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NOTICEBOARD

June 2022

President's Message

Not available

Reports from Groups

Winter must be almost upon us as the groups quieten.
Stay safe everyone.

Book Group

The next book we are reading is *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morgan.

1961: On a sweltering summer's day, while her family picnics by the stream on their Suffolk farm, sixteen-year-old Laurel hides out in her childhood tree house dreaming of a boy called Billy, a move to London, and the bright future she can't wait to seize. But before the idyllic afternoon is over, Laurel will have witnessed a shocking crime that changes everything.

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Potted History

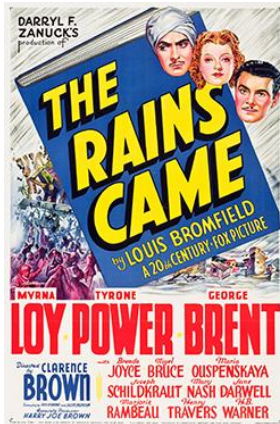
A drive through part of the Tallarook Ranges was our April activity. It was interesting to view Mt Piper, near Broadford, from afar. Mt Piper supports a unique and highly diverse butterfly community. At least thirty five species of butterflies and eight species of day-flying moth are found in the area, giving it the highest known diversity of Lepidoptera in Victoria. We also went to the Murchison Gap Lookout which gives a panoramic view towards the east. At the Strath Creek Falls Grahame walked to the viewing area and is determined to visit again with his family. A little bit of history was covered as we stopped to read about the Italian internees and their wood cutting efforts for Melbourne during WWII.



Our May excursion will centre on Nagambie. Bernie has prepared the itinerary for the day which includes visits to the Nagambie Historical Society, Kirwan's Bridge, Scotchman's Hill and the Tahbilk Winery.

Thursday Matinee

On May 19 we watched *Gaslight*. It follows a young woman whose husband slowly manipulates her into believing that she is descending into insanity. A young Angela Lansbury was a very disrespectful maid in the film.



Our June viewing will be *The Rains Came* which is a 1939 20th Century Fox film based on an American novel by Louis Bromfield (published in June 1937 by Harper & Brothers). The film was directed by Clarence Brown and stars Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power, George Brent, Brenda Joyce, Nigel Bruce, and Maria Ouspenskaya. A remake of the film was released in 1955 under the name *The Rains of Ranchipur*. In India, a married British aristocrat is reunited with an old flame, but she truly has her sights set on a handsome surgeon.

Walk & Wonder

A fun(gi) walk along the river.



All notices for the next Noticeboard need to be emailed to U3A (seymu3a@gmail.com) **and** Heather (123hbee@gmail.com) on or before

June 24

If you have any photographs of any activities, or busy groups, please email them to U3A **and** Heather.

Noticeboard will be sent out on **June 29.**

A couple of flyers about upcoming events that may interest you.

Getting to know you **Whiteheads Creek Platypus**



The platypus is one of the world's most amazing animals. This furry, warm-blooded mammal lays soft-shelled eggs like a lizard, uses its bill to navigate underwater, and sorts out arguments with the help of venomous spurs. But what about the platypus's environmental needs? How is the species faring in the wild? And what needs to be done to ensure that populations survive in our local rivers and creeks?

Geoff Williams from the Australian Platypus Conservancy will be in Seymour to share his knowledge of this amazing animal on World Environment Day

**Sunday 5 June at 1.30pm at Chittick Place,
Pollard Street, Seymour.**

Phone 0428 339 989, or email janethhagen@gmail.com to book a place.

Sponsored by Seymour Urban Landcare, Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative, and the Victorian Government.



FUNGI WORKSHOP

Fungi expert , Alison Pouliot is coming to Seymour to present a workshop on 11 June 2022

Alison has recently published a book called ‘Wild Mushrooming’ and featured in a segment on Gardening Australia a few months ago.

We are really lucky to have this engaging presenter visiting us in Seymour.

This 3.5 hour workshop, with both theoretical and practical components, will introduce participants to the diversity, ecology and curiosities of the Kingdom Fungi specific to the fungi found around Seymour and surrounds but, also, within the wider Australian context.



It includes a one hour interactive session around specimen display where participants will learn the basics of fungus identification, fungal ecology and the cultural history of fungi. Fungi specimens from the local area will be displayed, discussed and examined.

The edibility and toxicity of fungi will also be discussed characterises used to identify fungi in the field and understand their ecological significance in local ecosystems

Following the indoor session will be an outdoor foray through local habitat types to search for specimens of interest. Participants will learn to recognise the various diagnostic attributes.

Venue; Mitchell Shire Meeting Room (Chittick Place) at Chittick Park Seymour

Date: Saturday 11th June at 10.30 am

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: Numbers limited to 20 places .

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