

Editorial : Celebrating Our Achievements

Sometimes we need to be reminded of the success of our group. Our annual BBQ was an occasion to reflect on our group's longevity and achievements.

Around 60 people attended this very special occasion. Not only was it our annual celebration but it was also a celebration of 20 years of active revegetation work on Damper Creek. "Friends" groups spring up all the time and few endure as older members move away, lose interest or pass away. The endurance of our group is due to the dedication of our older members and a continual inflow of new members. Features that make membership of our group pleasurable include our regular programme of guest speakers, our monthly working bee with our campfire billy tea and other "goodies", great cooperation with Monash council workers and continual success with grant applications, particularly from Melbourne Water and, of course, our annual BBQ.



A selection of photos from our annual BBQ.

Guest Speakers

Wednesday 26 February 2014 from 7.30pm. John Poppins, an FoDC member and a member of Field Nats also, will present some interesting sound bites of frog calls which he has collated together with a team of volunteers) over the past year as part of his research into local frog populations. This will be followed by a short general meeting, to end at approx 9.15pm followed by a summer night walk in Damper Creek along the lower creek track. John will bring along his equipment to spotlight night critters.

Wednesday 23 April 2014, Alvie Hall Mt Waverley (Cnr Alvie Road and High St Rds). Sue Nichols, local Volunteer Animal Carer will speak to the group from 7.30pm until 8pm followed by question time of approx 10 mins followed by supper. A general meeting will follow.

Further guest speakers are being negotiated and an active programme throughout 2014 is assured. In particular there will be an announcement regarding a cooperative water management programme involving damper creek and adjacent properties.

Working Bees

Our next working bee will take place on March 2nd. We will be working in the area between the rear of Yatama Court and Golf Ave. This will be a general maintenance and weeding day as the soil is expected to be too dry to plant. If you have not attended a working bee before, consider the following benefits:

- (a) an opportunity to socialise with other members.
- (b) learning about Damper Creek plants and weeds from members and council staff.

(c) sampling the “billy tea” and goodies bought by members to show-off their finger food skills (or an opportunity to show-off your own skills). BYO mug.

There will be a mid-winter community planting day, using money from the Melbourne Water grant to plant out the area between Park Rd and the Alice Street bridge. We will follow this work with a sausage sizzle.

New Website address

www.friendsofdampercreek.org.au

[Please update your “favourites” as the old website address will cease to operate in the near future.](#)

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook. Your photo submissions, both recent and archival, will be welcomed.

Membership review:

Please ensure your membership is up-to-date. It's not about the money, (annually \$2-00 individual, \$5-00 family, \$50-00 enduring) it's about legitimising our membership as an association which is important in applying for grants and general recognition.

You can renew your membership when attending any meeting or working bee or by contacting the secretary or treasurer.

Email addresses

Email is the best way of getting your newsletter and some additional notices can also be sent out by email. We will continue to support newsletter delivery by mail but cannot guarantee that mailed copies will arrive prior to our monthly meeting. If you are able to receive the newsletter by email please notify our secretary and the membership list will be updated.

Important dates to remember:

	February	Notes
Meeting: GM	Wed 26 th - 7:30 pm	Alvie Hall
Working Bee	Sun March 2nd 10-00 am to 12-30pm	Golf Ave / Yatama Court
March		
Meeting: GM	Wed 26 th - 7:30 pm	Alvie Hall
W-Bee	Sun March 30th 10-00am to 12-30 pm	TBA

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