



Ranelagh Estate

Winter 2020 Newsletter

The Newsletter of The Ranelagh Residents' Association (A0007234H)

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"VC176" – what is it and who cares?

"Amendment VC176" is the uninspiring name of a recent amendment to local planning legislation gazetted on 5 August.

What's this about? It's about vegetation removal, and amending State legislation hastily introduced after the 2009 Victorian bushfires that allowed clearing of vegetation on private land without any permits having to be obtained. This 2009 legislation, often referred to as the 10/30 rule, enabled wholesale clearing of residential blocks no matter where, including Ranelagh Estate, resulting in escalating denudation of our heritage-listed Garden Suburb.

Amendment VC176 permits vegetation clearing under the 10/30 rule **only** to declared bushfire prone areas. Specifically, it:

"Amends Clause 52.12 (Bushfire Protection: Exemptions) to align the 10/30 and fence line vegetation exemptions with the Bushfire Prone Area map across all Victorian councils, make administrative updates and further clarify the exemptions for dwellings and defensible space under the Bushfire Management Overlay."

These are really important changes, as people can now only rely on the 10/30 or fence line vegetation exemptions to remove vegetation without a permit where BPA mapping applies.

Previously, people could remove vegetation using the 10/30 rule or fence line vegetation exemption anywhere on the Peninsula. If your property does not have a Bushfire Management Overlay, a permit will be required to remove vegetation.

Councillor David Gill (Red Hill Ward) commented:

"Terrific news! Taken four years for Council to be heard on this, a main reason for me standing for Council. Still more to do but a great step forward. On the ground, it will hopefully mean a lot less chain saws heard around the Peninsula. Up to now even heritage listed trees could be cut down in these areas without a permit."



A locally acclaimed Eucalypt on private property

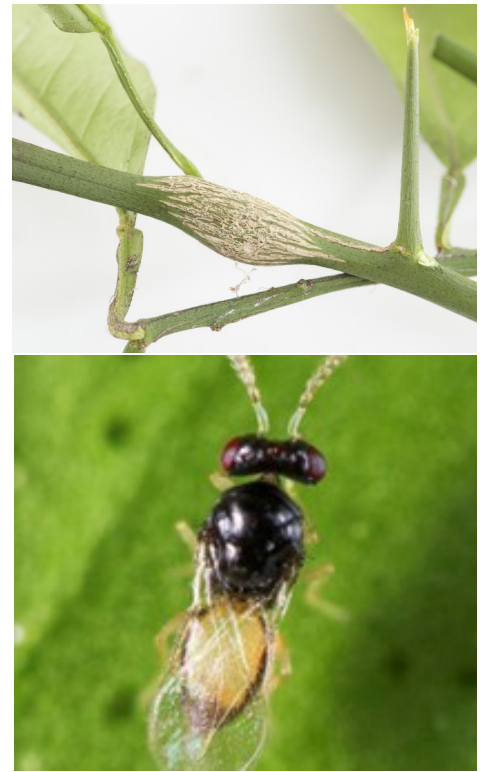
Backyard Citrus

Now is peak season for citrus gall wasp to infect lemon and lime trees. The ABC Gardening TV program of 19th June showed a segment with new advice for handling the citrus gall wasp. Previous advice was to completely remove infected branches. This new approach demonstrated using a knife or potato peeler to scrape the growth open to expose and thus kill the wasp before the weather warms, when the wasp leaves the growth area in early spring.

This approach is so much better than pruning branches. However, neighbours also need to treat their citrus trees to reduce the spread of the wasp.

The segment has been uploaded to Youtube. On Youtube, search for "citrus gall wasp Gardening Australia".

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/peel-and-reveal---citrus-gall-wasp/12368048>



Sewer replacement along Ranelagh Beach

Here's an update on the sewer works along Ranelagh Beach - and why the project is now stalled with all workers and equipment removed from the site.

The Main Sewer Replacement works were originally scheduled to start in February 2020. On July 1, work commenced. During the next few weeks a temporary black plastic sewer pipe was dragged across the foreshore reserve from Earimil Lookout down to the pumping station located below the Ranelagh Club. Then in the third week of construction it was discovered that two short additional pipes were required to connect the temporary sewer pipe to the pumping station.



These pipes were not shown on the Cultural Heritage Management plan (CHMP). Work stopped and all workers and equipment removed. The temporary pipe and construction site remain in the vegetation.

The CHMP must now be resubmitted with the additional pipe trenches shown. Work should re-commence soon.

(Thanks to Ranelagh resident Des Berry for this up-date and photographs)

Stage 4 lock-down

Some immediate consequences for Ranelagh:

- Working Bees suspended again, until further notice
- No 'Resident's Story' interview possible for this newsletter
- Mobile Library services suspended again, until further notice
- RRA committee continues using electronic contact only
- Roads relatively free of vehicular traffic

This last observation is a pleasant change brought about by the stage 4 lock-down, and prompted one committee member to remind us of the delights that walking through Ranelagh Estate's reserves can bring at this time. During times of great stress and uncertainty we are reminded every day how privileged we are to call this wonderful green enclave home.

Simple things can lift the spirit. Children walking pets, couples and elders strolling through the leafy laneways, teens on bicycles or a runner passing by our front gates. Ranelagh's hidden reserves and creek are being explored at last by our local children, and the winter beach has been a place of escape and contemplation for so many over the last 4 months.

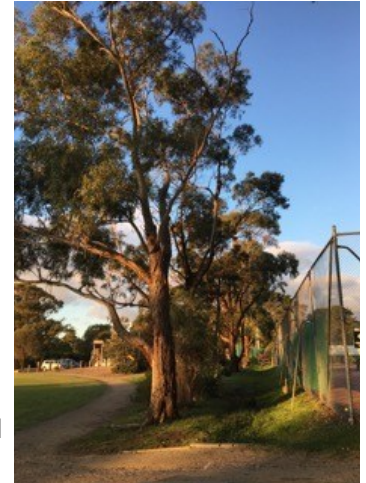
During lock-down Ranelagh's wildlife seems to have become more vocal and even seals have been visiting our rocky outcrops, waiting patiently as we stop and stare at them.

As we become increasingly confined to our immediate areas the saving grace for many of us will be the opportunity to take the time to watch the beauty of early spring arrive at Ranelagh. The reassuring normality of buds appearing on the blossom trees, of Camellia petals falling, of birds starting their annual mating rituals. This year many of us will have the chance to take the time to watch this rich season unfold.

Tennis courts up-grade

More like a total renewal! The Shire is about to undertake major renovations to the Mount Eliza tennis courts in Howard Parker Reserve. The lower set of courts (nearest the oval) will be done first, with new fencing, new surfacing and new LED flood-lights.

The Ranelagh Residents' Association has held discussions with Shire officers to ensure that the trees around the perimeter of the sports oval are retained and protected when the new fencing is installed a metre further out than the existing fence, or trees are replaced with new stock if some tree removal is unavoidable.



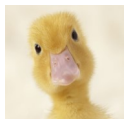
Row of trees between tennis courts and oval

Following torrential rain, a family of ducklings was swept down a drain in Canadian Bay Road. Thankfully a local resident heard mother duck in distress and put "operation duck retrieval" in place. With the help of a few local people, and the gallant efforts of the two lovely Council workers, the family was reunited and being cared for.

Such a lovely caring community, thank you everyone who helped and, gratefully, a happy ending!

There are many duck families in Mt Eliza right now, please make sure you look out for the safety of them all whilst driving.

Please look out for the ducks!!



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Staying fit at home

We know many of our residents utilise the exercise and training facilities that our Village offers—studios, personal training, Pilates, yoga etc—but in the current climate these are closed. Don't use this as an excuse not to exercise; science has proven that regular exercise increases your positive mood by releasing endorphins in the brain.

You don't need fancy equipment or machines, body weight exercises are often the best (no risk of misusing equipment) and you can do them absolutely anywhereand all you need is 10 minutes a day!

When done right and with appropriate intensity, a 10 minute workout can be an incredibly effective way to work up a sweat, get your heart pumping, and get your muscles working. Plus: When you compare 10 minutes of working out to zero minutes of working out, 10 minutes is almost always better.

Pushups—squats—planks—jumping jacks—mountain climbers—v sits—lunges

There is SO much information on the internet, demonstrating how to do each exercise properly. Here is a link to a great resource: <https://www.livestrong.com/slideshow/551492-20-best-body-weight-exercises/>



Face masks available at the Bendigo Bank

The wonderful volunteers at Mount Eliza Neighbourhood House have been busy sewing facemasks for the local community.

The facemasks are now available at the Mt Eliza Community Bank – Bendigo Bank and are free for holders of concession, pension or Seniors cards.

Also needed is more elastic, cotton fabric and volunteers, so if you can help please contact—
MENH 9787 8160.



Membership Application



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF RANELAGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Inc. (RRA)

To: The Treasurer
Ranelagh Residents' Association Inc.,
PO Box 618,
Mount Eliza, VIC 3930

I/We being residents or owners of property on Ranelagh Estate wish to join the RRA

Name(s) : _____

Address : _____

Telephone number/s : _____

Email address : _____

Note that email is the preferred means of communication in order to reduce operating costs and increase productivity of the group.

I/We agree to abide by the Articles of Association of the RRA and to make payment of any joining fee or subscription as required under the said Articles of Association.

\$20 entitles us/me to membership until 30th June 2021.

Payment methods :

- (1) Make cheque payable to 'Ranelagh Residents' Association' and forward to Treasurer, Ranelagh Residents' Association, PO Box 618, Mount Eliza, 3930
- OR
- (2) Make a direct deposit to our account: **BSB 633-000 Account 157716606**
Please use your surname plus your house number as the remitter. In the description area enter "Sub 1920" if subscription only or "Composite 1920" if including a donation.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Privacy Policy

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