

AGM Wednesday 27 August 2014

Please note that the Friends of Damper Creek Reserve Inc. will vote to adopt the *Model Rules for an Incorporated Association 2012* at its AGM on 27 August 2014. The Model Rules 2012 will replace the original FODCR Constitution. Please take time to read the following documents

The Model Rules 2012 and FoDC By-Laws and Mission statement are available on the DC website. Click on "About Us" and then go to link "Whats New" for you to read before the next meeting. Please note that "in absentia" votes may be forwarded to the Secretary, and that those who vote at the AGM must be financial members.

FoDC Annual Subscriptions now due

A friendly reminder that Annual Subscriptions will be due on and after the AGM 27 August 2014. The fee is modest at \$2 single person, \$5 family, or \$50 once only "Enduring Membership". Under the Model Rules FoDC needs your support & up-to-date subscriptions are greatly appreciated to keep the group viable.

You may check your current status by sending an email request to:

secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com

July meeting – Guest speaker

Andrew McKernan an arborist and Director of Garden Glow Tree Care, an office bearer of the Victorian Tree Industry Organisation, and a volunteer at the Knox Environmental Society, presented a most interesting and informative presentation on "Creating Habitat for birds and animals in dead trees". Andrew brought along some tree samples and

demonstrated how habitats designed for specific species are carved into dead trees.

Andrew also spoke about a "Gardens for Wildlife" program now most successfully established through the Knox City Council. The concept created keen interest from those present at the meeting. It was suggested that FoDC could perhaps encourage residents who live around Damper Creek Reserve to plant out their gardens similarly to create a wider corridor to attract native birds and wildlife. Information on bird attracting plants, and ideas on creating a garden for wildlife can be found on the Knox Council website:

http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/Page/page.aspx?page_id=904

Information on the "Gardens for Wildlife" scheme in Knox can be found at:

<http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/g4w>

National Tree Planting Day – Sunday 27 July 2014 Fairway Reserve. Ted Mason, President, Friends of Scotchmans Creek & Valley Reserve sent a sincere thanks to all FoDCR volunteers who joined the working bee, where many volunteers planted over 9,000 tube stock. A wonderful achievement!!

Future Guest Speakers

Wed 27 August AGM. Don Bladier.

Topic: *A trip to Lightning Ridge.*

Wed 24 September- Janet Hand of Birdlife Australia Topic: "Birds of Mount Waverley".

Wed 22 November – Dr Caragh Threlfall, Melbourne University. Topic: "Biodiversity in Urban Areas"

We also expect Prof Tim Fletcher to return when the results of his funding application for the "Talking Tanks" project are known.

Family Fun Day at Damper Creek Friday 3rd October 2014, funded and organised by Monash City Council (MCC)

Diary date reminder:

Monash City Council is organising a community event as part of Seniors' Month to again showcase Mt Waverley's bushland reserves and to encourage residents & visitors to walk through and explore these unique and peaceful locations.

This year both the Friends of Damper Creek Reserve & the Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve will be combining to showcase Damper Creek Reserve's bushland. In previous years bushwalks have been held in Scotchman's Creek and Valley Reserve. A rolling powerpoint presentation for both groups will be held in Alvie Hall throughout the morning. The first meeting place will be from Alvie Hall (Cnr Alvie Rd and High St Rd Mt Waverley) just before 10am, then walking to the Damper Creek Playground, Park Rd (where there will be a worm-farm demonstration & raffle for a lucky winner) and onwards through the bushland to either the Alice Street bridge (40 year plaque), or further on towards Stephenson's Road and the litter trap. FoDC members and the Bushcrew will be present as guides. Alvie Hall will be open from 9.30am until 2pm as a rest stop.

From approx. 12 noon onwards a sausage sizzle will be held for all at the Damper Creek playground.

As 3rd October is the last Friday of the school holidays it is hoped that some seniors will come with family members and their grandchildren. This is a great opportunity to showcase the work of FoDC ,

together with and supported by the MCC Bushcrew. New members & families very most welcome. Do come along if you can.

Next Working Bee- planting day

Sunday August 31st is a further *Community Planting Day*.- Tube stock is funded by a Melbourne Water grant. After planting a sausage sizzle will commence at 12 noon. Meet at the Park Road entrance to the Reserve from 10am (registration) to 12.30pm. The MCC Bushcrew will have approximately 2,000 tube stock ready for planting along the lower track and the riparian strip in-between the Park Road entrance to the reserve and the Alice Street Bridge.

Request a Service – Monash City Council Website

If you have anything to report regarding fallen trees, obstructions, blocked drains in street pathways, or any observation in your area which needs attention, etc, please go to <http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/> Click on the "Request a Service" link, & register your request on the Monash City Council website.

Compost Revolution – Monash City Council

Composting has never been easier for Monash residents as you can now access **free online tutorials** about composting and then purchase a discounted compost bin or worm farm.

Council has signed up to Compost Revolution, which is an online program that supports the home composting of food and garden scraps. Go to:

<http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/environment/initiatives/compost-revolution.htm>

Important dates to remember:

August 2014

Meeting	AGM Wed 27 th	Alvie Hall
W-Bee & Sausage Sizzle	Sun 31 August Community Planting Day	Meet at Park Rd entrance to DC

Meeting:	Wed 24 September	Alvie Hall
Guest Speaker	Janet Hand, Birdlife Australia	
W-Bee	Sun 28 September 10 am to 12-30 pm	TBA

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