



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve
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July 2025



June Working Bee

Our enthusiastic group gathered at the end of Swayfield Road to plant out the area previously prepared with logs and mulch. This area will fulfil a critical function by intercepting the surface flow from the end of Swayfield Road in will assist in preventing erosion in this area.

Unfortunately, the heavily compacted nature of this area made the use of Hamilton planters very difficult and our bush-crew representative, Sophie, rescued the situation by delivering a petrol-powered auger. By this means plus some extra grunt we planted around 300 Lomandras, Dianellas and various grasses. We look forward to seeing this previously barren area transform into valuable habitat in coming years.



FODCCR president Di Carra in action



Monash Happy Seniors group visits Damper Creek

Inclement weather did not deter the Happy Seniors group from visiting Damper Creek on July 10th. School holidays also gave the opportunity for several grandchildren to accompany the group. After the walk the group convened at Alvie Hall and were entertained by a short video produced for the Waverley Camera Club followed by traditional dancing and a Tai Chi session. The walk was part of a programme organised by Monash Sustainability.



Learning about the history and ecology of the creek behind Yatama Court.

Angled onion is a serious weed in Damper Creek. It can also be used in cookery this Happy Senior harvests a crop.





AGM

We will hold our AGM on August 27th.

Most positions already have nominations but we encourage further nominations for all formal positions plus we have positions for general committee members. General committee members can contribute special areas of interest or simply observe the operation of the committee to consider how they can best serve.

Nomination forms are available on the website or by contacting the secretary.

Our guest speaker at the AGM will be Chris Carra who will tell us about off-shore wind farms. We also expect to have Anjalee de Silva, our local councillor, who will give us an update on the new state-wide planning rules.

Mount Waverley Secondary College

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Students from MWSC participating in the Award will be conducting weeding and Waterwatch in the reserve as part of the environment section of the Award.







Waterwatch

We tested the two streams on Thursday July 10th - many thanks to Wayne for doing the hard part and getting in to collect the samples.

Both streams were running hard and the water was clear. General conditions in the environs was good, with the banks firm and stable and the vegetation surrounding also of good appearance. There were high oxygen levels and the other chemical parameters were fine. Very unusually the Electrical Conductivity was higher in the North branch than the East.

Detailed results have been added to the Melbourne Water database.

Midweek Weeding

The midweek weeders are continuing to work outside the usual working bees, supported by the bush-crew. The work done by this group is specific to revegetated areas and aims to preserve the value of our planting days.

The group has been working in an area near the duckpond between the pathway and the rear of the Park Road properties. They are open to suggestions for other areas.

To join this dedicated group and to receive notification of planned midweek weeding days please contact:
secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com





Upcoming Events

Our next Working Bee

National Tree Day planting Sunday July 27th

(in conjunction with Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve)

Stanley Reserve (enter from 37A Therese Avenue)

Commences from 10-00am followed by BBQ

August 31st Working Bee

Location and task TBD

Our next guest speaker

Chris Carra

Topic: Offshore Wind Farms

Wednesday August 27th

Alvie Hall from 7-30

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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/>

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