

President's Note

Another financial year and the associated weed work funded by our partner agencies is now done and dusted.

Things are getting tighter with funding after many of our partners were asked by the State to trim their budgets, but the work continues (albeit with a lot more paperwork!).

Keen to reach out to you, the local community, in other ways (not focused on weeds!), MEPA is currently looking for new blood - someone who might like to take a lead in developing some community activity around different points of interest. Food growing, gardening with natives, bird watching/monitoring, other wildlife activities . . . the field is wide open, with some seed funding available for meetings, catering and speakers.

Anyone interested should get in touch. We'd love to find ways to broaden out to more members of our wonderful local community.

Dominic Hyde

Come along to the
MEPA AGM
on Saturday 26 October,
at 11 am
at Mt Nebo Hall

Gardening in the Mountains

Geitonoplesium cymosum (Scrambling Lily)

This plant is found along rainforest edges. It has a twining growth habit and glossy green leaves 10 cm x 25 mm with a prominent mid-rib.

Other identifying features are the:

Fruit, small globular blue-black berries

Flowers, pendulous, star shaped and greenish-white. (Spring-Summer). Wiry stems

Leaves, alternate, shiny lance-shaped.



The Scrambling Lily is quite a useful plant in the garden as it is a gentle climber that doesn't take over. It can be cut back if necessary and the strong stems used for basket weaving. Also, the new growth tips are edible and can be added to salads etc. Why not try several plants on a trellis in the veg patch? However, they will probably need a partly shaded position with adequate water. In Spring, an added bonus is the pretty, greenish white flowers which appear in forks of the upper leaves.

Plants are often available from
Greening Australia (The Gap)
or Kumbartcho (Eaton's Hill).

Wendy Lees

A Good Story

Hooray for Adrian Sheppard of Bellbird Cottage. He's turned up as a new citizen and done what we've been trying to get someone to do for years.

What has he done?

He's got rid of the extremely large Chinese elm that until now grew up and over the roof of his house. Being a Chinese elm – a plant equivalent of the Cane toad – it has, over the years, produced a large number of off-spring that have spread across the district from neighbours near and far to the National Park.

No amount of persuasion from various members of the Mt Nebo community has previously managed to convince former owners to remove it until Adrian arrived and Bingo the Chinese elm and a number of it's descendants large and small have gone.

Great. Now we can all set about repairing the damage done knowing there won't be another crop of young ones next year.

By the way, there are a few more around the mountains that could do with meeting the same fate for the good of the world around us.

Maggie Scattini

Dear Resident

MEPA is your local non-profit environment group. With your help and support, we undertake volunteer on-ground activities to protect our local environment.

HELP US HELP YOU HELP OUR LOCAL AREA!

We offer the following services:

“Do Your Block” (free on-site advice to residents including weed identification, native plant identification, and advice on weed control and bush-friendly planting)

“Ask MEPA” (an email service where we do our best to answer relevant questions you may have – email: askmepa@yahoo.com.au)

Our focus continues to be the protection of our outstanding native flora and fauna. (We are now in the eighth year of our weed management project in the power and road corridors from The Gap, past Mt Glorious, to Wivenhoe Outlook - with funding partners MBRC, BCC, SEQC, DMR, Powerlink, Energex, Telstra and QPWS.)

For all this we need your support. Membership numbers count.

Please see the membership form opposite for details on how to join and pay.

Thank you
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Mt Nebo & Mt Glorious Environment
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MEMBERSHIP 2013 – 2014
\$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family

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To join:

1. Post this form & payment to PO Box 29; or
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BSB No.: 064145 Account Number: 00903153
Account Name: MEPA

Please also make sure you enter *your* name so that it will appear on the account statement.