



# Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve  
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## From the President's Desk

Spring in Damper Creek: The Aussie bush unfolds its glories over a long period, beginning in mid winter with wattles and progressing till mid summer. Sometimes it takes a little patience and observation skills to realise how marvellous the process of spring flowering is. In the wild, little things can be hidden in the undergrowth, sometimes waiting for a bushfire or for a tree to fall to open the canopy and allow the smaller plants to be revealed. As a "Conservation Reserve", the management of Damper creek tries to allow natural processes to determine what survives and what flourishes. This results in the unkempt appearance which is typical of the Australian bush. One exception to this is the newly planted area we call the "Wildflower Meadow". The area was mulched in March 2022 and planted out in June/July the same year. Many of the plants which are scarcely a year old are now flowering, an indication of what is to come!

The next page shows a few of the plants that are flowering now. In the next few weeks keep an eye out for:

Chocolate lilies,	<i>Arthropodium strictum</i>
Bluebells,	<i>Wahlenbergia sp</i>
Clustered Everlasting,	<i>Chrysocephalum semipapposum</i>
Running Postman	<i>Kennedia Prostrata</i>
Billy Buttons	<i>Craspedia sp</i>
Golden Bush-pea	<i>Pultenaea gunnii</i>

*There are others, see if you can add to the list.*



Left  
**Grey parrot pea**  
*Dillwynia cinerascens*



Above  
**Trigger Plant**  
*Stylidium graminifolium*



Left  
**Cut Leaf Daisy**  
*Brachyscome multifida*





# **Damper Creek Video - Have you viewed our new video? Feedback is appreciated!**

Activate your phone camera and  
frame the QR code below.

Touch “You Tube” to view an  
introductory video about the reserve.





# Upcoming Events

## Working Bees

**(last Sunday of the month unless notified)**

Sunday 24 September 2023 from 10am - 12.30pm

Meet at main pond, creek track - weeding event

Billy boils at 11am

All welcome

Bring Mug, snacks, water bottle, gloves, aerogard,  
sunscreen, all weather gear, solid shoes

## Next meeting

**Wednesday 22 November 2023**

**Guest speaker tba**

**Alvie Hall**

**commences 7.30 pm**

## **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](http://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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