

HFS Orchard Workshops and Events in August 2022

August means ... HFS Workshops and Grafting Days!

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Wed 3 August, 9am to noon **Workshop at Pettys Orchard**

Sat 6 August, 10am to noon **Grafting and Tree Sales Day at CERES**

Sun 7 August, 9am to noon **Grafting and Tree Sales Day at Pettys Orchard**

Wed 17 August, 9am to noon **Workshop at Pettys Orchard**

Workshops, and Grafting and Tree Sales Day at Pettys Orchard

1 Homestead Road, Templestowe (Melway 22 A11)

Meet at our big white marquee

Grafting and Tree Sales Day at CERES

Corner of Stewart Street and Roberts Street, Brunswick (Melway 30 B7)

Meet at the loading area near the CERES Nursery's west entrance



August is **THE** big month in the annual HFS calendar:

At the two **Wednesday workshops**, you can join our winter-hardy volunteers in:

- Collecting scion/budwood and other preparations for our public Grafting and Tree Sales Days
- Planting out new plum trees
- On-going annual winter pruning
- Doing checks on trees throughout the heritage block, including young plum, apricot and apple trees
- In the HFS Nursery:
 - Checking on status of trees and the irrigation system
 - reorganising the nursery baths, including adding space for plum trees in larger pots
 - extending the netting structure over the apricot tree collection
- Mowing, weeding, whipper-snipping, hole-filling and removing blackberry plants
- Painting labels on trees

At each workshop, ample time will be made for a chat over cuppas and home-baked wonders. Please *bring your own keep-cup* to avoid generating unnecessary rubbish. We hope to see you there!

Our two **Grafting and Tree Sales Days** are our biggest public-facing events each "normal" year are our public HFS Grafting Days in early August. COVID-19 has prevented us from running these in a completely open way for the last few years, so we're delighted to be able to run them again ... and no doubt many others will be too!

Our publicity poster for these events is accessible by clicking the mini-version of it (to the right this text) or at <https://www.heritagefruitsociety.org/Resources/Documents/2022HFSGraftingDaysPoster.pdf> . Please feel free to send this link to friends or other groups who might be interested.

At these Grafting Days, visitors can:

- obtain scion (budwood) from many of our hundreds of varieties of apples and other fruits
- request on-site grafting of apple scion onto suitable rootstock we provide (*please note: ungrafted rootstock will **not** be available for separate sale*)
- purchase pre-grafted young trees, ready for planting out
- observe experienced (and helpful and friendly) HFS volunteers as they graft up new trees
- ask our knowledgeable volunteers about all aspects of the above
- join a guided walking tour of the Heritage Block (*at the Petty's Orchard Grafting Day only*)

Scion and freshly-grafted trees will be sold at extremely reasonable prices. This is in line with our group's objective of making it easy for anyone to help in the preservation of unusual fruit varieties, as well as instilling an interest in this precious and remarkable field. The scion and tree varieties provided are primarily ones popular with attendees of prior Tastings and Grafting Days, and are ones which are typically difficult or impossible to obtain from any other source.

All this takes quite a bit of preparation. HFS volunteers have already begun collecting, labelling and packing scion (*see the previous edition of this newsletter for a thorough description of what this entails*), although there's a bit more of this left to do. On the Grafting Days themselves, setting up and dismantling our gear takes a bit of effort - but as usual, many hands make light work! So please help us out if you can: it's always rewarding and enjoyable to be a part of these events. Volunteers to help on the Grafting and Sales Days should notify us by email [here](#), and plan on arriving at the venue an hour in advance of the event's published start time.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE HFS BLOCK AT PETTY'S

Weather: Frosty (*see picture above*): a bit uncomfortable for us humans, but often a sign of a good crop to come!

Free Grafting Workshops: We'll once again be running free hands-on grafting workshops during August/September (a little delayed this year, thanks to COVID). These are a fantastic opportunity to learn and practice this miraculous, fascinating and useful skill under highly experienced guidance. Details, dates and locations for these workshops will be announced soon, in a separate email similar to this one.

COVID-19 NOTICE

Most long-standing COVID-19 restrictions have now been lifted, but nonetheless:



**Heritage Fruits Society 2022
Grafting and Tree Sales Days**

Saturday 6 August from 10.00am to noon at CERES
Corner of Stewart Street and Roberts Street, Brunswick (Melway 30 B7)
Car parking near Roberts Street entrance to CERES Nursery

Sunday 7 August from 9.00am to noon at Petty's Orchard
1 Homestead Road, Templestowe (Melway 22 A11)
Car parking next to Petty's Orchard Café

FREE ENTRY TO BOTH EVENTS

What we offer at HFS Grafting and Tree Sales Days
Scion sales: purchase scion/budwood from a wide range of varieties of apples and other fruits
Tree sales: 2-year old ready-to-plant apple and plum trees
Grafting demonstration: observe this simple yet somehow magical art
Orchard tour: learn about our collections (*offered at Petty's Orchard only*)
Payment for scion or trees accepted by cash or card

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Please note that COVID-safety measures will be in place at these events. If you are feeling at all unwell or are exhibiting any COVID-symptoms, please stay at home and get tested for COVID-19.

- If you are feeling unwell - even with only mild symptoms - please protect yourself and others by **doing the right thing** and staying at home and getting tested
- All volunteers should endeavour to **maintain social distancing** at all times
- Please feel free to wear a **mask** at any time

Memberships

We are a membership-based group. It is only through the support of our members that we can continue doing the work we do. Please consider becoming a member.

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