

DAMPER CREEK DOINGS

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*The Newsletter of
FRIENDS OF DAMPER CREEK
RESERVE INC.*

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Thank you to our wonderful environmental volunteers!

On Sunday 28 June 2015, the day dawned crisp and clear – a perfect day for a winter planting activity. Approximately forty volunteers of all ages planted out 1,600 tube stock along the edges of the creek, from the Park Road entrance to the Reserve towards the Alice Street bridge, plus 300 plants in the Golf Avenue section of Damper Creek.

Everyone worked enthusiastically and then enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the Park Road carpark, giving neighbours and friends time for lots of conversation, to make re-acquaintances and meet new residents too.

A special thank you to the MCCouncil Bushcrew for organising the delivery of the plants and assisting the volunteers. The Friends (FoDC) acknowledge, Melbourne Water Project grants funding for the purchase of tube stock and also for funding of the sausage sizzle community day lunchtime gathering. Without the grants and the Bushcrew's help, FoDC could not achieve what we do which helps replant, maintain and enhance this precious bushland environment of Damper Creek Reserve.

Sincere thanks are also extended to the offices of both Anna Burke MP, Federal Member for Chisholm and Michael Gidley MLA Mt Waverley and their willing staff members for their valuable assistance in photocopying flyers for the event. Thank you also to the FoDC volunteers who distributed many flyers to nearby streets.

Many thanks of course go to the FoDC Committee and FoDC members in the organisation of such an event. Particular thanks to: the chefs extraordinaire ("Stores Manager" Graham Lawrence assisted by Ian Nicholls); the organisation of the booking, pick-up, delivery and return of the MCCouncil BBQ trailer (Campbell Miles and Frank Carder); John Clements for the purchase of food supplies; Graham Jenkin for organising the work group at Golf Avenue; and to the many others who assisted in so many ways. Last but not least, thanks to all the residents and friends and families who attended, making it a really successful community planting day, and a "*Great Day Out*".

Special diary dates on upcoming events:

Sunday 19 July 2015 : extra working bee

An extra working bee has been planned to assist with tube stock plantings in the newly mulched areas at the rear of the Park Road/Warren Court houses.

See *Dates to Remember* section below for details

Sunday 26 July 2015: National Tree Planting Day – Planet Ark

Please note that the usual FoDC working bee in Damper Creek will be transferred to Fairway Reserve on 26 July 2015 to assist the Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve (FSC & VR) - Event: National Tree Planting Day – Planet Ark – over 8,000 tube stock to be planted.

See *Dates to Remember* section below for details.

Sunday 30 August 2015. Our second Damper Creek Community Planting Day for this year

Over 1,000 tube stock to be planted. Funded by Melbourne Water Project grants
A lunchtime sausage sizzle follows

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Response to Amendment C125: Proposed new residential zones.

Monash City Council is seeking feedback on proposed changes to residential zones across Monash. FoDC will be focussing on Damper Creek and the proposal to introduce two new residential zones in our area, being: *NRZ2 Creek Abuttal and NRZ3 Creek Environs*. The new zones will potentially give greater vegetation protection to Damper Creek and its environs.

For more information and comment, you may wish to call in at one of the Council information "Drop In" sessions to be held across Monash commencing early July

2015. No need to make an appointment. Submissions to Monash City Council on the proposed changes are sought by Monday 31 August 2015.

More information on all of the above and the dates/times of the information sessions - go to the *Monash Bulletin* (either in your mailbox soon or at www.monash.vic.gov.au or - go to www.newresidentialzonesmonash.com.au, or phone Council's Strategic Planning team 9518 3555

By now, all residents should have received a Monash City Council letter in the mail in this regard.

Birds in Backyards : featuring the Golden Whistler

Michael Grant & Chris Gittens from the Bushcrew provided this beautiful photo of a Golden Whistler spotted in the DC Reserve, close to Damper Creek, near Golf Avenue. Thank you Michael and Chris. The adult male Golden Whistler is bright



yellow on the underside, with a bright yellow collar. It is olive green on the back and wings, and black on the head. The throat is white separated from the yellow chest with a broad black band. Females lack bright plumage and are

generally grey above, with a pale olive tinge, a paler grey below with a buff wash. Both have eyes of a red-brown colour.

The Golden Whistler's voice is strong, musical and varied. Songs include a "we-we-we-tu-whit", the last note being stronger and whip-like, and a rising "seep". Golden Whistlers feed on insects, spiders and other small arthropods, as well as berries. Feeding is usually done alone and most food is obtained from the lower or middle tree level, where it is picked from leaves and bark. They can be found in a wooded habitat, and prefer denser areas.

Please let us know if you spot a Golden Whistler too.

References: *Field Guide to the Birds of Australia*, *Reader's Digest Complete Book of Australian Birds*, and *The Robins and Flycatchers of Australia*. Or go to www.birdsinbackyards.net

Subscription database: Renewal of financial membership.

Thank you to all who have replied to our annual subscription reminder sent towards the end of last year. We appreciate your ongoing support very much. The Friends of Damper Creek Reserve Inc. could not keep going without its important and dedicated volunteer members.

For those who have **not** renewed so far, the annual single subscription (\$5) and the annual family subscription (\$10) will be due again for the August 2015 to August 2016 year. Any new subscriptions paid from now on will be carried over and current until August 2016. The Enduring (life-long) membership of \$50 is a once only payment.

A subscription form can be found on the FoDC website
<http://www.friendsofdampercreek.org.au>

Having a significant number of current financial members is vital to the effectiveness of FoDC as an incorporated group to gain grants and support.

If we have lost touch with you, from August 2015 the database will only include –

- All financial members (single/family);
- Officials (Local and Federal Government);
- Expert environmental advisers;
- Enduring memberships and Honorary Life Memberships.

Please note that non-financial members will be deleted from the membership database from August 2015.

If we have lost touch with you, or if we have not recorded your details correctly, please - email : secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com, or write to PO Box 2063 Mt Waverley 3149

Guest Speakers at forthcoming meetings

August – AGM Wednesday, 7.30pm, 26 August, 2015.

Mr Andrew Kelly is the new Yarra River keeper and he is keen to speak to the Friends' groups on his activities in caring for the Yarra River and environs. The FoDCR Inc.,AGM will commence at 8.45pm, following Andrew's talk and supper. *Please be assured that all Committee positions will definitely be nominated by the time of the August meeting. So come along, relax and enjoy the talk and being an active member of the Friends.*

September: Wednesday 23 September 2015

Dr Sharron Pfueller. Topic: *"Living and gardening sustainably"*

Dates to remember:

	July	Notes
<u>Meeting:</u>	Wed 22nd- 7:30 pm onwards No guest speaker this month	Venue: Alvie Hall , Cnr Alvie Rd and High Street Road, Mt Waverley
<u>Working Bee</u>	Sun 19 th July 2015 Planting Day 10:00 am -12:30 pm	Meet – rear of Park Road houses Billy boils at 11am, with buns and snacks. No RSVP needed. All welcome.
<u>Working Bee for FoDCR relocated to Fairway Reserve – Joint activity</u>	Sun 26 th July National Tree Planting Day 10am – 1pm	Fairway Reserve, Mt Waverley, Melway 70 E5 – Free lunchtime BBQ Register at Scout Hall carpark, Fairway Ave, Mt Waverley. Melway 70 E5 RSVP and Enquiries to Alan Moore, FSCR&VR 9561 0122 Enquiries to the Bushcrew – Michael Grant, 9518 3727
	August	Notes
<u>Meeting:</u>	Wed 26th - 7:30 pm onwards Guest Speaker : Andrew Kelly, Yarra River keeper Followed by AGM - Details above.	Venue: Alvie Hall , Cnr Alvie Rd and High Street Road. Mt Waverley

<p><u>Working Bee</u></p>	<p>Sun 30th August 2015</p> <p>Community Planting Day</p>	<p>Register at the Park Rd. entrance to Damper Creek Reserve, Mt Waverley Time 10.am till 12.20.</p> <p>Free sausage sizzle@ Park Rd carpar BYO special drinks, mugs, chairs, mats all weather gear, solid shoes.</p> <p>RSVP would be appreciated for catering by Friday 28th August.2015</p> <p>Phone Kevin 9807 4933 or</p> <p>Email secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com</p>
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<p><i>Damper Creek Bushland Reserve: part of the Yarra Catchment.</i></p>
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