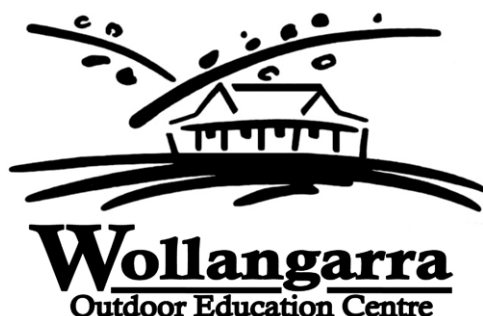


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A FRUITFUL SUMMER

A year has swung around since our first newsletter – and it feels good to be going through the annual cycle for the second time now. The fires were all relatively distant this summer, so while the heat-waves were just as intense as elsewhere, things have rolled on pretty smoothly. Many swims were had along the way in a Macalister steadily shrinking through summer and into autumn. The bush so dry, yet lively with regrowth and animals.

There was still more than enough water for the gardens and fruit-trees – the harvests have been delicious and impressive! The new staff crew have been settling in happily while they get trained up. The year's first courses have been great too, and fruitbottling was a top event.

‘COOOO-EEEE!!!

Grub's up, folks – tuck in! And after that, there are loads and loads of fantastic tasks to get going with...

Wollangarra has been created, as you most likely know, by the generous efforts of quite literally hundreds and thousands of volunteers and young course participants. The place is at its best when giving people a tangible sense of purpose. From carting materials to cutting tracks, from constructing to planting, from cooking to washing up – Wollangarra has only gotten this far because of a culture of lending a hand. Now, we're putting out a nice loud Coo-ee for the next big heave.

We've written in the past year about how moving it is to witness and be a part of the genuine grass-roots enthusiasm that is the beating heart of this place. This most vital of organs is clearly healthy and strong. Shout-outs to everyone and anyone who's participated in keeping the Wollangarra dream very much alive!

Past floods and fires have taken their toll on Woll and required collective efforts to be redoubled. Yet, in the absence of a dramatic threat, I'd suggest that the fullest capacity of Wollangarra's broad community of supporters hasn't truly been tested.

As such, we'd like to challenge everyone reading this – and anyone else who cares, as well – to collectively stir this grass-roots-heart to a faster beat with a great surge of action. We passionately believe that there is phenomenal potential in the people, the programs, and the place that we call Wollangarra – especially if we can make fuller use of our collective capacity. Woll is surely even more important now, in 2014, than it ever has been.

For all the great work of the past 25 years, so many things could be improved on – and really should be if we're going to be confident of Wollangarra continuing to thrive in years ahead. Rather than waiting until a calamity occurs then jumping in to fix it, we can work together now to ensure the place is both as resilient and as adaptable as possible. Prevention before the cure, as the old adage says!

On the ground at Woll what we want most of all is a steady stream of helpers. Help on courses, to be sure, but also around the property. If your heart is still in it but life has somewhat overtaken you – if visiting Woll even for a cuppa seems too hard to fit in – then perhaps you can support with donations and the always important task of spreading the word. Read on through to page 9 for all the different ways that we'd love contributions.

Read on to hear of the four incredible people joining Amy, Clare and myself on the Wollangarra crew this year. They are passionate, brave, hardworking – altogether an awesome bunch...

Cheers – Raku Pitt, Wollangarra co-director

Introducing: the Staff Team of 2014

JOSEPH BIRKHEAD

Starting here at the end of last year, Joseph has been at Wollangarra just a little longer than the other staff, and at 6-foot-5 or so, he's just a little bigger than any of us as well!

Joseph's path to Woll seems like a natural one. He's had a life-long love of nature and especially birds (as a young boy on a birdwatching walk, his father remembers, he was first among the whole group of twitchers to spot a particularly rare species.) Growing up in Albury, he loved Environmental Science at school, studied it at uni and did his honours project on water-birds. Since then he has trained as a teacher, but his jobs in casual relief teaching left him wanting to get outside and into nature. Enter Woll!

Joe's knowledge and sharp perceptiveness is awesome to have around: you can count on him to identify a bird by its song (or its 'jis'); to stop for a second look and see something others have missed – and if he doesn't know an answer, to pursue it until his curiosity is satisfied.

You can also count on him to finish off the last of any meal, and to point out during any conversation, "Oh, there's a song about that!" After a brief apprenticeship under Leo last year, Joe's taken on the toilets with some enthusiasm. With even more enthusiasm, he's acquired a new rooster for the chook flock and fast become an attentive shepherd to the sheep and Bollinger.

Favourite bird? Tough call – maybe the White-Browed Babbler. Welcome Joe!

–Tom



LAURA HOGAN

Laura is the most recent staff member to join the Woll team and while she is the last, she is certainly not the least! Her training and experiences make her ideally united to Wollangarra. Before Woll Laura lived in Canberra, completing a Bachelor of Development Studies at ANU. She is passionate about tackling issues of inequality in the world as reflected not only by her university studies but also by her diversity of experiences. She has hiked for three months across Western Australia in support of local Aboriginal opposition to nuclear power and uranium mines – before going on to organise the logistics for the walk the following year.

As well as working for broad causes she has helped to make the lives of individuals better: working as an advocate for kids in foster care and helping them gain the skills to advocate for themselves. Laura approaches life with boundless enthusiasm and energy! This is apparent no matter what she is doing- whether mopping the floor or conquering Mount Howitt. It is clearly evident in her vegie gardening (one of her job areas at Woll) from collecting sheep manure for fertiliser in her spare time, or offering the tomato plants words of encouragement! I look forward to working with Laura and being energised by her very presence!

–Joseph

MEGAN COX

Chile, Cambodia, Canada, Kinder...Meg has lived and worked all around the world. Hailing from the UK, Meg is a true adventurer, not afraid of trying something new, while also upholding the reputation of Britain by being a keen tea drinker (and hinting she can be “a right grump in the morning without a cup o tea”).

Meg has WWOOFed in South America – setting up a tree propagation nursery in Chile and volunteering at the Andean Amazonian Centre for Permaculture, worked as an Ecology Consultant in the UK and a Forest Ecology Program in Cambodia (... “we did good work, and we got to live in the forest!!!”).

Her curiosity and love of the outdoors is evident, but it took her 20 years to think – “this is Ecology!”. An ecologist at heart and in practice, Meg is excited by “getting kids from the second-largest city in Australia out to the bush – Australia is a treasure for ecologists!” She visited Woll with the intention of staying a day, and ended up staying the week!

Been known to sing “Tilly Tilly Tilly” to the tune of ABBA’s “Money Money Money”, Meg can often be spotted frolicking in the paddocks with Tilly-dog, or if you can’t find her there, try the river – she’s been known to spend 2 hours (literally) watching a water dragon.

One of the things she likes about Woll is that it’s “no frills...but nicer than that – it’s straight down to earth”, and one of the things we love about Meg is her passion, straight up honesty and joy in the little things (not to mention her creative joyful lyricism)!

–Laura

Fun quotes of Meg:

“It’s just gone tits up!” (= All gone wrong)

“It was pants” (= It was bad)

“In England we call them ‘strimmers’, but ‘whippersnipper’ has got to be the best word ever!”

“I’d do one” (= I would leave)

“My dogs are barking” (= my feet hurt)



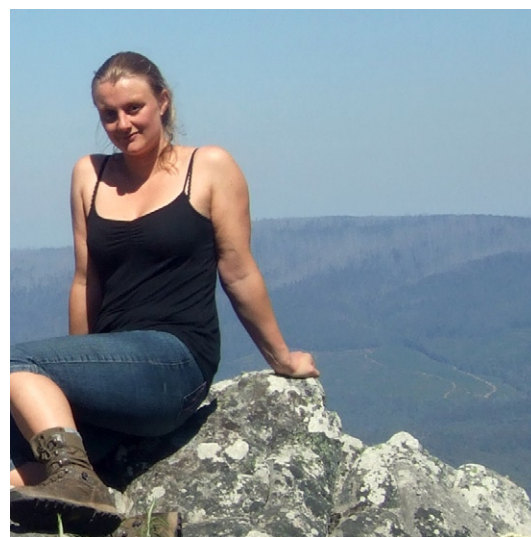
TOM STEYNER

Born and raised in Armadale NSW, after year 12 Tom travelled for a few years, living and working in Canada (where he has family roots) and trekking in India. Tom undertook and completed a combined arts and science honours degree in development studies with psychology and neuroscience at ANU.

Tom is passionate about the environment and is a keen campaigner for climate change and related issues. Tom has dedicated a lot of his time to working on community projects such as the Canberra Student Housing Cooperative.

Tom is a wicked dancer whose shapes on (and off) the dancefloor are legendary. A source close to Tom described him as energetic, selfless and an uninhibited free spirit. Cool, calm and collected Mr Stayner is always ready with a joke and a helping hand. Woll is lucky to have him!

–Megan



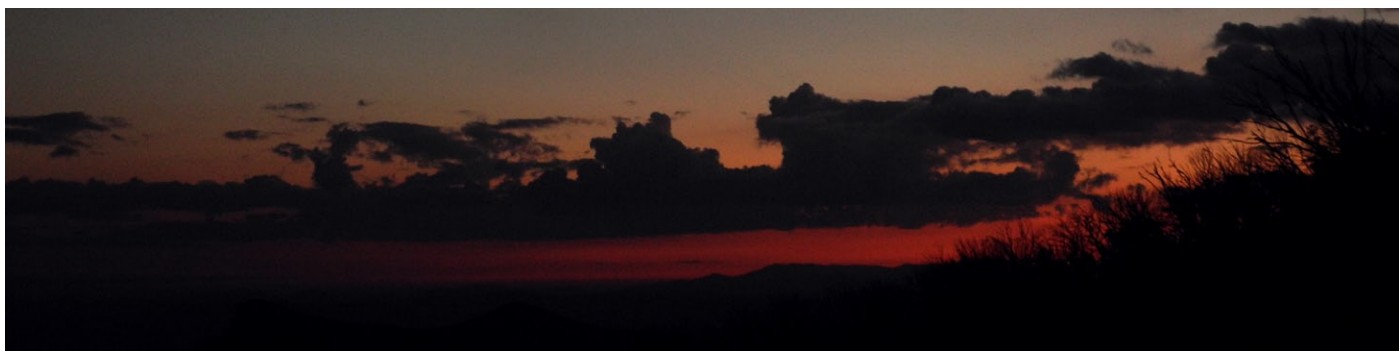
Staff Hikes

New staff have been busy with reconnaissance walks and navigation training over the past month. While none had previously been familiar with this particular neck of the woods, it turns out that Laura's grandfather helped out with building Guy's Hut back in the day! Plenty of ground has been covered, with some awesome scenery – and a whole lot of fun – along the way...

Dusk at the Devil's Staircase

*Last night I floated on the outstretched arm of the mountain
Looked out to the deep pink orange glow of the silhouette
And looked down into deep treed crevasses
Already dark from the shadows of the mountains curves
My feet floated and I felt light*

Anon.



Holiday Stages – put out the word!

HOLIDAY STAGE ONE

Places are currently available on our 5-day holiday program for any keen 13-17 year old

- Meet new people
- Have an incredible time
- Try out bushwalking and camping
- Spend time on a beautiful working property while staying in our rustic pioneer-style homestead
- Take a break from phones and computers and experience lifestyle without electricity
- All hiking and camping equipment supplied
- All food and accommodation included
- All transport costs covered from the pick-up point (Heyfield) and back

The dates for this year are: **7th–11th April** | **30th June–4th July** | **22nd–26th September**

The cost is **only \$170** for the 5 days. If you know of a likely candidate, then please let them know!

STAGE TWO FOLLOW UP PROGRAMS

Been to Wollangarra before and keen to return? Yippee! Get into some hands-on practical conservation projects, help us out at Woll, get away from technology for a week, all while spending time with friends. Call now to secure a spot –forms online. Get your other Wollangarra friends involved too!

13th–18th April | **6th–11th July** | **28th September–3rd October** | **14th–19th December**



January Stage I & II

It was the 2nd week of the year and would be remembered as the week the sun parked itself beside Victoria. Young people came from far and wide and we all gathered in Heyfield for the obligatory chip sandwich. After a catch up with old mates and the meeting of new it was into the vehicles and North-bound to Woll.



The week ahead was discussed, bags packed, tools cleaned & sharpened then the call of “swim time!” These 2 words would ring out more than any other over the next 5 days through the mountain flats, valleys and gorges.

Stage I this year was led by Bushy Dan and Georgia Booth (getting some work experience). They would travel up to Muttonwood camp and walk, explore & swim along the Wellington River. Stage II was led by Conrad and Liz and headed up to Red Bluff camp on the Wellington. Their project was to open up and mark the early stages of the historic McMillans walking track from the Tamboritha Rd at Breakfast Creek.

It was a fantastic week with lots of exploring, rock hopping, games and swimming by the Stage I's, and an impressive start made on McMillans by the Stage II's as well as exploring, a night walk and lots of swimming. Both groups met up Wednesday arvo and the groups combined resources for the next couple of days which led to some looong games of Mafia! Thursday lunchtime we all headed to Licola for lunch beside the Macalister and another swim on our way back to ‘the flat’ to get ready for Fruit Bottling.

January in the mountains can be a wild and unforgiving time weather-wise and this year it lived up to that. Well done to all involved and for volunteering/signing up to a week away in the great outdoors and making it another truly special week of meeting new and exciting people.

—Conrad McKee



Around The Flat

The new Wollangarra staff have been busy training and settling into life on the flat. The heat was on immediately upon arrival... with a series of intense heatwaves driving them to the cool murky depths of the Macalister. The conditions tested staff and local lyrebirds alike – with some of these usually shy critters seen bathing in the river shallows. Other wildlife drawn to the oasis of Woll have included lace monitors (including one in the roof!), water dragons, brown snakes, fruit bats, king parrots, and the usual band of satin bowerbirds raiding the fruit trees. Fruit was abundant this year despite losses to wildlife and the scorching sun! The heat (plus sprinklers) encouraged prolific growth in the vegie garden with: corn, beans, silverbeet, tomatoes and a growing fleet of giant zucchinis! The conditions have also lead to luscious weed growth and a constant battle for garden space.

Work on the outdoor kitchen continues... with loads of bricks foxed over during fruit bottling, allowing more of the back verandah to be paved. We have begun bringing floor boards over and de-nailing them ready to be put into place.

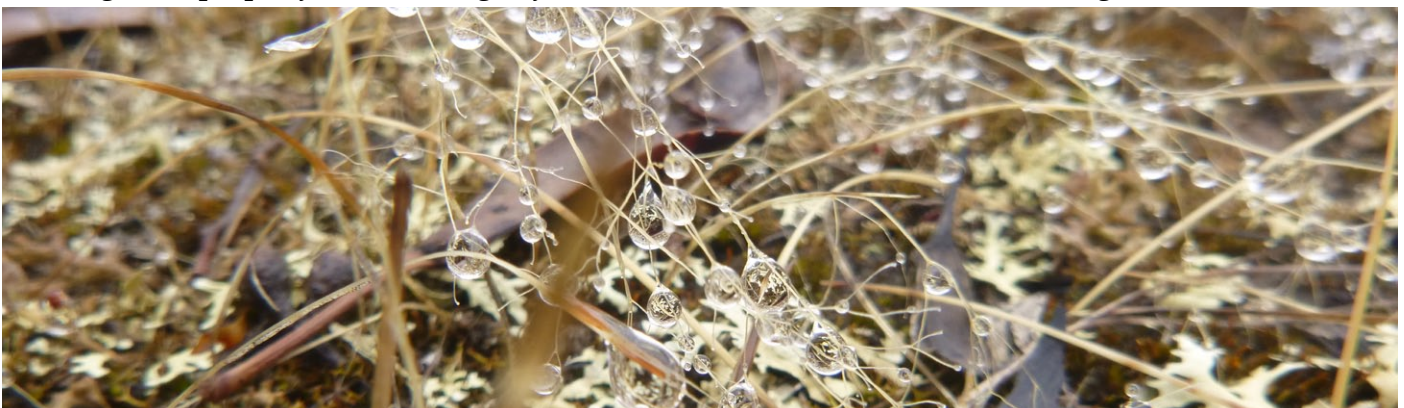
In other news we have a new rooster, Christopher. He is only a young fellow originating from the far away forests of Typo Station. He is settling in well despite finding the Woll hens a bit of a handfull and at times seeking refuge in the nesting boxes. We have great hopes for him, and the year ahead, and look forward to starting courses and meeting the entire Woll community.

–Joseph



Habitat Hectare Surveys

6-9th April, as part of Wollangarra's Environmental Management Plan. We'll be doing some ecological surveying to look at the condition that the bush is in at Woll, using the national standard for ecological vegetation classifications. These will give benchmarks to plan and measure the ongoing conservation of Wollangarra's property. Come along if you'd like to see how it's done and have a go! *Thanks, Meg*



Fruit Bottling



My life as a Woll plum.

*My life at Woll began many moons ago,
Planted in the orchard, here I was to grow.
Despite droughts, fires and floods close by,
I kept on growing strong and steady towards the sky.*

*The recent season was tough with little rain indeed.
The sheep made me nervous – eying me off for feed!*

*My glory day came! I was picked, chopped and jarred,
People came from near and far and worked really hard,
I was fired, cooled, labeled and stacked.
All ready for when the hiking packs are packed!*

*Who's got the jam? Hungry stomachs I will fill,
Enjoyed on crackers by many hikers on many a hill
Thank you to all involved in the fruit bottling hype
See you again next year when my friends are ripe!*

Anon.

Thanks so much to all who joined in on a very enjoyable and hugely productive week-end of preserving, with roof-painting and a bunch of other jobs knocked off while there were extra hands on deck. Fantastic meals and entertainment too, and we've been delighting in the delicious bottled goodies ever since!



Calendar Dates

April 2014	Alpine Walk fundraising expedition – see page 10 for details
6 th –9 th April	Habitat Hectare Surveys – around the Wollangarra property
7 th –11 th April	Stage I – ‘Meeting the Mountains’ open school-holiday course
13 th –18 th April	Stage II – ‘Giving Back to the Mountains’ –practical conservation
25 th -27 th April	Anzac Long Weekend Work Party – Bring your family & friends!
29 th April-1 st May	Habitat Hectare Surveys – around the Wollangarra property
7 th -9 th June	Woodchop work PARTY
28 th June	The Hop – huge combined fundraising dance night in Melbourne

Tale of Two Tables



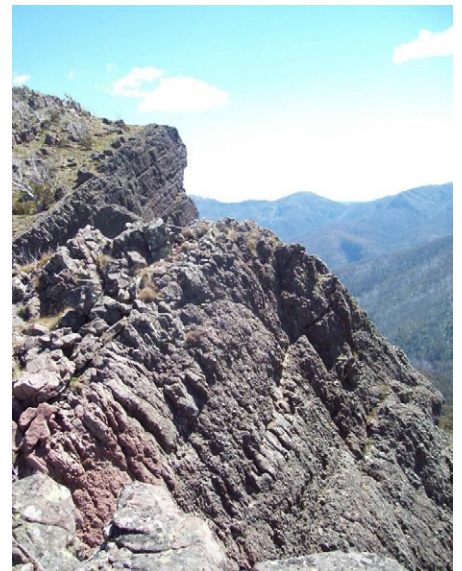
On the 29th of November 2013, 10 members of the Wollangarra community gathered at Southern Cross train station. The excitement and nerves were tangible as we were about to embark on a mission that had never been attempted or completed before. The Mittagundi kitchen table was the beginning point, and 19 days later the Wollangarra kitchen table was our destination.

The day before we left, Ian Stapleton visited us at Mittagundi and had us so entertained by his stories that we almost forgot that we had to walk the next day! He also gave us some great tips and advice and then provided our first food drop, which we were incredibly grateful to see!

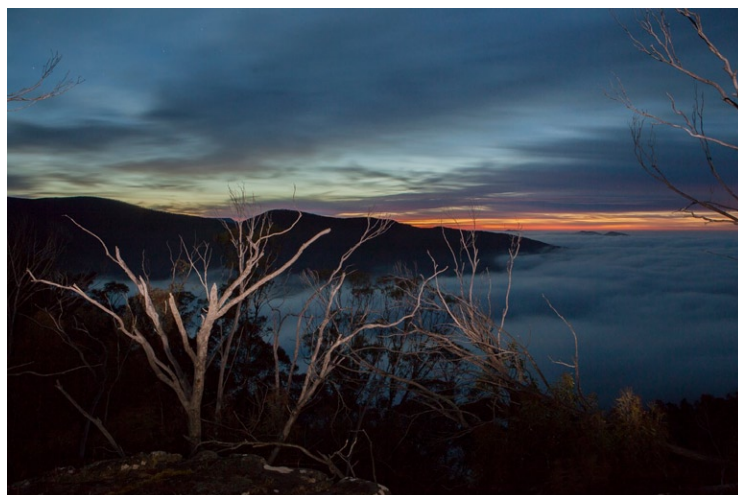
We left Mittagundi on the 1st of December and began our adventure by going up Track 107 towards Fitzgerald's Hut. Despite broken boots, lost lunch and some jumping-jack bites we managed to survive day one – this was when it began to dawn on us what this journey would entail and just how big it was going to be.

We went through blisters by the plenty, rolls and rolls of sports tape, thousands of litres of water (drank, sweated, and swam in) delicious re-hydrated dinners, hundreds of miles of rain, snow, hail, and 40+ degree days. The views that we saw were indescribable and the puns that were suffered through were uncountable; all felt the extremes in emotions, from hysteria to exhilaration, yet we would not change a thing. Except, maybe our scroggan! So much scroggan! By the end, we couldn't pay anyone to eat it!

With each morning came another bowl of porridge, delicious porridge, and by a few days in it was so delicious that people who began the trip by gagging at the thought of it were lining up for seconds! Although, like most things, after about 10 days we were all desperate for a change and luckily for us that came in the form of Wayne McCallum, who brought us our 3rd food drop and stayed for the rest day – we woke up to our rest day with the smell of hash browns and bacon cooking on the fire! We couldn't believe our luck! Especially after he had inspired us with poetry and songs and had cooked us a roast lamb the night before!



As might be becoming quite clear, food was the most discussed topic in the 19 days, and when Charlie Wojinski and his father-in-law Ray turned up with our 2nd food drop along with delicious jam scrolls and fresh white bread and butter we were over the moon! However, it must be said, you'd be hard pressed to find a desert as incredible as Margaret Beckett's delicious Plum Pudding and Beth Higgins' custard. This walk could not have been possible without the amazing support of countless people and so to all that helped in any way, from delivering a food drop to just having a chat and offering some friendly advice, to the staff at Mittagundi and Wollangarra, to an incredible welcome home at Wollangarra, and of course to Simon and Josie McLachlan who were our incredible support team providing us with weather updates and a nice chat at the end of the day – we are so, so thankful.



This was an epic walk, from the Mitta Mitta to the Macalister, and though we all had times of struggle, days when we hoped for the end, it truly was an unforgettable experience, and we are so privileged to have seen the bush in such a special way. Thanks! From The Tale of Two Tables walkers.

–Dylan

By the way, you can find more great articles in the latest Stage III Newsletter –accessed via the Woll website at:
wollangarra.org.au/newsletter-archive

Come Help Out at Woll!

There are many ways in which you can show your love and appreciation for Wollangarra: here is a list of a few – however we welcome more creative suggestions too! Which can you commit to in 2014?

- **Word of mouth** - One of the biggest is letting your friends, family and other connections know about us – you are our promotions team! By sharing your stories, inviting others to come with you to a work party or an event, getting them to read this newsletter and sign up online, you are ensuring the resilience of the Wollangarra programs and community.
- **Month-long helpers** – for those with lots to offer, a new opportunity to join the staff crew – see below...
- **Course Helpers** – a 5 or 6-day commitment, supporting groups of young people to get out bush
- **Property jobs** – always happy for help, not just at open work parties: with gardening, fencing, track-work to be done and other general maintenance, as well as more substantial building projects such as the Outdoor Kitchen. We'd love to get the outdoor kitchen project completed soon, which will help make programs easier to run, and the homestead more functional. Some of the tasks can be done by anyone with plenty of energy and a desire to learn through doing; others are ideal for those with existing skills, such as plumbing, carpentry or bricklaying. There are some big holes to dig and steel to cart for a new Tussocky Flying Fox; there are timber frameworks to build for enclosing the orchards under netting; trenches and much more to help create a new greywater system.
- **Visitors welcome** – come swim in the river, have a cup of tea and let us know your Wollangarra story. This can do more than you think – connecting to the broader story of Wollangarra is a powerful thing for the team.
- **Practical Conservation** – help with habitat surveys, propagation, weed control, erosion mitigation, etc
- **Fundraising** – hold an event, look out for grants that we can apply for, etc
- **Donate** to the plucky young Alpine Walkers of 2014 – see page 10
- **Sign up** for a modest monthly donation to Wollangarra
- Donate items that appear on the **Wishlist** – see the back page, or check the website for updated requests.



Volunteer Positions

Do you know someone keen to live simply and learn heaps of skills whilst contributing to the worthwhile cause of supporting young people to get out bush and have positive hands-on experiences of the natural environment? OR has always wanted to work at Wollangarra but couldn't fathom life away from mobile phones, internet and various other 'thneeds' for a WHOLE year? Please let them know that Wollangarra is offering exciting month long volunteer opportunities and would love to hear from interested people.

This role is ideal for a wide range of individuals: from outdoor educators seeking exceptional work experience, for travellers looking to contribute meaningfully in exchange for useful life skills, for university students looking for a purposeful way to spend their holidays, for job seekers and anyone interested in increasing their capability in environmental education and hands-on life skills.

This is an opportunity to be rewarded with invaluable work experience and the gaining of friendships, community and an unforgettable experience. Depending on individual skills and in interests, the role will be focused either on the property, or on the three-day hikes. Volunteers stand to learn about a huge range of skill areas, including: facilitating environmental education, catering, veggie gardening, pruning, building, plumbing, animal husbandry, property maintenance, mechanics, fencing, bush crafts and more.

Wollangarra exists, and continues to provide amazing opportunities for hundreds of young people because of people like you helping to spread the word far and wide and providing help and support.

Contact Clare on (03) 5148 0492. More information and forms available on our website.

Quiz

The first person to send in the correct answers to: Wollangarra, Licola, 3858 will receive a sticker in the mail and have their name featured in the next newsletter. (If more than two people enter, then we'll do another quiz next newsletter)

1. Wollangarra's front gate is:
 - a. 34 kms from Licola
 - b. 43 kms from Heyfield
 - c. 34 kms from Traralgon
 - d. 34 kms from Heyfield
2. On a typical Stage I program, participants spend:
 - a. 1 night
 - b. 2 nights
 - c. 3 nights
 - d. 4 nights in the Wollangarra bunk rooms
3. Wollangarra Stage Twos are:
 - a. A great way to meet new friends
 - b. Possibly one of the best weeks of your life
 - c. A great way to keep out of trouble in the school holidays
 - d. A purposeful, practical way to contribute to environment and society
 - e. All of the above
4. Which of these is *not* a current Wollangarra vehicle:
 - a. Wayne
 - b. The White Rocket
 - c. Red
 - d. Jack
5. Which bird *hasn't* been spotted at Woll this year:
 - a. Wonga Pigeons
 - b. Yellow-tailed black cockatoos
 - c. Sea eagle
 - d. Azure Kingfisher
6. Tilly the dog's favourite activity is:
 - a. Eating birds
 - b. Swimming in the Macalister
 - c. Chasing Insects
 - d. Barking at the Postman

Alpine Walk

The Alpine Walk is an eleven day adventure through the Victorian mountains between Mittagundi and Wollangarra. Each year five special young people that have given energy and enthusiasm to Wollangarra are selected to be part of this tradition, joining five from Mittagundi and two leaders.

The young people selected are asked to fundraise and the money that they raise goes towards sponsoring other young people to come to Wollangarra in the future. These young people are incredibly committed to Wollangarra, others and the world around them. They are inspiring, passionate and enthusiastic, and we encourage you, the Wollangarra community to get behind them by attending their fundraising events and donating to the cause. This year Woll is proudly represented by:

Izaac Richards Morgan Roney Fergus O'Donohue Daniel Brady Caitlyn Kirwan



Amy's Quote Corner

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“A non-native awakes in the morning in a body in a bed in a room in a building in a street in a state in a nation. A native awakes in the centre of a little cosmos...and wears this cosmos like a robe, senses the barely perceptible shiftings, migrations, moods and machinations of its creatures. Its growing green things, its earth and sky...I don't think you get native intelligence just by wanting it. But maybe through long intimacy with an intelligent native, or with your native world, you begin to catch it kind of like you catch a cold. It's a cold worth catching.”

–Gus Orviston in The River Why by James David Duncan

“Let laughter be your remedy. Give love as your gift. And learn to live with the simple necessities, that deep within, are all you need.”

- Letter from a 17 year-old student whom I led on a 10-day leadership camp in 2013

“One of the beauties of biology is that it's facts become our metaphors”

– Kenny Ausubel

“Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them.”

- Winnie the Pooh

“Happiness is a habit. Cultivate it.”

– Elbert Hubbard



Anzac Long-Weekend Work-Party

Wollangarra welcomes Work-Party attendees new and old to the river flat for the 24th -27th April.

Come any time from Thursday until Sunday – or even longer if you can! – get your hands dirty, enjoy shared meals September and fire-side catch-ups. Bring your friends and some food – leave your worries (and your dogs) at home. Please call Wollangarra to RSVP – we can help arrange transport, & are happy to field questions.

See you there!

Or perhaps you've got other plans and can't make it then? Well we hope you can plan ahead so that we can see you at the Homestead for Woodchop (7th-9th June) or the Garden Party (13th-14th September) or Open Day (4th October) or the Spring Work Party (8th-9th November) ... or, if all else fails, call us to arrange another time!...



Wishlist

- Candles – large household
- Solid, durable dust-pans and brushes
- Head torches
- Netting for the orchards
- Matches
- Door latch assemblies (old-style)
- Portable Solar Cooker
- Star pickets
- Pillows
- Canoe – 2-person, plastic, either ‘Canadian’ or ‘estuary’ style
- Fencing wire (all types & lengths useful)
- AAA batteries (rechargeable ideal)
- Cement for footings and mortar
- Spare parts for the interior gas lights – especially glass shades
- Encyclopedia Britannica or similar –print edition!
- Waterproof map cases
- Neatsfoot oil
- Heavy-duty dry-bags for safety gear –10L, 15L, 20L

Thankyou to ...

Course Helpers –**Ivan Mort, Tatjana Bunge, Annabelle Nunan, Hamish Macrae, Sara Green, Adrian, Aiden, Dan Abikhair, Paige Dwyer, Meryn Shaw, Lizzy Harding, Conrad McKee**

Conrad McKee and Riss Robins –Table to Table hike

Wayne Foon Parks Victoria –support for St II and III projects

Fruit Bottling –special thanks goes to key helpers running things over the weekend: –**John Brady, Ross and Monica Nitz, Jenni & Brad Woods** (& donations), **Francis, Harm & Lisa Ellens, Lachie Train, Conrad McKee, Hamish Macrae, Geordie McCallum**

Babysitters –**Nadine, Paul & Christine & Tom, the Brady Family, Karen Anderson & Family, Anna & Bill Mezzetti**

Michael Naivasha –babysitting & maintenance

Liam Tremoulet –sodastream

Pete Abikhair –donation

Ash Johnson –building supplies

Dannica Shaw –helmets

Mittagundi –festival hosting and training buddies

Wayne McCallum –fire training

Bev, Wayne and Kirsty McCallum –never-ending hospitality

Woodward Family –birdbook

Bronwen, Ellie and friends –fowlers kit and other donations

Murray Tucker –Swift Water Rescue training

Wytze & Kataline Kylstra –hospitality

WFAA - Loz & Sean –First aid training

Lesley & Fergus O’Donohue, Lucy Kervin-McDermott, Lou King, Josh Tucker –Amazing cooking during first aid training week

Kate Mirrams, Pete Neeves & family –dinners and amazing hospitality

Typo Station – rooster and visit

Gabi and Tomas Moritz – hospitality

Suz Christison & Kate Gilson – Communication Training and hospitality

Ian and Liv – hospitality and stories

Allen and Matt Tucker – chopping down trees

Bob Vincent – Stage Three back up

Vardy Family – hospitality

Colleen Adams – books and other treats

Toby Story – hike and navigation help, treats

Paul Nichol –tow-bar

Des & Trish Sinnott –donations

Glen Cummings –salvaged bricks etc

Heather Kelly & Christa Jacob –munchie bags

Christine Hill –munchie bags, cooking, donations, and so much more...

Paul & Tom Whiley –massive demolition efforts, and building material salvaging plus much more...

David Gover & ASH mill –donation of salvage rights

Lucy Vardy –Stage III summer hike backup

Libby and Steve –hosting Stage III committee training

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