



Euroa Arboretum

Growing Back the Bush

Euroa Arboretum – Expression of Interest for General Members or Committee Members

If you are interested in becoming a general member or supporter of the Euroa Arboretum, or to join the Euroa Arboretum Committee, please express your interest or seek further information via info@euroaarboretum.com.au

Becoming a member/supporter just means that you publicly support the overarching objectives of the Euroa Arboretum and enables you to receive invitations to attend and participate in any Committee meetings convened.

The Committee also has several formal Office Bearing roles which have specific responsibilities. Role descriptions are provided after the Euroa Arboretum 'Overview' provided below.

Overview of Euroa Arboretum operations and activities

The Euroa Arboretum is a 28-hectare site located on the outskirts of the Euroa township. The Euroa Arboretum is a Not-for-Profit charity with DGR status. It has a Strategic Plan that sets out the role and vision for the Arboretum. It has a volunteer Committee for Euroa Arboretum Incorporated (EAI) that oversees the management requirements of the site as well as project development and delivery of natural resource management priorities in the local area.

The Euroa Arboretum Grounds are a site for public access and relaxation, a showcase for bushland restoration and provide a seed source for restoration work through the grounds and seed production areas. The restoration techniques trialed at the Arboretum assist in best practice restoration techniques developed across the Goulburn Broken Catchment. Bushland restoration services are offered across Victoria but is mostly restricted to the Goulburn Broken catchment. Works can include weed control, site, preparation, planting, sowing, limited pest animal control and chainsaw work.

An indigenous Nursery is operated on the Grounds. Seed collection and cuttings are propagated. The resulting plants are then used internally or sold on a wholesale basis to government agencies and landowners. Support and advice are offered to these clients. In addition, a retail Nursery sells to the general public with the aim of increasing interest in indigenous vegetation and bush restoration.

The Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank (GBIS) is a joint project between the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and Euroa Arboretum. Euroa Arboretum manages and has operational responsibility of the seedbank. The GBIS was formed due to an increasing demand for indigenous seed provision for the large amount of revegetation occurring in the Goulburn Broken Catchment. The long-term goal of the GBIS is to provide genetically robust, diverse seed, adapted to a drying climate. There is a voluntary Committee that oversees the operations of the Seedbank, with representatives from the major partners in the Goulburn Broken Catchment.

Euroa Arboretum seeks to educate the local community – from kinder aged children to adult groups. Programs are targeted – kinder, primary and secondary schools and university groups for specific interests and curricula. Adult education groups range from Gardens for Wildlife – for



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suburban based people and keen gardeners, Healthy Hectares – land management for new and small landholders, cultural heritage and awareness for general community, and a mentoring program to support young and enthusiastic environmental stewards.

Euroa Arboretum provides dedicated land management advice for individuals and groups. Given the unique technical expertise of staff, the Arboretum offers mapping, plant identification, threatened species recovery and advice on advanced land restoration.

Euroa Arboretum Incorporated – Committee Roles

All members are collectively responsible for ensuring that the Euroa Arboretum complies with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* and that the Committee conducts itself in line with Euroa Arboretum's Constitution.

President

The President is the Chairperson for any general or committee meetings held (unless delegated by agreement). They help to ensure that meetings follow the Agenda provided and that discussions occur in a respectful manner.

Vice President

The Vice President fills-in where the President is absent.

Secretary

Performs the duties or functions required under the Act for an Incorporated Association such as monitoring and recording noteworthy internal/external communications, maintain appropriate registers (for example of members), prepares meeting agendas, minutes and managing their distribution.

Treasurer

Has oversight as to monies received by and payments made from Euroa Arboretum. The Treasurer also ensures that financial records are kept in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

General Committee Members

Support the functions of the roles above and are active participants in meetings and vote on matters as required.