

## **Darren Wallace of Revegetating Beginnings**

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Darren spoke to the club on the 13 June 2018.

Darren is a wealth of knowledge about the flowering times, habit and variety of indigenous flora. He participated in the founding and development of Knox Environment Centre, and now runs a commercial wholesale nursery supplying plants to councils and government bodies in the East and South East of Melbourne.

This is not a complete list, but the main plants he discussed relevant to the Knox area, and which in discussion might prove to be valuable sources of pollen and nectar. I would love to cross reference this to the out of print, The Honey Flora of Victoria by FR Beuhne. I have uploaded a copy from Cornell Uni to the files section. However the booklet I accessed at the State Library of Victoria included flowering times at the rear (I thought). I will have to have another look when I am next at the library. I do go in on a monthly basis to do research, so I will check this.

### **Large Trees**

Eucalyptus Melliodora - Yellow Box Burwood highway, front of FTG Library

Eucalyptus Polyanthemos - Red box - examples at Blamey Creek Reserve, warrantee, Doncaster, Manningham

[http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=4604](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=4604)

Eucalyptus Radiata ssp. Radiata - Narrow leaf peppermint, along Dandenong creek at Dandenong police paddocks reserve

[http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=4602](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=4602)

E. cinerea ssp. cephalocarpa - Silver leaf stringybark, mountain gate, Rowville, Wantirna

[http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=5177](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=5177)

Eucalyptus obliqua - Messmate

<http://www.heathmonthoney.com.au/products/Info-Messmate.htm>

Eucalyptus Macrorhyncha - Red stringy bark

<http://www.heathmonthoney.com.au/products/Info-RedStringybark.htm>

Eucalyptus camaldulensis - River Red Gums

Remnant populations at Karoo Rd Rowville (around Waterford Lakes?) and downstream of Brady Rd on the Dandenong Creek

<https://www.csiro.au/en/News/News-releases/2014/River-red-gum-more-than-just-a-tree>

### **Middle storey trees**

Melaleuca Ericifolia - Swamp Paperbark

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Middle\\_Storey/Trees\\_3-25m/Melaleuca\\_ericifolia](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Middle_Storey/Trees_3-25m/Melaleuca_ericifolia)

## **Middle Storey shrubs**

Leptospermum lanigerum - Woolly Tea-tree

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Middle\\_Storey/Shrubs\\_1\\_12m\\_-10m/Leptospermum\\_lanigerum](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Middle_Storey/Shrubs_1_12m_-10m/Leptospermum_lanigerum)

Kunzea ericoides - White tea tree - [http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=4597](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=4597)

Banksia Marginata. Protaceae, Very phosphorus sensitive. Local flowers are about 10-15cm and golden yellow. Flowering gangbusters in June/July. [http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page\\_Id=4570](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=4570)

Hakea Nodosa - Yellow Hakea

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Middle\\_Storey/Shrubs\\_1\\_12m\\_-10m/Hakea\\_nodosa](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Middle_Storey/Shrubs_1_12m_-10m/Hakea_nodosa)

Hakea Decurrens - Bushny needlewood, spiny plant.

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Hakea ulicina - furze hakea

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Hakea teretifolia - dagger hakea

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hakea\\_teretifolia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hakea_teretifolia)  
<https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/a56fa4e7-d810-4f81-b64f-3dd8c73bef4f>

Leptospermum Scoparium - Broom tea tree. Used to be called L. Juniperinum. Obligatory seed reproduction. A bit fickle to grow.

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Leptospermum Continentale (Lignotuber) - prickly tea tree.

Very useful as a local garden plant very hardy, quite prickly. Spring flowering.

Good alternative to Epacris Impressa which is a bit hard to grow, expensive and fickle.

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Middle\\_Storey/Shrubs\\_1\\_12m\\_-10m/Leptospermum\\_continentale](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Middle_Storey/Shrubs_1_12m_-10m/Leptospermum_continentale)

## **Small shrubs and groundcovers**

Brachyscome multifida - good for other and native pollinators.

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Lower\\_Storey/Herbs\\_and\\_Groundcovers\\_1m/Brachyscome\\_multifida](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Lower_Storey/Herbs_and_Groundcovers_1m/Brachyscome_multifida)

Grevillea Alpina - Mountain Grevillea, Cats Claw - our only local grevillea

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Lower\\_Storey/Shrubs\\_to\\_2m/Grevillea\\_alpina\\_Southern\\_Hills\\_form](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Lower_Storey/Shrubs_to_2m/Grevillea_alpina_Southern_Hills_form)

Hardenbergia Violaceae - Purple coral pea

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Middle\\_Storey/Climbers\\_and\\_creepers/Hardenbergia\\_violacea](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Middle_Storey/Climbers_and_creepers/Hardenbergia_violacea)

Kennedia Prostrata - Running Postman - Morris Reserve on Harris street had an ecological burn 5 to 6 weeks ago. A whole range of locally absent plants have regenerated including Running Postman.  
[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Lower\\_Storey/Herbs\\_and\\_Groundcovers\\_1m/Kennedia\\_prostrata](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Lower_Storey/Herbs_and_Groundcovers_1m/Kennedia_prostrata)

Westringia ?

Myoporum parvifolium - Creeping Boobialla. Coarse leaf form is very hardy, used as a ground cover, full sun to part shade, cascades over rocks and slopes.

[http://vro.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/vrosite.nsf/pages/water\\_sss\\_creeping\\_boobialla](http://vro.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/vrosite.nsf/pages/water_sss_creeping_boobialla)

Prostanthera with white flowers, local?

Dianella Amoena - Matted Flax-lily

Nationally endangered, blue banded bees pollinate.

[http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees\\_Vegetation/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Plant\\_Directory/Yarra\\_Ranges\\_Local\\_Plant\\_Directory/Lower\\_Storey/Lilies\\_and\\_Irises/Dianella\\_amoena](http://fe.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Residents/Trees_Vegetation/Yarra_Ranges_Plant_Directory/Yarra_Ranges_Local_Plant_Directory/Lower_Storey/Lilies_and_Irises/Dianella_amoena)

### **Sources**

KES

Southern Dandenong Community Nursery

Candlebark Community nursery

Karwarra Australian Plant Garden

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