

Cold Winter days and sparkling clean air provide us with the opportunity to focus with intention. Gain perspective and ground yourself in nature by taking a breath with *Breathe in the Briars* – a mindfulness guide. Join local artist Caroline Graley in our Chechingurk Birdhide for an adult painting class, focus on the fauna in the Wildlife Sanctuary by joining a ranger-led night walk or celebrate our all-important native garden beasties by creating your very own insect village!

Mini Ecologist! *

Our wildlife need our help to ensure their habitats are safe and have all the resources they need. We're calling all mini ecologists to join our Rangers in learning about the ecosystems our wildlife call home. Encounter some native animals face to face and help us keep habitats safe for all our wildlife.

26 and 27 June
10am – 12noon
\$29.90 per child.
Suitable for kids 6 to 10 years old.

Night walk: Spotlight on conservation*

A new world emerges in the Wildlife Sanctuary after dark. Join our Rangers on a night walk as they tell the story of how The Briars is managed to contribute to the growing need to protect our biodiversity. Learn how to spotlight like a wildlife researcher and meet some native animals up close while hearing about their stories of survival and the important roles they play in their habitats.

Suitable for all ages. If you have accessibility questions, please give us a call on 5974 3686

26 and 27 June
6 - 8pm
\$32 adult, \$25.90 concession/child

Native Insect Village*

Encourage beneficial beasties to call your garden home by making an insect village. As the cold days continue from winter into early spring, our garden insects, arachnids and other small friends need a safe place to call home. Enjoy learning about the important role beetles, millipedes, spiders, centipedes and many more play in keeping your garden thriving.

July 1 and July 15, 2-4pm
\$25.00 adult,
\$21.00 concession/child.
Suitable for 8 years and older.

Walk on Country and Yidaki led meditation*

Be guided through the Wildlife Sanctuary by Lionel Lauch and Hudson Fraser from Living Culture. Experience an in-depth connection with country by learning about the land and indigenous culture and traditions. Then join Lionel in the Chechingurk Birdhide for a special Yidaki led meditation. Numbers are strictly limited.

July 9 and August 27
11am to 1pm
Cost: \$46.50 adult, \$36.50
concession/child

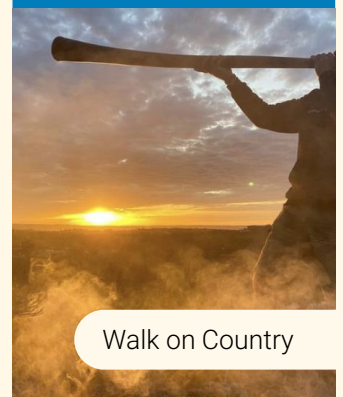
Painting Nature for Beginners*

Begin your creative process by gathering inspiration on an hour-long Ranger led stroll. Let our Rangers guide you to the hidden gems of beauty throughout the Wildlife Sanctuary as you prepare yourself to create. Then join local artist, Caroline Graley in the Chechingurk Bird Hide for a 2-hour painting workshop. Be surrounded by the wetlands as you learn and practice various painting techniques.

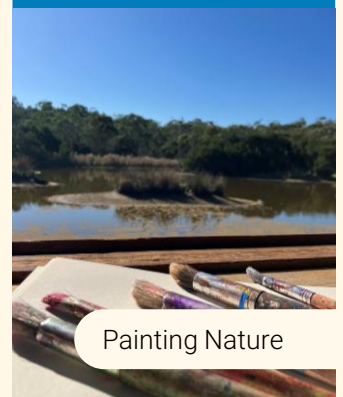
August 5 and 12
1 to 4pm
Cost: \$31.90



Mini Ecologist



Walk on Country



Painting Nature

Registrations and Bookings are essential for programs/walks and can be made by visiting: the_briars.eventbrite.com.au
Instagram: @briarsmtmartha Facebook: @BriarsMtMartha
Telephone: 5974 3686



Experience the clarity of cold mornings with the sanctuary animals. Embrace the crisp air and clear your mind by going for a winter walk in the Briars Wildlife Sanctuary. Open from 9.00am to 4.30pm every day of the week. To keep you safe the Wildlife Sanctuary will not open on days of extreme weather.

Games by the Fire

Escape the cold weather and warm up by the fire in the Visitors Centre! You may choose to join your mates in a game of chess or Uno or tap into your creative side and make your very own spider web! Available every day during the school holidays or on weekends.

10am – 4.30pm
June, July, August
Visitor Centre

Wetland Wonders

Look out through the glass of our Wetland window and what can you see? A purple swamp hen foraging for food or a water reed swaying in the wind... As you observe, you'll notice the environment teeming with life all around you. Pick up a Wetland Wonders Seek and Find activity sheet at the Visitors Centre and see what you can spot.

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Briars Geocaching

Want to take treasure hunting to the next level? Then the Briars site wide geocaching is for you! We're putting a Briars spin on traditional geocaching with themed caches or boxes hidden onsite. You'll get a clue to where each cache is hidden, but that doesn't mean they'll be easy to find. See our Rangers in the Visitors centre to begin your Briars Geocaching adventure. (Note: our geocaches do not require exchanges of items).

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Breathe in the Briars

Daily mindfulness is often aided by a strong connection to place. Find that connection at the Briars by immersing yourself in nature and reflecting on the natural world. Choose to wander our Wetland or Woodland Walk. Pick up a *Breathe in the Briars* mindfulness guide from outside the front of the Visitor Centre or make your own way. Make some time for yourself after dropping the kids at school or on your lunch break. Use this amazing local resource to help you ground and immerse yourself in the healing power of nature.

Document your experience by tagging us #breatheinthebriars

9am - 4.30pm
Start at Visitor Centre
June, July and August

Shire Nursery

The Shire nursery produces indigenous plants of the Mornington Peninsula for revegetation and community retail.

The nursery stocks a range of native species, trees, and garden ware. The knowledgeable staff can assist you with selecting varieties to suit your garden vision and environmental conditions.

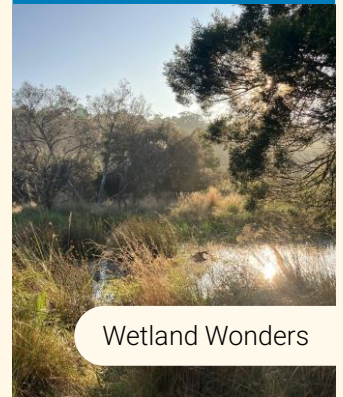
9am – 3.30pm Wednesday to Friday
9am – 1pm 1st Saturday of the month.

For more information call 5974 8417 or email nursery@mornpen.vic.gov.au

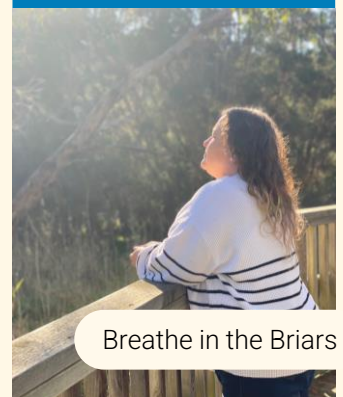
Eco House

Discover how easy it can be to create a healthier, more energy-efficient home.

1- 4pm Friday and 9am – 1pm the 1st Saturday each month.
Free Entry
For more information go to: mornpen.vic.gov.au/ecolivingcentre



Wetland Wonders



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