



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve
inc.
May 2024



Working Together / community planting day

Planting of tube stock around the Fern gully near the end of Swayfield Rd -

The morning dawned clear and warm - Sunday 26 May 2024 - a very successful working bee and sausage sizzle was enjoyed by many and the Friends extend their sincere thanks to our volunteers, with many new participants joining in.

The Friends were delighted to see families and young children join us.



Relaxing at the BBQ after the morning's effort



Volunteers hard at work near the fern gully



Thanks to the Monash Bushcrew James and Rod for their hard work in preparing the area to be planted and their supervision on the day.

1200 tube stock were planted and approx fifty adults and children gathered with enthusiasm.

A special presentation was made to Joan and John Wolf for their many years of cheerful and helpful volunteering on the committee to care for the notice boards and the data base.

The Friends wish them well with many thanks.

Thanks to the Lions club for their expert cooking and catering providing the sausage sizzle enjoyed by all and especially to Keith Irwin for organising this valuable liaison.

Thanks to office of MP Matt Fregon's for their assistance with photocopying of flyers advertising the event.



PROGRESS ON TREE PROTECTION

Text provided by COUNCILLOR DR JOSH FERGEUS



The battle to protect our local trees continues. Progress is slow.

At the March meeting of Council my amendment to an already excellent Officer report on the steps we are taking to increase canopy vegetation across Monash was supported.

As a result Council will take an additional and important step.

In the coming months ratepayers will receive a letter which:

- communicates Council's deeply held concern with the loss of trees and vegetation on private land across Monash;
- provides a brief summary of the history of amendment C165 and Council's advocacy to the Victorian Government relating to the loss of canopy vegetation;
- clearly explains the reasons given by the Victorian Government for refusing tree controls, resulting in trees on private property not being protected; and
- includes a postcard or similar, which provides ratepayers with the opportunity to express their support for Council's position and to advocate for the immediate approval of amendment C165 directly to the responsible Minister.

Council will also include a page on its website which:

- outlines the impact of this loss with respect to amenity, climate change, health and wellbeing and any other salient factors;
- includes available data relating to the percentage of Monash covered by canopy vegetation between 2018 and 2024;
- provides the detailed history of amendment C165 and Council's advocacy to the Victorian Government relating to the loss of canopy vegetation;
- details Council's actions since 2016 to increase canopy vegetation cover on Council land.

Now is the time for us to take collective action to protect what remains of our local canopy vegetation and to ensure the rapid expansion of coverage across our community into the future.



Reuses of storm damaged trees. Monash bushcrew have been busy dealing with post storm recovery and dealing with many remnant trees that were unrooted by the destructive winds. Many of these trees have been able to be salvaged and are now being reused to create habitat and have been strategically placed in landscaping to capture water, to redirect water flows to benefit vegetation and to prevent erosion. You can see the benefits of this landscaping at Federal Reserve and will soon see some use of salvaged logs within Damper Creek Conservation Reserve in areas prone to erosion and wash outs.

Monash Active Communities Programme

Members invited to help

As part of a new Active Communities initiative, City of Monash will host bush walks in the Damper Creek reserve. This will be led by Active Monash instructors. The “Friends” have been invited to co-host these walks to provide an in-depth commentary on the history of the reserve, provide insights into its ecology and to promote the work done by the “Friends” in conjunction with the City of Monash.

Walks have been organised for July 2nd, 16th and 30th. Expected duration is around one hour. Note that these walks will take place on Tuesday mornings. Of course members are welcome to join these walks as a participant but it would be wonderful if any of you could join as a co-host and share special insights that only members can provide. We may even recruit new members. Contact our secretary at secretary.dampercreek@gmail.com if you can help or contact the City of Monash if you want further details.

Our Early AGM

Please note the revised date for our AGM in the Upcoming Events page. There are important organisational changes to be voted on as a result of legislative amendments. More details to be advised in the next newsletter. All committee positions will be vacated and open to other applicants. Please consider how you can contribute, our stalwarts would welcome some new ideas.





Upcoming Events

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve Inc. will be on Wednesday 24 August 2024 at Alvie Hall Mt Waverley.

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

Sunday June 30th Working bee

Courtesy Yarra Valley Water

Meet at Bengal Crescent entrance 10--00am

Wednesday July 24 AGM

7-30 pm at Alvie Hall

Note the date change, see further comments in body of newsletter.

Sunday 28 July 2024 Working bee

- 9am - 12 noon.

- FoDCCRes volunteers will assist the Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve for their Planet Ark planting event.
 - Location to be advised .

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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