

Editorial : The Best Working Bee Ever : Our Community Planting Day

Sunday May 30th dawned to near perfect planting weather. There had been much rain the previous week and rain threatened on the day but, thankfully, held off during the planting. With an aim to plant 5000 plants financed by our Melbourne Water grant, it was obvious that we would need more than our usual crew of volunteers to accomplish the task. The "Community Planting Day" provided the framework and the committee did the legwork, organising the leaflet drop and a BBQ to reward weary planters.

Raw statistics cannot capture the enthusiasm of the day. We registered 90 volunteers, many of them family groups and Scouts. The regulars were there along with many locals new to the area who used the event as an opportunity to learn more about the local environment. It was good to see a number of newcomers to the area at the planting. Spontaneous teams emerged with diggers, planters and tube gatherers working together. There seemed to be a competition among the younger children to devise the most creative way of arranging tubes

Thanks to all the Bushcrew members who helped on the day, Mark, Danny, Roger and their new member, Mick Tiller. Also those behind the scenes, including Michael Grant, the City of Monash co-ordinator and Chris Gittens (and many others). The Bushcrew were kept busy returning the truck to the depot for more plants.

We successfully planted 4560 plants with a BBQ following. Many of the neighbours in attendance commented on how much they enjoyed the community involvement that the event provided and how nice it was to meet their neighbours.

In all, it was a great day and we could not have asked for more.



The Planting Tube Archway



Planting for the future

Help Needed

The Friends of Damper Creek needs a new treasurer. Frank Carder has come to the end of his tenure and is keen to move on to other roles. He found the task an enjoyable one and is happy to give the new treasurer a gentle introduction to the duties. The task involves only a modicum of skill and time so if you feel you can help out please come to the next meeting on June 23rd and nominate. As a committee member, the treasurer has the opportunity to participate in the work that the committee performs throughout the year, to help set the direction that FODCR takes and to make a real difference to the environment.

Newsletter Issues

Difficulties with the timely distribution of the newsletter have forced a re-evaluation of the way the newsletter is handled. The most effective way of distributing the newsletter is by email. Printed newsletters will be available at the monthly meetings. **If you currently receive a printed copy and have email access, please give your email to Frank Carder** and this will ensure you receive your newsletter in a timely fashion. (Frank's phone number is at the end of this newsletter.)

Secondly, if you have content for the newsletter please get it to me before the committee meeting which is held on the second Wednesday of the month.

The City of Monash, who kindly print and distribute the newsletter, are having difficulties getting the newsletter into the post in time for the monthly meeting. We will

endeavour to get the newsletter to them immediately following the committee meeting.

Guest Speaker June Meeting

The Canning Stock route is the subject for June's guest speaker. The presenter will be your (sometimes) adventurous newsletter editor who will relate the history of the route and share his photos of this remote area of central Western Australia.

Blank Space

Nature abhors a vacuum and your editor hates to see a newsletter which does not use all the available space. If you, too, hate to see blank spaces, they can be filled with your contributions. If you do not feel inclined to compile your own contribution, the editor is open to any suggestions for content.

Friends of Damper Creek Important dates to remember:

	June	Notes
Meeting:	Wed 23rd - 7:30 pm	Alvie Hall
W-Bee	Sun Jun 27th 10-00am to 12-30pm	Middle Bridge
	July	
Meeting:	Wed 28th- 7:30 pm	Alvie Hall
W-Bee	Sun Aug 1st 10-00am to 12-30 pm	Middle Bridge

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