

Invitation to help celebrate

Vale Park Our Patch's



Autumn Nature Day

When:	Sunday 3 rd April 2016. 10am - 3pm (BBQ from 12 noon – 2pm, Tastings & other activities all day)
Where:	Willow Bend Reserve, Vale Park near the BBQ's below the carpark. (River Torrens Linear Park reserve south of the Ascot Avenue Road Bridge)
Costs:	Gold coin donation for BBQ. \$2 per scoop of Bush Tucker icecream. Other Tastings FREE. Native Plants and most resources FREE (but donations accepted). Some excellent books for sale, including some at greatly reduced prices.

A very different day, designed to be fun, interesting & rewarding for all our environmental friends & us! Also come & help Heather (15 yrs VPOP Coordinator) celebrate 60 years of interest in our Natural World ^(©). **For catering, please email <u>heatherwhiting@internode.on.net</u> numbers attending & any dietary requirements**.

Come and SHARE ...



- **Our favourite displays of our natural curiosities** & environmental resources (e.g. the scale 'glove' shed by a blue-tongue lizard pictured right).
- The results of 15 yrs research into Aboriginal Uses of our plants. Tastings too! (see below)
 - Plant some grass seeds for us & watch their awns spin like the second hand on a clock!
- **'Lift the flaps'** to discover **"What am I?"**, **"Did you know?"** & **"Believe it or Not!" etc**
- Take home free native plants (some bush tucker), resources, brochures, information.



Come and **FIND** ...

- Our unusual Nature Spotto (by worksheet, phone or camera). After viewing displays, incuding "Who's Poo?", complete the Spotto and be rewarded by a free icecream scoop, Haigh's chocolate or Twirling Bilby. (FYI Spotto photos can be submitted for our VPOP website).
- **Our Waterbugs** (and see how clean the river is!). Either catching & later releasing them at the river's edge (adult supervision of children required) or as prepared under a gazebo.
- "Find the" camouflaged critters! Test your observation skills!



Come and CHAT about SNAPS ... & Come and MAKE ...

- Chat about enjoying Nature Photography, share ideas & see some of our favourite snaps..
- Suggestions for getting identifications of your photos and for keeping track of them.
 - Using your nature snaps, including submitting them for Citizen Science projects/websites.
 - Make nature crafts with Kate!
 - Grind your own wattleseed to take home and make your own wattleseed icecream.



Come and TASTE ...

- Local Bush Tucker: native leaves, fresh fruits, tubers, VPOP-made cakes, muffins, scones, bliss balls, savouries. Some potted locally native plants available for 'grazing'.
- **Commercial Bush Tucker:** We hope to have fresh muntries, dried fruit, fruit leathers, kangaroo smallgoods, kangaroo & emu sausages, BBQ sauces, a variety of jams, iced teas, **icecreams** (x4 at least), toppings, drinks, chocolates, cakes, a cheese and a salad dressing.