



# Damper Creek Doings

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## Our big project in the Fern Gully

A major effort for 2024 for both the Friends of Damper Creek and the Bush crew will be concentrated in the Fern Gully. Our last working bee directed our effort in the “overflow” area on the East side of the footbridge. This area contains a dense stand of Australian Gypsywort (*Lycopus australus*) which is doing an excellent job of suppressing weeds and protecting the area from erosion. Where this plant has not taken hold there is the usual range of weeds which need to be managed by manual removal. We will work on this area and up the hill towards Swayfield Road.



Some sections of the fern gully appear lush and picturesque. This project will expand the boundaries of the gully towards Swayfield Road by removing weeds and revegetating barren areas.







## Upcoming Events

Working Bees are held on the last Sunday each month unless otherwise notified

### Next Working bee: Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>

10-00am to 12-30pm

Preparation for Fern Gully planting.

Meet at Mushroom Rock (near Alice Street Bridge)

Note that the "City Nature Challenge" will be conducting an activity in Damper Creek and will be joining us for morning tea

### Next Meeting

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Alvie Hall from 7-30pm-9pm.

Guest speaker TBA

### Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> Working bee

Community Planting Day

Meet at Swayfield Road entrance

### Sunday June 30 Working Bee

Planting Day

Meeting point to be confirmed

### **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](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/contact/request-a-service)

Phone(03) 9518 3555 or download the App – Snap, Send, Solve

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Damper-Creek-133557736847306/>

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