

CONFERENCE

Respect **Protect** Reconnect Melbourne's Grassy Plains



IMAGE: VOLCANO DREAMING, INHERIT EARTH

A conference for the community, professionals and all who share an interest in conservation of Melbourne's Grassy Plains.

**Friday 12 October (9am–5pm) &
Saturday 13 October, 2018 (1pm–5pm, lunch 12–1pm)**

Wyndham Council Chambers, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee | Free event – thanks to our sponsors

Presented by the Grassy Plains Network: an alliance of community-based groups and organisations focused on seeking positive ways forward for the conservation of Melbourne's Grassy Plains and ecosystems. The Grassy Plains Network is working in partnership with Naturewest Inc.

The conference will explore the three themes 'Respect, Protect and Reconnect' Melbourne's Grassy Plains.

RESPECT Friday morning

An exploration of the importance and history of Melbourne's Western Grassy Plains:

- Traditional owners from the Wurundjeri Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Aboriginal Corporation and Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative
- Historian and naturalist, Dr Gary Presland author of 'The Place for a Village' on the natural landscape and its role in supporting the development of Melbourne.

PROTECT Friday afternoon

Challenges that face those seeking to conserve and protect the flora, fauna and ecosystems of the Grassy Plains of Melbourne. Species experts, local government managers and advocates share their stories.

Opportunities and programs for protection and conservation in Melbourne's Grassy Plains. This will include state government and land management authorities presenting on programs and future opportunities to protect and conserve the values within the Grassy Plains landscape.

Friday night

We encourage all attendees to support the Friends of Iramoo and Cairnlea Conservation Reserves Committee of Management at their Annual Ecotrivia Night. Williamstown Sailing Club from 7pm (\$20). Details available via our website.

RECONNECT Saturday afternoon

Reconnecting the landscape – a showcase of some local initiatives to re-establish and strengthen ecological connections within the landscape.

People reconnecting with Melbourne's Grassy Plains – a time to focus on initiatives that seek to link people with the landscapes of the Grassy Plains.

More information and online bookings available at: grassyplains.org.au/blog

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