

Newsletter

28 November 2018

KEEP UNITED! - Always remember –

“I am a Landowner of the Upper Yarra” and “We Will Never Give In”

From our first meeting at the Wesburn SES site when our Group – The Yarra Waterways Group was formed to stand up for our rights and the rights of our community, to protect our families and our community, to allow our families and our community to continue our agricultural or horticultural businesses, to allow our families and community the privilege of keeping our patch of a waterways free from weeds and in a safe low fire risk state.

Until our goals are met, we will continue to fight the unfair and unaccountable actions of DELWP and the other Government Departments trying to lock up our waterways and increase the National Parks/State Forests thus increasing our risk of major bushfire – as we seen in the Black Saturday Bushfires.

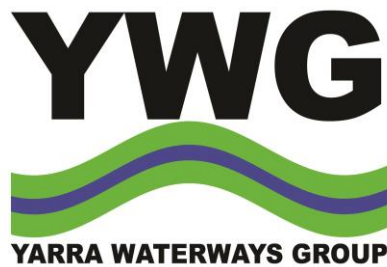
It is a basic human right to bring our future generation into a safe, prosperous and healthy community. **Stand together and we will achieve.**

A word of warning

There have been instances of Melbourne Water representatives approaching landowners requesting a property visit to check out the waterways. These people have no right to pass through your property and you can say no. If this happens, we strongly recommend you contact one of the members listed below** to be present to insure you are not manipulated. This is another attempt to separate us as a united whole. This is a very important step in our campaign. Melbourne Water is currently doing ‘clean ups’ of targeted weeds along the Little Yarra and other waterways. Don’t be ‘sweet talked’ into signing an agreement with them. ***If you take up the deal on offer you can bet it won’t be the best deal possible.***

Reminder

If you have a neighbour who is not a member of the YWG please approach them with an invitation to join our Group. They can do that via our website or by contacting one of our Committee Members. The more members we have the more influence we have!



Signs

Anyone wishing to have one of the **fence signs** put up please contact us – we have signs waiting. Again, the more signs along the roads the more community disapproval is evident.

Fire Season

For anyone who hasn't noticed ***Fire Season is upon us*** – this rain will increase the vegetation which will dry out of the coming months. If you haven't already done so clean up around your property. Burning off restrictions are now in force so a trip to the tip maybe necessary. (You may need to take out a 2nd Mortgage to cover the tip fees!!)

On a serious note, it is ***10 years since the horrific Black Saturday Fires*** and the fuel loads have steadily built up around our Valley. With the less than prescribed controlled burn offs, the current vegetation as well as the mess in the YCA has landed us in a vulnerable environment.

Online

We frequently update our website www.ywg.com.au

We have a Facebook page, which will direct you to our web page

<https://www.facebook.com/yarra.waterways>

Conclusion

The unjust part is the Government and Yarra Ranges Council will not listen to us as individuals – that is why we need to stand together.

Stand tall, stand united, stand up for our group and our community – stand against this environmental, green disaster just waiting to happen.