



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve inc.

June 2026



OVER 2,500 Plants added to the Reserve by Volunteers.

The May Community Planting Day and BBQ was a great success with 35 volunteers attending. Everyone worked hard then enjoyed the Lions BBQ and the chance to meet new people. Then the welcome rain came.





Thanks to Maria for
the Community
Planting Day Photos.





Other Committee News and Updates

- Friends of Damper Creek helped the Kooyong Koot Association at the Friends and Landcare Expo at Parliament House. It was a great way to meet other environmental groups and see all the amazing work that community volunteers do for our Victorian environment.
- The Friends are giving a presentation for the Monash Nature Stewards Program. The aim is to tell interested Monash residents about the work that we do and how they can get involved.
- The Mount Waverley Secondary College Duke of Education Students planted over 400 plants. A great effort.





The Fungi have enjoyed the recent rain and have begun erupting.
Come and learn more about this 5th Kingdom at our June
Guestspeaker meeting (details on page 4.)



Images: D. Carra



The Fifth Kingdom: An Introduction to Fungi for Curious People



Hamish Beshara is a naturalist, photographer, and fungi fanatic. He is the coordinator of the Field Naturalist Club of Victoria Fungi Special Interest Group and leads forays around Victoria throughout the fungi season. Hamish is the artist behind Waxcap Photography, capturing fungal portraits and images of our natural world. Hamish's presentation 'The Fifth Kingdom' explores the beautiful morphologies fungi produce, their role in our environment, and where to meet them.

**Join us at the next
General Meeting on
Wednesday 24th June**
at Alvie Hall at 7.30pm to
hear and see this
fascinating presentation
from Hamish Beshara
(supper to follow)

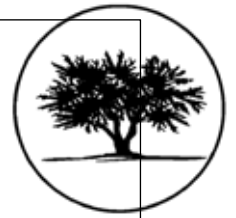


Image Credit: H Beshara – Waxcap Photography



Community Planting Day

End of Sunhill Road & Alice Street



Sunday 28 June 2026

10am to 12.30pm

**Meet between the Sunhill Road / Alice Street entrances to
Damper Creek Conservation Reserve, Mt Waverley**

Wear sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing and gardening gloves.
Tube stock provided by Monash Council to increase urban greening and habitat connection
for small birds as well as improving erosion control for stormwater run-off.

"Billy" Morning Tea will be provided at 11.15am.
BYO cups/mugs.

**Welcome to this
new resident in
Alice Street – a
juvenile Tawny
Frogmouth.**

Image: D Carra



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



King Parrots sighted by D. Carra feeding on Black Nightshade (a weed).

Unusual sighting recorded at Valley Reserve. There have been several reports of a blue faced honey eater. This species is usually seen in northern Victoria.

City of Monash / Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve

Join our planting

NATIONAL TREE DAY 2026

EVENT: To revegetate indigenous species along the Scotchmans Creek corridor

WHEN: Sunday, 26 July 2026
10:00am to 1:00pm

WHERE: Stanley Reserve East on the south side of the creek.

Access will be from **Therese Avenue no 37A**

SITE CONTACT: FSCVR Contact - Sally Walker 0477 006 774

Monash Council Contact - Vanessa Bluett 0467 487 504

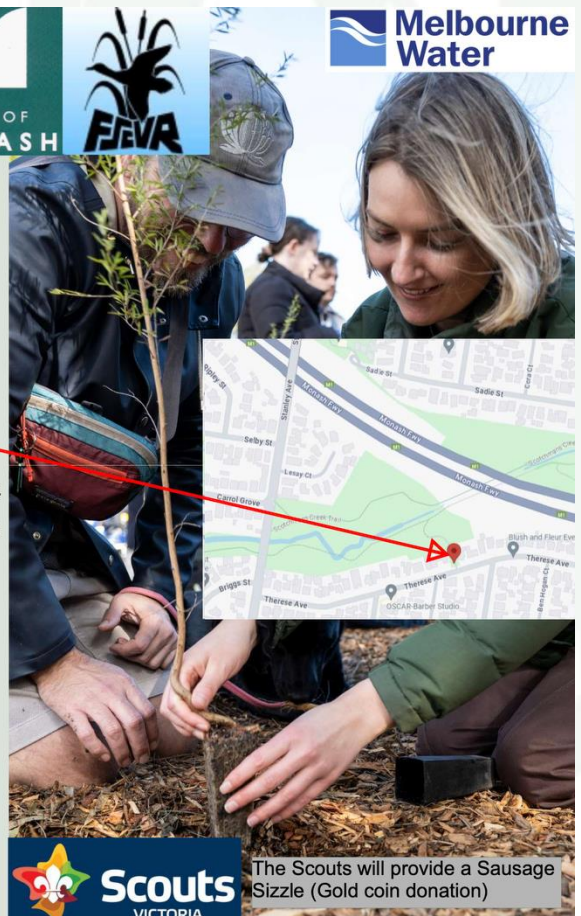
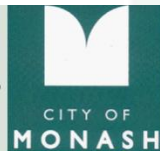
EXTRA INFORMATION:

All tools are provided, just bring gardening gloves and wear sturdy footwear and your gardening clothes.
Please bring your own bottle of water to help to save the environment



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The Scouts will provide a Sausage Sizzle (Gold coin donation)

Upcoming Events



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

Next Working Bee – Sunday 28th June Neighbourhood Planting

10am to 12.30pm

Meeting point – Alice Street / Sunhill Road Entrances
(See details on page 6)

Next General Meeting – Wednesday 24th June “The Fifth Kingdom: An Introduction to Fungi for Curious People”

Hamish Beshara VFNC “Fungi” Group Co-ordinator

Meet at Alvie Hall at 7.30pm (supper to follow)
(See details on page 5)

Save the Dates

Monthly Mid-Week Nature Walk & Water Watch Testing Thursday 9th July

Meet at Alvie Hall at 10am (until 12noon)

July Working Bee – Sunday 19th July

10am to 12.30pm

Meeting point – TBC

(Note change of our working bee due to clash with FSCVR Event)

Friends of Scotchmans Creek Valley Reserve (FSCVR) Planet Ark National Tree Planting

Sun 26th July (See details on page 7)

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