



# Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation  
Reserve inc.

November 2022



## From the President's Desk

### Back at Alvie Hall at last!

Our November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be held in Alvie Hall with a guest speaker, Rebecca Carra **Topic: Urban Forests and Tree Canopy**

Also Don't forget our annual BBQ on Sunday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.

(See notice at the end of this newsletter.)

We are now entering a new normal for the Friends of Damper Creek. So what is new?

- 1/ We have a new look website.
- 2/ The new meadow garden has been planted and is now blooming.
- 3/ We have a reduced meeting frequency, now quarterly instead of monthly.
- 4/ We have changed our working bee date to a more logical date of the last Sunday of each month.
- 5/ We have new banking arrangements with Bendigo Bank.

We look forward to more changes in 2023, including a re-vamped Facebook page.

Got more ideas? Come along to our Alvie hall meeting and share them.





## October Working Bee and Special presentation to CC Hua .



Photos courtesy of  
Helen Clements







## **Celebrating our re-vamped website.**

Our enthusiastic weeders took a break following a productive weeding session by the waterfalls to make a presentation to the designer of our re-vamped website.

Flowers and a framed certificate were the least we could do for CC Hua after she took over the revision of the website. The excellent work by Scott Clements was looking a little tired after twenty years. CC's work brightens up our image without losing the excellent information structure designed by Scott and maintained over the years by Philip Johnstone (who remains as webmaster).

## **Meet the newcomer**

This ball of fluff is a baby Tawny Frogmouth. While the adults are perfectly camouflaged to blend in with dead wood, the youngsters a little more obvious.

Tawny Frogmouths feed on rats and mice so do the Tawnys a favour and avoid using poison baits.





## Tips for Growing Healthy Trees

Members of the Friends of Damper Creek hardly need convincing about the benefits of trees. To have such a wonderful reserve within reach is a privilege enjoyed by too few.

To plant a tree on your own land is a different issue. There is a significant fear factor from damage to foundations, plumbing and even threat to life. Are you afraid of being killed by a falling tree? The statistics don't lie: the chance of being killed by a falling tree is one in five million. Even then, most fatalities occur while in a car and/or during a storm.

Do trees reduce the value of your real estate? Several studies show that real estate values are increased up to a 30% canopy cover. So plant trees and enhance the value of your property. Trees significantly reduce heating and cooling costs and can reduce wind damage to your house as well as providing homes for wildlife.

We all encounter high temperatures and temperatures are several degrees higher in cities due to the *Heat Island Effect*. Urban temperatures are highly correlated with tree cover. So, plant trees to stay cool. What about potential damage to homes, foundations and plumbing? This boils down to choosing the right trees.

If you want information on choosing the right trees for your garden here is a useful link.

<https://www.gardeningaustralia.com.au/choose-plant-right-tree/>

Temperatures are rising and tree cover is decreasing. If you care about the environment and trees in particular, don't pass an opportunity to tell your neighbours and friends about the benefits of trees.





# Upcoming Events

## November Meeting

When :7:30 Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Where? Alvie Hall

Guest Speaker :Rebecca Carra

## Topic: Urban Forests and Tree Canopy

Council guidelines suggest that if social distancing cannot be maintained masks should be worn.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at hall.

## Annual BBQ Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>

**See notice next page**

### 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](https://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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Back at last!!!

The Friends of Damper Creek Conservation  
Reserve are delighted to invite you to our

## Annual Free sausage sizzle bbq

**When:** Sunday 27 November 2022,  
from 12 noon – 3pm. Food served from 12.30pm

**Where:** end of Richard Road Mt Waverley.

Park in Richard Road or Alice Street.

**BYO:** Chairs/ ground mats, sunscreen, sunhats,  
plates, cutlery, cups/mugs, aerogard, and  
special foods/drinks.

A sausage sizzle bbq lunch will be provided by the Friends together with the Lions Club of Ashwood-Mt Waverley– sausages, veg burgers, onions, soft drinks, water, billy tea/coffee, and salad items.

**All welcome**