

You're invited

Please join us for our 2021 Maroondah Environmental Volunteers Forum

Come together with other representatives from 'Friends of' groups, Committees of Management and environmental volunteers in Maroondah and discover what they are planning in our parks and reserves.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore how you can work together and with Council to care for our local natural environment.

To get the conversation started, special guest speaker Leon Costermans, author of the iconic *Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia*, will share his experiences from the Frankston Environmental Friends Network.

Date: Saturday 24 April

Time: 10am to 4pm (lunch and afternoon tea provided)

Where: Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood

[Book your spot now](#)

Bookings close: Thursday 15 April

For more information please contact
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A bit about guest speaker Leon Costermans

Leon's professional background has been in Science Education, having taught at all levels from Primary School to University. He has worked as a botanist, author and botanical illustrator and has been active in numerous community environmental organisations, including acting in the role of coordinator of the Friends of Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve since its establishment in 1988.

In 1995, the Friends Groups in Frankston municipality formed the Frankston Environmental Friends Network, of which Leon was Coordinator for 12 years. The Network has about 20 affiliated groups, and Leon still represents the Langwarrin Reserve Friends Group. The formation of the Network has resulted in many benefits for its member groups, as well as for the wider Frankston natural environment.

This is a CovidSafe event

As a CovidSafe event, numbers will be restricted, all attendees will need to register online, and contact tracing details will be collected on the day (QR code or sign-in sheet).