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9/1 diesel particulars is still an issue and it has been escalated to the EPA Another planting of understory in Mount Dandenong Road

13/2 The duckpond at Croydon library has blue green algae bloom it has been referred to Council.

10/4 more planting at Mount Dandenong median reserve at Ringwood lake water quality is growing botulism caused by rotting bread it is emptied and the toxic waste dredged and disposed of

8/5 Scott Seymour of Melbourne water has let us know next years budget will include finances for the wetlands. Upper Yarra conservation group is running and walking together tour for aboriginal reconciliation.

Genetically modified soybeans resistant to glyphosate

12/6 Croydon station have unveiled a mural of tiles made by students from Luther college. Trees which had been planted to screen the rear of building in cool store Road have been removed due to graffiti artists hiding behind them

10/7-CCS can no longer hold meetings at Wyreena as it has been double booked.

14/8 Duncan's request for funds to be used around Croydon station we received \$200 from Council, at Burts Hill 300 plants went in on September 23rd, Keith reported on pesticide reduction strategy with the exception of the chemical used to treat elm leaf beetle. Ringwood Lake has had a water bubbler installed prior to refilling to prevent botulism

11/9 Maroondah Council to apologise to students from Luther that they were not invited to the unveiling of the mural at Croydon station. Keith spoke about chemicals and the environment and leakage on golf courses. Patrick O'Shaughnessy left Croydon and we thanked him with a gift of a sundial. Prescribed chemicals waste was dumped at the Werribee a protest from CCS to Melbourne water. CCS is to use recycled printer paper in the future. Liz had an idea to put an end to plastic shopping bags, to create a stacking basket of different sizes that would fit together before and after use, they could be left in the car, so always ready., she wrote to 5 manufacturers regarding this concept.

9/10 Stationeers has permission to repaint the substation project as a mural we found a volunteer to start. Council tries hot water weeding in place of chemicals. Birts Hill has another 120 plants go in.

13/11 CCS starts meeting committee members houses. Archives have been moved into a filing cupboard at Jim Burns's property Mt View St front room.

11/12 Keith has had success in asking Council for a pesticide reduction strategy. David Scarr mentioned solar panels for Wilpena with 2.6 million built by Siemens. CCS's collection of photographic slides about littering on public transport together with tape of voice-over by Peter MacArthur was passed to Keith's son Ben with a view to re-working into a video. The webpage will be updated in the New Year contributions to Keith or Liz. Jim suggested our reserves like Hodgkin's and wildlife need highlighting. in the house Stake fact from CCS paid for the first botanical survey of Hochkins reserve. Jim reminded us that Ringwood had wanted to put an overpass through Cheong wildflower reserve to straighten the Eastfield Rd railway bridge. Liz thanked Pat for his use of voluntary service and leadership. Jim said he remember the first time Pat come to a meeting but couldn't remember how many years ago. Pat said conservation started locally and mentioned some accomplishments like Nangathan Way, Wicklow Avenue, Mount Dandenong Road and that we were quite of an effective organisation. Liz made a presentation to Pat of a very nice sundial. Cristina also spoke saying she's been involved with the society and with her husband and she presented a spade to Pat which was designed and engraved by Wilfred Crane, Pat accepted this with great pleasure.