



# Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve  
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## What's going on here?



It's hard to ignore the fence around the playground. The area has been closed following the death of three mature remnant *Eucalyptus melliodora* and severe decline in another three adjacent trees. The council has engaged expert advice on control measures for managing the problem both here and throughout the wider Monash municipality. Updates can be viewed on the council website at : [monash.vic.gov.au/dampercreek](https://monash.vic.gov.au/dampercreek)



## See something in Damper Creek Reserve?

iNaturalist is a magnificent resource for identification of things you may observe in the natural world. Many of you have downloaded the app. If you haven't, it is thoroughly recommended. Did you know that Damper Creek has been designated as a "project" within iNaturalist? By logging onto "projects" you will find 719 observations of 250 species by 67 observers. Any observation you log within the Damper Creek area will be added to that total.

If you don't have the app, you can log on with your browser using the following link:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/friends-of-damper-creek>

"Remember interesting photos or information can also be shared on the Friends Facebook page"

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

Saint Andrew's Cross Spider





Council update with Andrew Bailey

**Fern Gully project:** This year the Council will embark on a 3 year project to upgrade the fern gully. Works will involve contouring to control surface water flow through the open area at the end of Swayfield Road as well as works in the stream bed and gully sides.

**Organisation changes:** Due to a number of staff changes the opportunity to revise the operation of the bush crew has been taken. Under revised arrangements the Northern and Southern sections of the reserve are combined. Additionally bush crew from across Monash will periodically participate in working parties in reserves other than their primary locations.

**Dogs on lead/ off lead signage:** We have been advised that revised signage indicating on lead/off lead status should be installed by the end of March.

**Guest Speaker for 28 Feb.**

**When? 7-30pm at Alvie Hall**

Speaker: Raymond Gibson

Presentation:

' Possums and Gliders in Victoria; a fauna survey perspective.

**Waterwatch:** Our Waterwatch team is seeking new members to assist with Waterwatch activities. Waterwatch takes place once per month and requires a commitment of 2 hours. If you wish to participate please contact the secretary at: [secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com)

**Midweek Weeders:** A number of highly successful midweek working bees were conducted in 2023. We intend to revive these in 2024. Please contact me on [dougscott3149@Hotmail.com](mailto:dougscott3149@Hotmail.com) if you wish to be notified of midweek sessions.



## Upcoming Events

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

**Next Working bee: February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Clean Up Australia Day!**

**Registration is essential.**

**Meet in the Park Road carpark at 10-00am**

morning tea 11am (BYO cup) finish time is 12.30pm

...Children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

...Gloves provided.

...Wear all weather gear, solid shoes, sun hats and sun screen

...Please do not enter the creek itself

**March Working Bee**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**(re-scheduled as the last Sunday is Easter Sunday)**

**February meeting**

**Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7-30 pm**

**Guest speaker: Raymond Gibson**

**Topic: Possums and Gliders**

**Alvie Hall**

**commences 7.30 pm**

Followed by observation session in the reserve.

### **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

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