



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve inc.

September 2021



From the President's Desk

The delights of Spring continue to draw us into Damper Creek Reserve. Last month it was the wattles that brightened up the reserve, this month the variety is much greater. The little daisy below is a *Brachyscome* which happily spreads through the understory. There are many other plants in flower. How many can you spot? Here are a few on the following page.





One of the most delightful of our wildflowers is currently at its peak, the Grey Parrot-Pea or *Dillwynia cinerascens*. There are several examples in the reserve, but the easiest to find is alongside the footpath just North of the Park Road noticeboard.



It may be tiny but the brilliant red color packs a punch. This is the Running Postman (*Kennedia prostrata*), a low growing plant that is common in the Park Road nature strip plantings





Golden Tip (*Goodia lotifolia*)

A shrub to 3 meters tall, Insignificant when not in flower but bursts into a brilliant yellow display each Spring.



Austral Indigo (*Indigofera australis*)

Apart from having wonderful flowers, the Austral Indigo is an important food source for many native bees, wasps and butterflies.





New Plantings

Due to Covid lockdowns all recent plantings have been completed by the bushcrew. The latest plantings include infill planting in the Park Road nature strips including reengineering of the crossing points to reduce pedestrian damage. There has also been infill planting on the slope between the duck pond and the rear of the Park Road properties. This area was cleared by volunteers working alone during the many Covid lockdowns. The purchase of these plants was funded from the "Friends" group finances. Not only have thousands of plants been added to the reserve and routine maintenance done, but the magnificent series of ponds has been added to the area adjoining the bushcrew compound. Damper Creek Conservation reserve has never looked better.

Mountain Bike Damage

There have been a number of instances of damage to the reserve caused by mountain bikers creating tracks, obstacles and jumps through revegetated areas. Not only does this activity destroy vegetation but it creates erosion channels, compacted areas and is a danger to members of the public using these areas. This is a widespread issue in all of Monash's reserves. The bushcrew will react quickly to any reports of track building in Damper Creek revegetation areas.

If you see any activity like this you should report it to the council using the council reporting service www.monash.vic.gov.au/contact/request-a-service On occasions where this service has been used the council has responded rapidly. This service should be used even if you have the opportunity to report directly to the bushcrew.

Our AGM

Consumer Affairs Victoria rules require us to hold an AGM before 31 December 2021, The Annual General Meeting for FoDCCRerve will be held on Wednesday 24 November 2021 from 7.30pm (either by ZOOM or in person at Alvie Hall depending on COVID19 restrictions at that time), at that time all current positions on the Committee will be vacated.

All members are invited to apply for the positions of President, Vice-President Secretary and/or Treasurer, together with further nominations to join the General Committee positions as we have described and filled in the past. Nomination forms can be found on the FoDCCR website. Thank you.

August Meeting

The Friends met for a well attended August meeting via zoom. As well as a brief review of current business we got to catch up with one another, the much needed chat we need for basic social interaction. Thanks to all who participated.

The meeting minutes will be included in the notification for the September 22nd zoom meeting.



We will hold an September meeting via Zoom. This will allow us to have something resembling face to face contact and exchange our thoughts as well as conduct some basic business. All members are welcome to participate in the Zoom meeting.

Note that many functions of FODCCR continue during restrictions including communications with Council staff and reporting of maintenance issues within the reserve.

Messages to the secretary:

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Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome.

Dates to remember:

September 22nd 7:30pm via Zoom (link to be forwarded to members)

All other meetings and working bees are temporarily suspended due to COVID.

Report it!

Have you seen something along Damper Creek that you think needs attention? Please contact Monash Council and leave a report. You can contact them the following ways.

- www.monash.vic.gov.au/contact/request-a-service
- (03) 9518 3555
- download the App – Snap, Send, Solve

We would love to hear from you

The content of this newsletter reflects the opinions of the editor and the Friends of Damper Creek Reserve. Content is welcome and should be emailed to dougscott3@bigpond.com or to the secretary at secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com

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