



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve
inc.
July 2024



Important diary date

Annual General Meeting

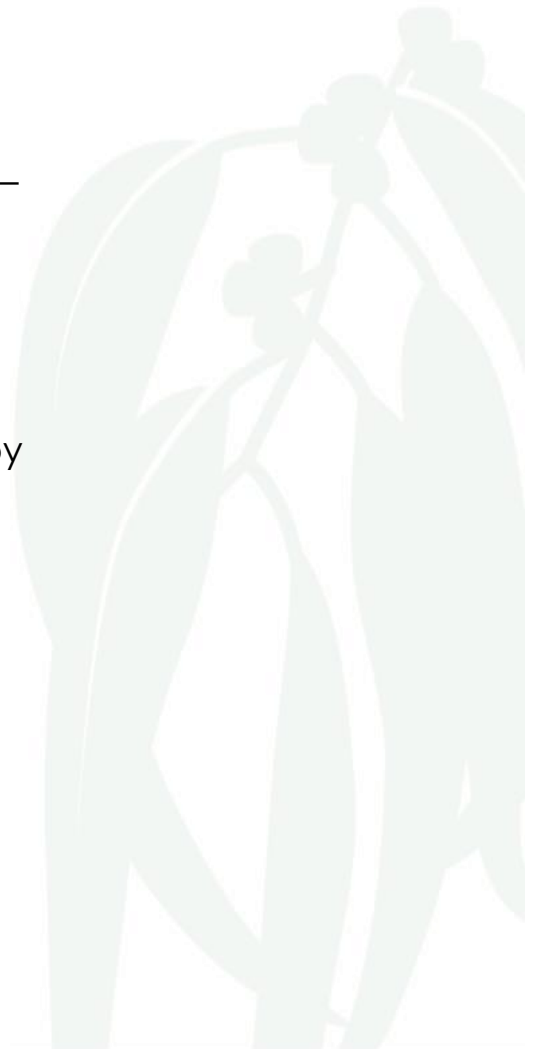
Wednesday 24 July 2024 from 7.30pm – 9pm Alvie Hall

All current Committee positions will be vacated and an election will take place for office bearers 2024-2025 – Nominations to

secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com by 17 July 2024.

All agenda papers have now been sent by email to all members. Agenda items to be discussed and approved will be 2023 AGM Minutes, updated Model Rules CAV November 2023, updated Statement of Purpose for FoDCCRes., updated By Laws, and approval of FoDCCRes to become a registered Charity under the new ATO rules.

Please do attend if you can.



Working Bee thankyou – Sunday 30 June 2024

A mid winter's day dawned showery and cold but fortunately the rain eased so that 1,000 of 1,500 understorey tube stock, funded by Yarra Valley Water, could be planted south of Bengal Crescent in Damper Creek Conservation Reserve under the trees in the established garden beds. This mid storey planting to restore habitat for small birds is supported by Yarra Valley Water's commitment to the community and the environment.

It is anticipated that the remaining 500 tube stock will be planted during the 25 August working bee. Location TBA.

We thank the twenty enthusiastic volunteers including three children, who cheerfully went about the plantings followed by an enjoyable morning tea and snacks funded by Melbourne Water and the Safety Focussed Performance Joint Venture.(SFP-JV)





Working bee thankyou (continued)

Thankyou to Bronwyn Pearce and Angela Amuko, and Kelly Mueli from Melbourne Water for reaching out as part of the community engagement for the new Mt Waverley water main upgrade project. Melbourne Water endeavours to ensure that all their projects take up opportunities to partner in tree and vegetation planting as part of their liveability strategy.

It was a very pleasing opportunity to meet neighbours and the community members for a chat over a cup of campfire bush tea thanks to Chris Carra

Vale Doris Hunter

The Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve Inc. are saddened to learn of the recent passing of Doris Hunter, a long time member of our group and resident of Sunhill Road.

Doris was a well known, respected, most capable and professional primary school teacher from the early 1970s at Waverley North Primary School; a leader in her local Probus branch and in particular shared her time and supported her husband Barry in his outstanding volunteering and work in Damper Creek Reserve in its early and ongoing days of restoration.

The Friends extend to Ross, Merran and their families and friends, our deepest sympathy.



Diary date Sunday 28 July 2024 Friends of Damper Creek Cons Reserve Working bee will be transferred to

**National Tree Day -Planet Ark – Friends of
Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve - The Scouts
will provide a FREE sausage sizzle – All welcome**

Event: To revegetate indigenous species along the Scotchmans Creek corridor..

When: Sunday 28 July 2024 from 10am to 1pm

Where: Stanley Reserve East on the south side of the creek

Access will be from **Therese Avenue No. 37A**

Site Contact: FSCVR - Sally Walker 0477 006 774

(Supported by Melbourne Water, City of Monash, Scouts, Toyota)

BYO, water, gloves, wear sturdy all weather gear.



Subscription database update

A sincere thankyou to all members for your support either via Annual fees, Enduring fees, Honorary memberships and Officials.

Only annual fees will become due in July/August and all in this category will receive an email reminder shortly.

It would be appreciated if you no longer wish to have your email registered on our subscription data that you advise email - secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com

Diary date reminder – all welcome

Guest speaker - Dr Gary Presland

Title: "A brief history of Kooyong Koot".

Wednesday 28 August 2024, at Alvie Hall, commencing at 7.30pm followed by supper.

Gardners Creek, aka Kooyong Koot, represents the prime example in Melbourne of all the various ways in which an urban stream can be treated.

Dr Presland will contrast the uses to which the stream has been put to by Europeans since 1935, with the ways it was considered and used in the Indigenous world of the Kulin.

Dr Gary Presland is an archaeologist, historian and writer, with particular interests in both pre-contact Aboriginal history and natural history in the Melbourne area.

He is the author of several published books on Aboriginal history, including *First people: the Eastern Kulin of Melbourne, Port Philip and central Victoria* (2010). His study of the natural landscapes of Melbourne won the Publication category in the 2009 Victorian Community History Award.

Gary is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and an Honorary Associate of Museums Victoria.



Upcoming Events

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

Next meeting – Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 24 July 2024

Alvie Hall from 7.30pm – 9pm.

Members are invited to become involved with assistance to the Committee (contributions to Damper Creek Doings monthly newsletter; contributions to the noticeboard displays; join the Water Watch team, etc)

Contact: secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com

***Next FoDCCRes working bee **Sunday 28 July 2024** transferred to Scotchmans Creek National Tree Planting Day, Planet Ark – see details within this newsletter

*****Invitation to join in City of Monash events – go to:**
www.monash.vic.gov.au – 9518 3555

***“Active Monash” – Join bush walks in Damper Creek Reserve
- Active Winter July

***Fitness Camps email: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRBEG>

***Nature in Focus “Monash Wildlife Photo Exhibition – submissions close 14 July

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

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

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

The content of this newsletter reflects the opinions of the editor for the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve. Content is welcome and should be emailed to dougscott3149@hotmail.com or to the secretary at secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com

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