



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve
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Reserve Visitors (Permanent or temporary?)

Spotted recently near the rear of Warren court; flying foxes!!



Photo courtesy
Tracey Lewis

It is unusual to see Flying Foxes roosting in Damper Creek Reserve.

I often hear them in a neighbor's Lemon Scented Gum, They emit a high pitched squeal and, when flying, you can hear the distinct flap of their leather wings.

The species is listed as threatened, though you may find this hard to believe if you have seen the huge colony in Yarra Bend. If you have not seen them, travel along the Eastern Freeway and they are obvious at the point where the freeway crosses the Yarra.



Annual General Meeting
Election of office bearers

Committee positions for 2024-2025

President: Dianne Carra

Vice President : Douglas Scott

Treasurer: Campbell Miles

Secretary: Tracey Lewis

Two general committee members: Raymond Paterson and Helen Clements

The following non-committee positions were noted and appreciated:

Newsletter Editor: Douglas Scott

Noticeboards: John Clements, Helen Clements

Subscriptions and Database: Jill Anderson
assisted by Helen

Clements

Water Watch: Frank Carder, Campbell Miles

Website Manager: Philip Johnstone

Facebook Manager: Zac Drummond

Billy Tea: Chris Carra



Subscription database update

A sincere thankyou to all members for your support either via Annual fees, Enduring fees, Honorary memberships and Officials.

Only annual fees will become due in July/August and all in this category will receive an email reminder shortly.

It would be appreciated if you no longer wish to have your email registered on our subscription data that you advise email - secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com

Diary date reminder – all welcome

Guest speaker - Dr Gary Presland

Title: "A brief history of Kooyong Koot".

Wednesday 28 August 2024, at Alvie Hall, commencing at 7.30pm followed by supper.

Gardners Creek, aka Kooyong Koot, represents the prime example in Melbourne of all the various ways in which an urban stream can be treated.

Dr Presland will contrast the uses to which the stream has been put to by Europeans since 1935, with the ways it was considered and used in the Indigenous world of the Kulin.

Dr Gary Presland is an archaeologist, historian and writer, with particular interests in both pre-contact Aboriginal history and natural history in the Melbourne area.

He is the author of several published books on Aboriginal history, including *First people: the Eastern Kulin of Melbourne, Port Philip and central Victoria* (2010). His study of the natural landscapes of Melbourne won the Publication category in the 2009 Victorian Community History Award.

Gary is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and an Honorary Associate of Museums Victoria.



Upcoming Events

Working Bees are held on the last Sunday each month unless otherwise notified

Next meeting –General Meeting –

Wednesday 28th August 2024

Alvie Hall from 7.30pm – 9pm.

Guest Speaker Dr.Gary Presland

Title: "A brief history of Kooyong Koot".

see details within this newsletter

August Working Bee

Sunday August 25th 10-00 to 12-30

Sign in and meeting point is at the Bengal Crescent entrance to the reserve. Billy tea will be provided at 11am. Please wear sturdy shoes, sun protection and weather appropriate clothing. BYO gardening gloves and mug.

*****Invitation to join in City of Monash events**

*****Nature in Focus "Monash Wildlife Photo Exhibition"**

August 22 – Sept 2 at the Track Gallery

45 Miller Cres Mount Waverley

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

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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You are invited by:

*The FRIENDS OF SCOTCHMANS CREEK AND
VALLEY RESERVE INC.*

Photographing Birds in the Scotchmans Creek & Valley Reserve Catchment

Presented by Alfred Uhlherr

Valley Conservation Reserve, Scotchmans Creek and the surrounding urban areas support a surprisingly rich and diverse range of bird life. In this talk we will take a closer look at some of the native bird species that can be found here, either as residents, regular migrants or scarcer vagrants.

Wednesday 21st August 2024 at 7:30 pm

Alvie Hall—314 High Street Road Mount Waverley.

Supper provided. Please bring your own cup