

NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

February 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the festive season behind us, it's time to turn our attention to the year ahead.

The nursery reopens on 1 February. Please let your family and friends know that, despite the roadworks, there is still access to the park and nursery from Kuhls Road.

Our volunteers are often told by the wider community how much their work is appreciated. However, we cannot operate without members who are also willing to serve on the committee. Like so many other voluntary organisations, we always struggle to fill these positions, but without a committee Friends will cease to exist. Currently we are in urgent need of a Secretary. Please do consider stepping up to take your turn on the management team.

Finally, we congratulate Barbara McKenzie, whose book about Peacehaven earned her an award on Australia Day. The Highfields Cultural Award was presented to her by Deputy Mayor Rebecca Vonhoff.

Wendy Geue, President

DON'T LET THE ROADWORKS DISCOURAGE YOU!

The roadworks in Kuhls Road will continue for a while yet, but don't let this discourage you from coming to buy plants at the Peacehaven Native Nursery. Council has guaranteed that access will be maintained.



TAVERN TALKS AND SEMINARS Volunteers needed

Last year, Seminars in the Shed proved very successful, and Tavern Talks were as popular as ever. At this stage, sadly, we can't continue with the seminars unless some members come forward and offer assistance.

The committee will endeavour to keep Tavern Talks running, as this is a crucial link with the outside community; but we would love to hear from you if you can put us in touch with potential speakers. For example, if you attend an equivalent event and are impressed by the speaker, please ask them for their contact details, then tell us at peacehaven3@gmail.com.

FEATURE TREE:

Clausena smyrelliana

If you're looking for an attractive smallish tree to grow in your garden, why not do your bit for conservation and choose one that is endangered?

Clausena smyrelliana grows to about 6 metres tall and has glossy, dark green leaves that are lemon-scented when crushed. It produces bunches of distinctive creamy-white fruit.

A specimen of this tree is flourishing in the park, and the nursery has young plants in stock.



Clausena smyrelliana

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Do come along to the next General Meeting.

Be sure to check beforehand whether access along Kuhls Road is from the Cawdor or Highfields Road end.

Date: Wednesday 21 February

Time: 10 am

Place: Nursery Shed

MUSIC IN THE PARK

As usual at this time of year, an application has been submitted to Progressive Community Crows Nest for funding from Heritage Bank to support our popular Music in the Park events.

If the application is successful, the first event in this year's series will be held in March.

Watch this space for further details.

TAVERN TALK: date claimer

Speaker: Phil Anning

Topic: Native bees in your garden (more details to come in March newsletter)

Date: Thursday 7 March

Time: 6 pm for 7 pm presentation

Place: Highfields Tavern – purchase your own dinner and drinks

RSVP: peacehaven3@gmail.com by Monday 4 March