

**Update on VPO – Panel Victoria Report dated 13 August 2013**

At the meeting of the Friends of Damper Creek Reserve Inc. on Wednesday 28 August 2013, it was unanimously agreed to strongly support the conclusions and recommendations of the Panel Victoria report dated 13 August 2013, which will be voted on at the next meeting of the Monash City Council on **Tuesday 24 September 2013**.

(Document is available for viewing on the Monash City Council website [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au) – go to : “Vegetation Protection Overlay” link – *Panel Report*).

The Friends have written to all the Councillors, CEO and the Mayor to bring to their attention the following text which is contained within the Panel Report, Page 49, dot point 9.

**Consolidated Recommendations**

*Based on the reasons set out in this Report, the Panel recommends:*

- 1. Amendment C115 to the Monash Planning Scheme should be abandoned.*
- 2. The Vegetation Protection Overlay Schedule 1 – Tree Protection Area (VPO1) should be retained.*
- 3. That Council should undertake additional work to better determine vegetation values (with expert and community input) and to review planning policies as part of an integrated approach towards vegetation protection and management under the Monash Planning Scheme.*

**All Friends are encouraged to attend the Monash City Council meeting on Tuesday 24 September 2013 from 7.30pm at the Civic Centre Monash City Council Springvale Road Glen Waverley**

as the Council still has three options at this meeting (1) to abandon the Amendment (2) to proceed with the Amendment (which would require final approval by the State Planning Minister) or (3) to investigate possible changes to the Amendment, - the Friends have voted that the contents of the Panel Victoria report is accepted at this meeting. For more information contact Brian Goyen, Coordinator Strategic Planning on 9518 3620 or email [briang@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:briang@monash.vic.gov.au)

**AGM 28 August 2013**

Your new committee is  
President: Helen Clements 0401 813 502  
Vice President: Robert Yates  
Treasurer: Kevin Ryland  
Secretary: Maryann Hawthorn

A special thank you to outgoing President, Frank Carder for all his hard work and efforts over the previous 2 years. As a voluntary organisation, the FoDC has been privileged to have had such a dedicated stalwart of the community at the helm – thank you Frank!

**Subscriptions now due:**

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**New members**

*The Friends of Damper Creek welcome new members. Renee from Sunhill Road joined us*

at the last meeting and the working bee and we extend a warm welcome to her.

**Working Bee**

Sunday 29 September 2013 Meet at Middle Bridge (end of Alice Street), from 10am – 12.30pm. Morning tea, billy boils, at 11am. All Welcome.

**Next meeting** Wednesday 25 September 2013 at 7.30pm at “Alvie Hall”, Alvie Road Mt Waverley.

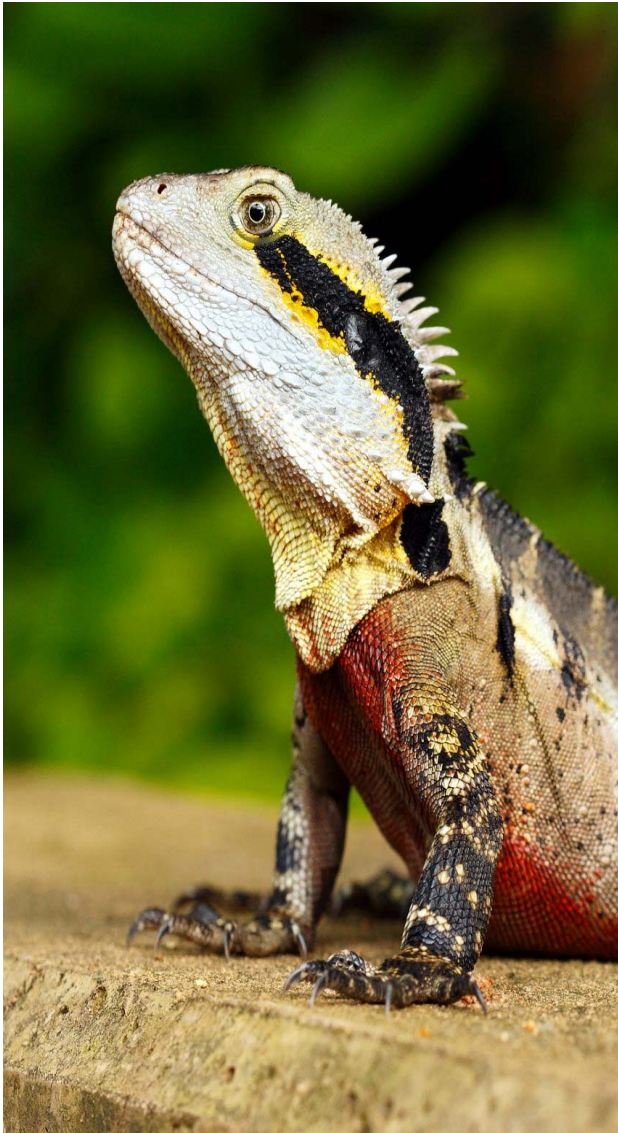
**Guest Speaker: Bernard Heinze, President, Victorian Apiarists Society.** Bernard has been keeping bees for over 50 years and will provide us with insight into the wild bees found in our reserve, the importance of bees world-wide and how Australia plays a vital part in the global health of the bee population, as well as how to get involved if you are interested in producing your own fresh honeycomb! Bernard’s presentation will be followed by supper after which a short general meeting will be held.

**Observations**

Frank Carder sighted the elusive grey currawong.  
Maryann Hawthorn has spotted gang gang cockatoos and king parrots, with ducks, kookaburras and possums fighting over a single popular tree hollow – to sleep in or to nest in! (The possum was most irate and has not returned!)

A Bushcrew member advises the sighting of a Gippsland Waterdragon on the creek bank in

the Reserve (pictured). Previous sighting was many years ago.



### Friends of Damper Creek

#### Important dates to remember:

	Sept	Notes
<b>Meeting:</b>	Wed 25 Sept - 7:30 pm	<b>Alvie Hall</b>
<b>W-Bee</b>	Sun 29 Sept 10-00am to 12-30pm	Middle Bridge
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<b>Meeting:</b>	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 7:30 pm	<b>Alvie Hall</b>
<b>W-Bee</b>	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> - 1000am to 1230 pm	<b>Middle Bridge</b>

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