

## Tree-graft at Werribee Park

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GREEN thumbs are welcome to attend a free grafting day at Werribee Park this Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

Hosts, the Werribee Park Heritage Orchard Group, will show those attending how to graft from an array of the orchard's heritage trees including apple, pears, quince, nectarine, apricot and plum trees.

Head horticulturalist Adam Smith said people of all skill levels were invited to learn many grafting techniques.

“It’s all about sharpening your skills up even if you’re a beginner or an experienced gardener,” he said.

Mr Smith said the newly formed orchard group banded together to reinstate the fruit trees at Werribee Park.

“The idea is being a community orchard that’s all about engaging the community,” he said.

Mr Smith said there were 26 apple trees, 20 pears and 18 quince trees they would try to preserve and propagate.

The day will include demonstrations of grafting and how to store grafted stock, tours of the orchard and young fruit



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trees on sale.

The activities will be held at the farm building (enter at gate 2) at Werribee Park and visitors should wear appropriate footwear.

Details: Parks Victoria 13 19 63.