

Community groups and events

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Friends of Burke Road Billabong Reserve



For over eight years, the Friends of Burke Road Billabong Reserve have been meeting up twice a month to transform a once-neglected area along the Yarra River into the beautiful area we see today.

The Burke Road Billabong Reserve, previously the Kew tip, is 10 hectares of one of the last remaining natural billabongs of the Yarra River.

"It's an amazing transformation from what it was," said founder Stanley Barker. "I had some idea of what I might be able to do there and we've exceeded it amazingly. It's possibly one of the best areas along the river there now."

"Where the weeds have gone, we've replanted native groundcovers and reintroduced thousands of indigenous plants."

Members of the public are very welcome to join the friends at one of their community working days. No specialist knowledge is needed and any help is greatly appreciated.

What: Twice-monthly community workdays helping the Friends weed and plant.

When: Forthcoming workdays are 9.30am to 1.30pm, Friday 10 March and Sunday 26 March 2017. Please see the website for more dates.

Where: Burke Road Billabong Reserve, East Kew.

For more information visit brbreserve.org or email **Stanley Barker** at barker_sv@yahoo.com.au.

Glen Iris Dog Training Club



Does your dog listen to you in the park and behave around other people and dogs? If the answer is no, you may need the help of the Glen Iris Dog Training Club.

Run by volunteers, the club offers obedience training and is a fantastic opportunity to socialise your dog in a supportive environment.

This welcoming club uses standard principles of training and emphasises the importance of socialisation, understanding individual behaviour and developing a positive relationship with your dog.

"It's never too late to start training your dog," said Lesley Hardcastle, trainer at the club. "Rescue dogs and those with behavioural problems respond especially well to training."

For dogs 18 months and older, the club also offers agility training, a timed obstacle course that is both a sporting activity and a way to improve behaviour.

When: Sundays 9.30am to 10.30am 2017 (except long weekends).

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve, Saxby Rd, Glen Iris.

Cost: Initial joining fee: \$60 (new members). Annual membership fees: \$50. Membership fees cover insurance and council fees for use of the reserve.

Requirements: Dogs require current vaccinations and council registration.

Everyone is welcome to come along and visit. See the club's website for times and more details.

www.glenirisdogtrainingclub.org.au

Open Houses 2017



On Sunday 19 March, five private homes across Melbourne's eastern suburbs will open their doors to the public for the 38th annual St. Joseph's Open Houses.

Each home will be of historical, architectural or design significance.

This is a rare, one-off opportunity for the general public to view iconic properties.

Since the event began in 1979, more than 22,000 visitors have enjoyed St. Joseph's Open Houses. Guests come from all over Victoria and Tasmania to spend the afternoon wandering through some of Melbourne's most majestic and significant homes.

Over the years, homes designed by renowned contemporary architects like Jackson Clements Burrows, John Wardle, Craig Rossetti and Neil Architecture and historical favourites such as John Beswicke have been featured.

Entry price includes shuttle buses to each of the homes, afternoon tea and a gift bag. All money raised will support educational programs at St. Joseph's School.

When: 11.30am to 4:30pm, Sunday 19 March 2017.

Where: St. Joseph's School, 571 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn.

Cost: \$50 to visit all properties (pre-purchase online) or \$20 for a single home (available on the day at each house).

More information and tickets: www.openhouses.org.au

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