

Growing indigenous gardens in fire prone landscapes

Join the **Southern Otway Landcare Network** as they partner with the community to learn how to grow a domestic indigenous garden in a fire prone landscape. This workshop will also focus on the revegetation of a plot of land at McRae Street and support community volunteers to apply the learnings to beautify a public space. These sessions will be led by Brad Ferrier who has 30 years experience as a nurseryman, landscape designer and revegetation contractor. He has a keen interest in native flora and fauna and has taught botany and sustainable landscape design at RMIT and Swinburne. There is nothing in the natural world that he's not interested in or curious about.

Saturday 11 November, BBQ Shed, Harrington Reserve Wye River 10.30am– 2.00pm

Morning session 10.30am – 12.00pm

Indigenous gardens in fire prone landscapes

This session will talk about how you can plan and manage an indigenous garden when you are living with the threat of fire.

Discussions will include:

- the response of vegetation to fire
- choosing species
- managing your plants to create a safe and enjoyable garden

Afternoon Session 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Ongoing management of McRae Street public land

Brad will work with participants to design an approach to the revegetation of the property that will demonstrate different approaches to managing native vegetation in fire prone landscapes.

The result will be a plan that will inform Landcare's planting of the site in Winter 2018.

Lunch 12.00 – 1.00 Lunch will be provided where we will join Brad on a plant identification walk through areas of post fire regeneration

This a free event. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Libby Riches, libby.landcare@soln.org or 5237 6904

The management and revegetation of the McRae Street block is supported by the Southern Otway Landcare Network and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority



Living in a fire prone landscape doesn't mean your garden can't be beautiful