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WARRNAMBOOL GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE NEWSLETTER



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Warrnambool Gardens for Wildlife becomes an ongoing program



Article by Abbie Lee, Warrnambool City Council Natural Environment Trainee

The working group met last month in February, to complete and finalise the program they have been developing. This involved bringing together all of the information and ideas that have been discussed and debated, and using this to create a comprehensive and cohesive program that can be implemented. The meeting involved discussions and negotiations among the members of the working group, as they work to reach a consensus on the final form of the program.

Gardens for Wildlife Victoria

Gardens for wildlife Victoria consists of local community members and Council/Shire officers from across Victoria supporting each other to be more involved with local residents, schools and businesses to join in on helping and caring for native plants and animals in our communities.

The neighbourhood is a combination of public and private land, which together can create a diverse habitat for various plants and animals. Our Council can take steps to protect and improve habitats on public land, while homeowners, businesses, schools and other private land owners can do the same on their own land, through wildlife and gardening, we can collaborate with our community to make our area a home for native species.

Check out Gardens for Wildlife Victoria on socials

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Gardens4WildlifeVic/>

Website - <https://gardensforwildlifevictoria.com/>

Gardens for wildlife Stories & Tutorial's - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYdRxE9m5LdlZsSbe2l48uR1tWED3OX_t



Fletcher Jones Garden

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In December 1947, Fletcher Jones acquired five acres from the City Council on the eastern outskirts of Warrnambool, which was previously a rubbish dump and a quarry. The following year, the Pleasant Hill Fletcher Jones factory was opened on the site. In 1949, work began on creating a garden for the employees to enjoy. The gardens were expanded in 1951 and became a popular destination for employee's locals and tourists.



Fletcher Jones - Lost Warrnambool Peter-Sue Leonard



Fletcher Jones 1972 - Lost Warrnambool Kevin White



Fletcher Jones - Lost Warrnambool Peter-Sue Leonard

The garden featured flower beds, lawns, rockeries, pergolas, a sunken garden, pond, and large floral baskets. Additionally, the garden included various sculptures such as a basalt sculpture by Warrnambool artist Robert Ulmann as a tribute to Fletcher Jones, a sculpture of a man in permanent press pants and shirt, and a sphere and Trilon sculpture, inspired by the 1939 New York World Fair, which Fletcher Jones saw as a symbol of progress.



Find Out More:

https://www.fjstories.org.au/sites/default/files/FLETCHER%20JONES%20FACTORY%20AND%20GARDENS%20Victorian%20Heritage%20Database%20Report%20_0.pdf

<https://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/fletcher-jones-melburnian>

<https://warrnamboolheritageworks.org.au/warrnambool-history/fletcher-jones-stories/>



From Grass to Nature Strip



WRITTEN BY MERRAN MOIR

When we first moved into our current property four years ago, we noticed a lack of trees and small birds in the area, despite the abundance of magpies and corellas. In an effort to improve the environment, we decided to inquire about planting street trees in our neighbourhood. We were delighted to learn that the entire street would be receiving street trees and the Council took responsibility for watering and caring for them. These trees will greatly enhance the aesthetics of the area and provide much-needed shade and habitat for wildlife.



After

As a result of these efforts, we have already noticed more insects, skinks and small birds in the area. We are excited about the potential of creating healthier, more sustainable environments in our city through planting nature strips. We strongly encourage others who are interested in doing the same to go ahead and take action. We are delighted with the results we have achieved so far and believe that with the continued effort and dedication, we can make a real difference to the community.



Nature Strip - Before

In addition to the street trees, we also sought permission to plant a nature strip that would surround the new trees with ground covers and low growing plants. This would create a diverse and beneficial environment for wildlife. The process of obtaining permission involved filling out an application form, paying a fee, and undergoing a site inspection for final approval.

The nature strip area was covered with extremely persistent couch grass. To prepare the area for planting, we sprayed the area and then covered it with an organic weed fabric, newspapers and a thick layer of mulch. We planted mostly native species like grevilleas, scaveola, dianella, poa, eremophila and pigface as well as spring onions, sage and thyme to attract bees and butterflies.

Nature Strip Guidelines & Policy

<https://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/sites/warrnambool.vic.gov.au/files/documents/council/about/policies/Nature%20Strip%20Landscaping%20Guidelines%202021.pdf>

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SUNDAY
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Clean Up Australia Day

hosted by Beach Patrol and Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare

Date: Sunday, March 5th, 2023

Time: 10.00am -12.00pm

Meet: Thunder Point Lookout carpark

FREE BBQ



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