



**VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENT FRIENDS NETWORK
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE YARRA RIVERKEEPER ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO:**

***BUILDING PARTNERSHIP CAPACITY WITH FRIENDS GROUPS: STORIES FROM
THE YARRA CATCHMENT***

**SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018 10 AM -4:30 PM (registration from 9:30)
LILYDALE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE (7 Hardy St, Lilydale VIC, 3140)**

This Forum provides opportunities for Friends Groups and public agencies to build relationships, network, better understand each other's needs and resources, and hear how to secure funding. Examples will be provided from the Yarra Catchment, but will be useful for any Friends group or agency staff working with Friends groups. The seminar will feature:

- Case studies of Friends Groups, including getting started, resourcing and partnering
- Agencies discussing resource opportunities and how to obtain them
- A panel of Funding Organisations
- Opportunities to network with agencies and Friends group members

We encourage members of Friends groups from throughout Victoria and Agency staff who work with Friends groups to attend. Together, we can better care for our environment.

Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea will be provided. The cost is free.

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL AT Eventbrite: <https://partnershipwithfriends.eventbrite.com.au>

For further information email parker.roger@bigpond.com, or mumawlaura@gmail.com



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DATE AND TIME Saturday 17 March 2018
Registration from 9.30 am
Running time: 10 am to 4.30 pm

LOCATION: Lilydale Senior Citizens Centre
7 Hardy Street
Lilydale, Vic 3140

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FORMAT: Following the keynote speakers there will be four panel sessions - short presentation followed by Q & A.

People who could benefit: Members of Friends Groups from throughout Victoria. Staff from Government Agencies and Councils who work with Friends Groups or work in areas consistent with the aims of Friends Groups, eg DELWP, Parks Vic, CMAs, Melbourne Water, Councils, Regional Municipal Network Biodiversity / community engagement officers.

MEALS: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. If you have any dietary requirements, contact Roger Parker or Laura Mumaw at email address below.

COST: Free but registration is essential. Numbers are restricted so book early.

FURTHER
INFORMATION: Contact:
Roger Parker: mobile 0414 381 416 **email:** parker.roger@bigpond.com

Or after 15 February:
Laura Mumaw **email:** laura.mumaw@rmit.edu.au

TRANSPORT: The venue is within walking distance of Lilydale Station.

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PROGRAMME

10.00 am	Welcome	Paul Strickland, Convenor of VEFN Andrew Kelly, Yarra Riverkeeper
	Welcome to Country	
10.30 am	Keynote Speaker:	Kirsteen Thomson, Greenspace Scotland Partnerships – Experience in Scotland
11.00 am	Morning Tea	
11.15 am	Working with Agencies	Moderator: Paul Strickland Panel: Tony Varcoe, Parks Victoria Gavan O’Neil, Melbourne Water Rod Taylor, DELWP
12.15 pm	Lunch	
1.00 pm	Keynote Speaker	Lily D’Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change & Minister for Suburban Development
1.30 pm	Friends Group Experience	Moderator: Andrew Kelly Panel: Janet Bolitho, Friends of Westgate Park David Moncrieff, Friends of Glenfern Valley Bushland Alan Clayton, Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater
2.25 pm	Working with Local Government	Moderator: Laura Mumaw Panel: Nadine Gaskell, City of Knox Amanda Stone, City of Yarra Mike Clarke/Jen Ellison, Yarra Ranges Council
3.20 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.35 pm	Funding Opportunities	Moderator: Stephen Derrick Panel: Beth Mellick, Wettenhall Environment Trust Lee-Anne Bradley, Helen McPherson Smith Trust Ann McGregor, Friends of Merri Creek
4.30 pm	Wrap up and End	Paul Strickland, Convenor of VEFN