



The Woorndoo Land Protection Group

Community Field Day

Friday 1st November 2019
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Woorndoo Recreation Reserve

Woorndoo Common in late spring. Image: Liz Fenton

A celebration of native grassland communities on rural roadsides and reserves

Our guest and field guide for the day is Neville Walsh, Senior Conservation Botanist, National Herbarium, Victoria.

The Woorndoo Project

In 2017, The Woorndoo Land Protection Group was awarded funds from Victoria's Community & Volunteer Action Grant Program 2017 – Biodiversity On-ground Action, to extend the successful 2013 grassland restoration on the Woorndoo-Streatham Road at Woorndoo. The project includes detailed scientific experiments on planting and sowing grassland species, and the restoration of a further 1.25 ha of diverse temperate native grassland. The project is due for completion in November 2020.

Program - Friday 1st November, 2019

8:30 am to 9 am - Woorndoo Common and Recreation Reserve

Meet and register either at the Recreation Reserve for early morning tea, or across the road at the renowned Woorndoo Common, a diverse and beautiful example of rare, species-rich native grassland.

9 am – Depart for the morning Field Excursion (Site 1), a diverse remnant grassland, Woorndoo-Streatham Rd.

A bus will depart from the Recreation Reserve or you can join the convoy – car pooling encouraged.

Alternatively, join the group from 9:30 opposite the corner of Woorndoo-Streatham Rd and Pagels Lane.

10:15 am - Depart from Site 1

10:30 am - Arrive at the Woorndoo Project site – cnr. Woorndoo-Streatham Rd. and Bolac Plains Rd., Woorndoo.

Review progress on the Woorndoo Project and inspect the recently-completed 1.25 ha. direct sowing, extending the restored grassland to 2.5 ha.

11:15 am - Morning Tea – Woorndoo Recreation Reserve

11:45 am - Welcome: Susan Bosch, President, Woorndoo Land Protection Group

11:50 am to 1 pm - Guest Speaker: Neville Walsh, Senior Conservation Botanist, National Herbarium

'The enchantment of an under-described flora - a botanist's odyssey through Victoria's western plains'

1 pm to 1:45 pm - Lunch - Woorndoo Recreation Reserve

1:45 pm - Ben Zeeman (GHCMA) 'The critical value and potential of small vegetation patches'

2:15 pm - Depart for the afternoon Field Excursion to Wickliffe roadsides (Site 2)

A bus will depart from the Recreation Reserve or you can join the convoy – car pooling encouraged.

Subject to site selection and conditions on the day, see a wide diversity of spectacular grassland species, including orchids, nationally endangered daisies and a profusion of other colourful native grassland species.

4:30 pm - Arrive Woorndoo Recreation Reserve for Afternoon Tea and convivial conversation

Registration (preferably by Wednesday, 30 October, please)

Please register by texting or emailing Jodie Leske (0419 583 853); jodie.leske@bigpond.com.
Please include any dietary requirements.

When registering, please indicate if you would like a seat reserved on the bus for the morning and/or afternoon Field Excursions.

Free event: There is no cost for the day's activities but your gold coin or small note donation would be appreciated and will assist WLPG's ongoing grassland preservation and restoration work.