



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve
inc.

March 2024



Clean Up Australia Day working bee – Sunday 25 February 2024 from 10am – 12.30pm.

The day dawned clear and mild and fortunately not too hot. We thank the fourteen enthusiastic volunteers including two children, who met at the Park Road carpark to commence the yearly Clean Up Australia Day event.

Most pleasingly, it was agreed that the main creek pathway through the Reserve was already rubbish free. The group therefore concentrated on the areas around Alvie Hall, Golf Avenue towards the Golf Club fenceline, around the Bowling Club carpark and through to Damper Creek East and then to Bellbird Corner.

Thanks to Chris Carra, the billy boiled at 11.15am and bush tea, muffins and biscuits were enjoyed by many. It was a very pleasing opportunity to meet neighbours and the community.



Clean Up Australia Day (continued)

The volunteers collected approx. 2 cubic metres of rubbish which included many pieces of plastic, food and sweet wrappings, polystyrene pieces, food containers and cups, cigarette butts, plastic bags, plastic bottles and aluminium cans, glass bottles, and disappointingly full doggie bags! Unusual items were a large rusty air-conditioning unit frame, a small flagpole, and three chairs dumped near the noticeboard.

There was a noticeable drop in the number of cans, and both plastic and glass bottles, which we guessed was the result of CDS (Container Deposit Scheme). The closest CDS site can be found at Unit 109/170 Forster Road, Mt Waverley. Open - 5pm weekdays; and 9 am – 4pm weekends.

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

Tree Pathogen testing

Re: Temporary Fencing around trees on corner of Norman Court and Park Road is still in place - updates to come.

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



Monash City Council bushfire/grass fire plan/strategy

Monash City Council has a fire management safety plan for native bushland reserves across the municipality with around 38 hectares of native bushland reserves being Damper Creek, Scotchmans Creek, Valley Reserve and Gardiners Creek. The strategy is in place year-round but the higher risk months are typically November through to March.

The Council monitors the above mentioned areas, and other areas that may be at risk of fire. The fire action response plans in place for all locations are done in consultation with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB). The plans provide specific details for access points, hydrant locations, staging areas, etc and these are regularly checked.

Damper Creek Reserve is monitored four times each day on Total Fire Ban Days to ensure the safety of the bushland and surrounding areas.

More information can be found at
<http://www.monash.vic.gov.au>



One of a few of our very shy resident Turtles can be seen sunbaking on a favorite rock in the Main pond each day but be very quiet as you approach.





Upcoming Events

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

March Working Bee - weeding event

Sunday 24 March from 10am – 12.30pm

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

Meet at Mushroom Rock just near the Alice Street bridge

Billy boils 11am – BYO cup/mug, gloves, wear sunscreen, sunhats
solid shoes.

The Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve wish everyone a
happy and safe Easter break

Next meeting

Alvie Hall from 7.30pm – 9pm.

Wednesday 22 May 2024

Guest speaker TBA

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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