

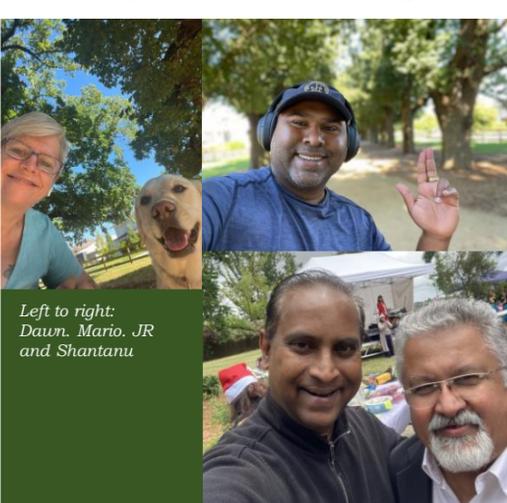
Elms Treebune

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Headline

A new year, a new beginning



Left to right:
Dawn, Mario, JR
and Shantanu

Mario Boudewyn and Dawn Cartwright have joined the Friends of the Tulliallan Elms as committee members for 2024.

Mario is a Financial Planner and will become the association's Treasurer. Dawn runs a health and fitness business in Tulliallan and will take up the post of Secretary.

Raavenan is an organisational change manager and is the founding President of the Friends of the Tulliallan Elms. Shantanu is a retired bookkeeper and has been with the association since its founding in 2018.

Together the team will focus on organising various community awareness and engagement activities focusing on the Elm trees this year.

Conservation Education

Keep a look-out for this, the next time you walk under the Elms

The Dutch Elm disease devastated the Elm tree populations in Europe and North America in the 1970s. We do not have the Dutch Elm disease in Australia and that's the reason why we have the largest surviving population of European Elms in the world. But we do have the Elm Bark Beetle which is a vector, a transmitter, for the Dutch Elm disease.

So the next time you take a walk under the trees, keep a look-out for any damage on the Elm tree leaves which could be due to the Elm leaf beetles. The adult beetle will create holes in the Elm leaves while its larvae will skeletonize the leaf, leaving the veins and a thin film. But if you see that entire leaf sections are eaten, this is usually due to possums and we will cover this topic in another newsletter issue.

The Elm leaf beetle is a small, 4mm long, dark brown/green insect with two lighter green stripes running down its back. The eggs of the beetles are laid on the underside of the leaf in late November and look like two rows of bright yellow dollops. They hatch after about 8 days and start crawling and damaging the leaves.

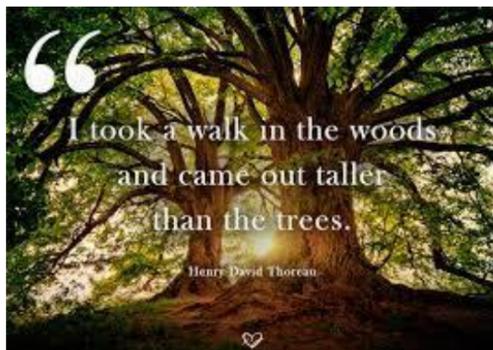
Take a photo if you see holes in the Elm leaves or they look skeletonised and send it to FriendsoftheTulliallanElms@gmail.com. We have direct contacts with the responsible departments in the Casey Council and we will alert them and follow it up with them accordingly.

For more information, please visit [our website](#) which has more information as well as interesting YouTube videos.

Content and photo adapted from <https://www.treetec.net.au/tree-arborist-victoria/elm-leaf-beetle-removal/elm-leaf-beetle-damage/>



An example of an Elm leaf beetle and its larvae devastating an Elm leaf. Photo from the web.



Council Update

Elm leaf treatment planned for 2024



Casey Council carried out remedial works on the Elm trees recently in Nov 2023

The Tulliallan Elms were in private ownership for a long time and was cared for by its owner. When the estate was sold, Casey Council eventually took over the management of the Elms in 2019.

In 2019 the Council performed dead wood and remedial pruning and also organised deep watering as well as mulching to support the tree's health.

In 2021 it carried out another deep watering action and also completed an Elm leaf treatment. The next Elm leaf treatment has been planned for this year.

In 2023, a work order for further inspection by the Council's arborist was created and additional remedial works were carried out as required.

Friends of the Tulliallan Elms is following up the Council's conservation program for the Elms as well as the long grass situation at the Elms area via a page in its website [here](#), which you can also visit for more information.

History Walk

Heritage Council of Victoria lists Tulliallan in 2004



Tulliallan was officially listed by the [Heritage Council of Victoria](#) as of being local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey on May 12, 2004.

The Heritage Council of Victoria recognises, protects and celebrates Victoria's cultural heritage and advises the government and others on how to conserve and protect historically important objects and places for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

It is an independent statutory body and provides legal protection for places and objects that are important to the history and development of Victoria.

Its heritage listing refers to a stone and brick cottage constructed c.1860, originally an old shearer's cottage and an avenue of English Elms lining the entrance driveway at 1/805 Berwick Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne North.

It states "The cottage is highly significant in a regional context as one of the few surviving buildings associated with the settlement of the study area during the pastoral era of 1850s and 60s prior to the land being opened for selection. It illustrates the development of cattle runs within the southeast part of the Settled District of Port Philip. It has associations with locally important individuals including members of the Rossiter family, James Gibb and Captain Thomas Mitchell. The early development of the farm is also demonstrated by the now mature Elm avenue. Aesthetically, the Elm avenue is significant as one of the largest private avenues in the municipality and provides a dramatic entry and setting for the farm complex. It also contributes to the broader cultural landscape within this area." [Victorian Heritage Database](#)

Content from [Tulliallan, Melbourne - Wikipedia](#). This Wiki page on the Tulliallan estate was created by JR under the pseudonym JediOne in 2017.

Quiz

5 Friends T-Shirts to be won!



Above: This is only an illustration. The actual T-shirt production process has not started yet.

You can win one of 5 newly designed T-shirts from the Friends of the Tulliallan Elms every quarter.

Simply answer 3 easy questions and if you got all the answers right, we would enter you into a raffle. The answers to the quiz can be found in this newsletter.

Click [here](#) to participate. Winners' names will be published in the next issue.

Coming up ...

Quarterly Friends gathering



Photo credit: Pixabay

Date: 3rd Mar 2024 (Sunday)
Time: 10.00am – 11.30am
Venue: Tulliallan Avenue of Elms

3rd Mar is [Clean Up Australia Day](#). Come and join us and do something for the Elm trees in the Tulliallan Avenue of Elms. Here's the program:

- Educational talk on conservations and trees
- Walk-through to inspect tree health and pick up litter
- Tree labelling
- Debrief and wrap-up
- Photo taking
- Free sausage sizzle

Participation is free. Everyone is welcomed. Register your participation [here](#) so that we know how many people we should cater for the sausage sizzle.



Logo designed by Geet Bhamra, Tulliallan Primary School, 2019

Join us as volunteers!

Friends of the Tulliallan Elms is a not-for-profit community organisation whose primary purpose is to create an awareness and appreciation of the heritage of the Tulliallan estate and to bring people together to enjoy the space under these beautiful trees.

If you are interested in supporting any of the activities of the association in any way, please email FriendsoftheTulliallanElms@gmail.com