remove a number of large pieces of timber from the canyon.
- Ongoing tasks carried out were weed removal, rubbish collection, mending of fences and seats, raking of gutters, planting maintenance, cutting up and removing some of the fallen timber, and path repair.

Visitor numbers

- Approximately 2900 per week with the car park overflowing at times.

Projects

- Planning is in hand to design a replacement for the "Middle" Bridge that you may notice has sunk down a little. Deane's Bridge over the weir is also in need of attention.

Supporters

- Thanks indeed to Bunnings for their generous donations of a couple of shovels, rakes and hanger brackets. These will be much appreciated by our volunteers who

generally bring along their own equipment to use. Bunnings also donated folding tables.

- Harvey Norman has helped out with a donation of a kettle and a generous discount on a small bar fridge.

Featured Animal

- Peron's Tree Frog.
It is also called the Laughing Tree Frog or Maniacal Cackle Frog as it has a distinctive call. Some say it sounds like a goat, others say it sounds like machinery or a motor bike. (it is worth finding the call and listening to it). It can change colour depending on temperature, light and moisture. It also has a cross-shaped pupil and small emerald green flecks on the back.



Volunteering at our Reserve

- New volunteers are always welcome.
- Online Volunteer Form:
https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Community/Community_Groups/Volunteering_in_Reserves_Gardens_and_Recreational_Areas
- Or phone LCC on 1300 367 700 for a form to be mailed to you.