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WELCOME NOTE

Welcome to the second edition of MEPA NEWS in 2021. MEPA is the Mount Nebo and Mount Glorious Environmental Protection Association. In this issue we will highlight a few of the weeds you might be seeing in and around your gardens this spring, with helpful tips on how you can identify what they are, and how to remove them. We have also highlighted a few of our favourite native plants that you might like to replace them with.

If you'd like to become a member of MEPA, or send us in a submission for the next issue, or organise for us to come and Do Your Block, you can email us at mepa.enquiries@gmail.com

You can also keep up with all the latest from MEPA between issues over on Instagram, where you'll find us sharing info on weeds, native plants that are local to the mountains, and insights into our environment - www.instagram.com/mepa_inc

Happy weeding!



THIS SEASON'S FOCUS ON WEEDS

As we move from winter into spring, there are many different plants popping up around our mountain homes. If you see any of the following weeds around your place, here's how you can remove them from your block.

It is usually best to dig out the weed completely, bag and dump in rubbish to go to landfill, NOT in with your garden waste.

If the plant is too large for this, cut stems 5 to 10 cm from ground - immediately spray or swab stump carefully with undiluted glyphosate.

For more information on weed management, including fact sheets, you can visit our Strategic Weed Management project at www.mepa.inc.org/weeds

White Passionflower
(*Passiflora subpeltata*)



This vine has been increasingly spotted around Mount Nebo. It has 3 distinct rounded lobes on the leaf. It can climb and creep, using tendrils to support itself as it spreads. As we move into spring and summer you may notice white flowers and then rounded oval inedible fruits.

Dyschoriste – Butterfly Heaven
(*Dyschoriste depressa*)



This emerging problem weed is a small herbaceous plant, prostrate where mowed, and growing to reach up to 40cms where it is allowed to flourish. It tolerates shade and is moisture loving. Can be spread by lawn mowing and slashing machinery, which is how it has spread to the mountains.

SPECIAL FEATURE ON KAHILI GINGER

Kahili Ginger
(*Hedychium gardnerianum*)



Growing from 1m to 2.5m tall with striking flowers, this species spreads with creeping underground stems, and above ground flowering stems. It also thrives as an epiphyte in trees and gutters.



It has bright red seeds that are also dispersed by birds over long distances. Originally from the lower slopes of the Himalayas, it is known to take over native habitats, and our altitude, climate and soil type provide fertile ground for it to self-propagate.

The kahili is prohibited to sell in Queensland, and sightings should be reported to National Parks and Moreton Bay Regional Council via [their report form](#) for biosecurity

matters (including weeds and plants).

The good news is that we have our own Native Ginger (*Alpinia caerulea*), featured below, which has similar leaves and produces beautiful white flowers and slate-blue fruit.



DO YOUR BLOCK!

Free bush care service.

Would you like some assistance managing bushland on your block? Advice on weeds or advice on planting local native plants in your garden? MEPA has a free service offering advice and information (supported by MBRC)

Contact Maggie - 3289 8175 or

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Email: mepa.enquiries@gmail.com

FOCUS ON NATIVE PLANTS

Now that you have rid your block of a few weeds, you might be thinking of adding some native plants. Some of our favourite places to find them include [Paton Park Nursery](#) at The Gap and [Kumbartcho Sanctuary](#) at Eatons Hill. You might even notice some of these already on your block.



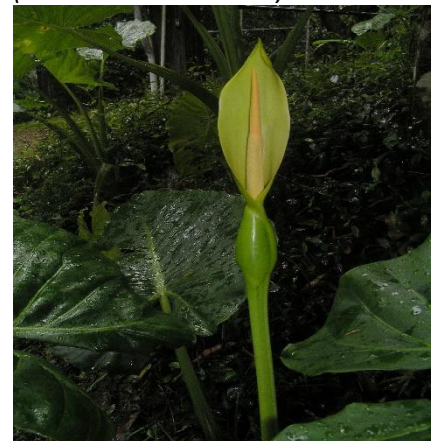
Native Ginger in flower.

Native Ginger
(*Alpinia caerulea*)



A local rainforest plant, best planted in sunny to semi shady positions. Native ginger can grow up to 3m tall and 1m wide. and can also be grown indoors in pots.

Cunjevoi – Native Lily
(*Alocasia brisbanensis*)



A local plant that grows well on the mountains. The flowers have a beautiful scent that lasts for several days, which then produce an abundance of rich red seeds, a favourite of our local birds.

With special thanks to Brian and Sue Phillips for their input on Kahili Ginger in this issue of MEPA news.