

Living Maroondah: a future for our plants, animals, and us



Saturday, 16th February 2019
Karralyka Centre
Ringwood East

Program

This event is designed to stimulate interest in, and discussion of, vegetation and biodiversity in Maroondah

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| 10:30 | Tea and coffee |
| 10:40 | Welcome
Cr Rob Steane, Mayor of Maroondah |
| 10:50 | Master of Ceremonies
John Senior, Board member, World Urban Parks |
| 11:00 | Vegetation and aboriginal people
Bruce Pascoe, author of <i>Dark Emu</i> |
| 11:45 | The health benefits of vegetation
Dr Sonia Nuttman, Co-leader, Health, Nature and Sustainability Research Group, Deakin University |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30 | Vegetation in Maroondah
Expert panel (moderated by Grant Meyer, Manager Integrated Planning): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr Graeme Lorimer, author 'Biodiversity in Maroondah'- Joseph Kaspar, author 'Maroondah Canopy and Landscape Analysis'- Claire Scott, author, 'Maroondah Vegetation Planning Policy Review' |
| 2:15 | Possibilities - Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design
Professor Sarah Bekessy, Centre for Urban Research, RMIT |
| 2:45 | Possibilities - examples from around the world
John Senior, Board member, World Urban Parks |
| 3:15 | Wrap up |

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**John Senior**

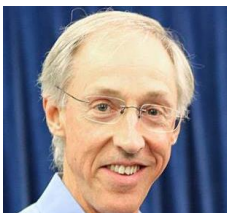
John was the Manager Strategic Partnerships with Parks Victoria for 12 years, and during that time initiated the research work on 'Healthy Parks Healthy People' ultimately embedding this approach into Parks Victoria's corporate direction. John is currently a Director of World Urban Parks and member of the Cities & Protected Areas Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Protected Areas. John is a Maroondah resident living in Waranwood.

**Bruce Pascoe**

Bruce is an award-winning Australian writer, editor and anthologist and author of the acclaimed "*Dark Emu: Black Seeds – Agriculture or Accident?*" that challenges some of the historical assumptions underlying the image of Indigenous Australians as simply 'hunter/gatherers'. Bruce is of Bunurong, Yuin and Tasmanian heritage and recently was awarded the 2018 Australia Council Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature and the 2018 Person of the Year award at the National Dreamtime Awards.

**Dr Sonia Nuttman**

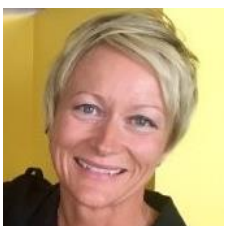
Sonia is an award-winning lecturer and researcher at Deakin University who provides thought provoking content on how to live more healthy and sustainably. From sustainable food systems (campus farms, community gardens, permaculture, food movements), exploring wild and natural places and educating future generations Sonia demonstrates that living sustainably and achieving health and vitality is possible. Sonia is a Maroondah resident and lives in Croydon South where she has converted her front lawn into a productive edible garden adorned with fruits, vegetables and herbs.

**Dr Graeme Lorimer**

Graeme is the Director of Biosphere Pty Ltd and author of the studies "*Biodiversity in Maroondah (2019)*" and "*Sites of Biological Significance in Maroondah (1997)*", commissioned by the City of Maroondah. Graeme is also the 2018 Maroondah Citizen of the Year, a former President of the Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association, and recent member of the Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee. Graeme is a Maroondah resident living in Ringwood North.

**Joseph Kaspar**

Joseph is the Director of Greenspace Consultant and author of the study "*Maroondah Canopy and Landscape Analysis 2011 to 2016 (2018)*", commissioned by the City of Maroondah. Joseph specialises in estimating change in urban green space, tree canopy cover and how these factors interplay with population and housing dynamics.

**Claire Scott**

Claire is the Director of Claire Scott Planning and author of the study "*Maroondah City Council: Vegetation Planning Policy Review (2018)*" commissioned by the City of Maroondah. Claire is qualified in planning and design, and has a detailed working knowledge of both fields. She has approximately twenty years' experience in strategic and statutory planning, both in local government and consulting,

**Professor Sarah Bekessy**

Sarah leads the Interdisciplinary Conservation Science Research Group at RMIT's School of Global, Urban and Social Studies and a researcher in the ARC Centre of Excellence for Environmental Decisions. Sarah was instrumental in distilling the principles for biodiversity sensitive urban design (BSUD), and a framework for implementing BSUD to deliver on-site benefits to biodiversity applicable across a range of urban development types and densities.

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