

Editorial : Our Community Planting Day

Our annual community planting day will be held on June 30th. This is a BIG day for FODCR as it is our opportunity to show-off our activities to the public. We try and involve as much of the community as possible with several hundred flyers distributed to the immediate neighbourhood. A good turn-up from members will ensure that there are enough people to provide assistance and advice to those not experienced in planting.

Don't keep this information to yourself, let your neighbours, children and relatives know it's happening. Don't forget the free BBQ after we have planted all 3000 plants.

Also note that Scouts, Guides and many students have environment and community service requirements. Our Community Planting Day provides a convenient and pleasurable way of meeting these requirements.

Guest Speaker July Meeting

Our guest speaker for July is Annie Mayo from Bush Heritage.

Bush Heritage uses donations to fund the purchase and management of ecologically significant tracts of land in Australia. Founded by Bob Brown, Bush heritage currently owns 30 properties from Tasmania to far north Queensland and south-west Western Australia and operates in partnership with other conservation groups and indigenous communities. It will be fascinating to hear how these properties are managed in order to preserve our wildlife and

ecosystems. Don't keep this special night to yourself. Invite your friends.

An apiarist has been approached to be guest speaker for September.

In Memory of Tom Morrissey

We were all saddened by the sudden passing of Tom Morrissey. Tom had been a loyal supporter of our Group over many years. As councillor for Damper ward and mayor he was motivated by strong community interest and supported environmental groups such as FODCR. He was active in helping us overturn the Council decision to sell land near Sadie Street which has now been re-zoned as Public Park and Recreation and also supported us in our efforts to retain the Vegetation Protection Overlay without amendment. Tom will be sorely missed.

Monash VPO Amendments Under Review

The Department of Planning and Community Development will be conducting hearings into the City of Monash proposal to amend the VPO.

Hearings will be held on Monday 17th June, Tuesday 18th June and Wednesday 19th June from 10am at the City of Monash council chambers.

FODCR president Frank Carder will be presenting a submission on our behalf on Tuesday.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and this will be a valuable indication of the level of interest. Unfortunately no further submissions can be presented.

Visitor to Damper Creek

Maryann Hawthorn spotted a Golden Whistler in Damper Creek the other day.

From time to time Damper Creek hosts rare (or at least uncommon) visitors. Is this the first time the Golden Whistler has been sighted in Damper Creek? My search of the internet has revealed that this species ranges along the eastern and southern parts of Australia and the islands to Australia's north. The species is highly variable and the female does not share the bright plumage of the male bird.

It is not listed as endangered though it may escape detection due to its small size.



More Planting

Our sister organisation, Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve, invites you to join them for their planting day on July 7th.

Location: Crosby Drive, Mount Waverley

Time: 9-30am

Melway 70K3

There will be another planting on July 28th at Fairway Reserve, Melway 70E5

Like us on Facebook

FODC now has a Facebook page. Just search Damper Creek in Facebook and you will see our welcome page. "Like" us and you will be continually updated on our activities.

You will see that, at this stage, we have one photo only. We would love to add more photos to the site. Please send your photos through to Maryann or bring them to our meeting in whatever form you can manage.

Friends of Damper Creek Important dates to remember:

	June	Notes
Meeting:	Wed 26th - 7:30 pm	Alvie Hall
W-Bee	Community Planting Day Sun Jun 30th 10-00am to 12-30pm Free BBQ at 12-30	Park Rd carpark
	July	
Meeting:	Wed 24th- 7:30 pm	Alvie Hall
W-Bee	Sun 28th 10-00am to 12-30 pm	Middle Bridge

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