



Damper Creek Doings

Newsletter of the Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve inc.

November 2024



**Come join us
for a
FREE END OF YEAR ANNUAL BBQ
on
SUNDAY November 24th**

**From 12 noon until approximately 3pm
Meet in Damper Creek Conservation Reserve
Enter via Richard Road
Park in Richard Road or Alice Street**

**Sign on at the registration table and collect your lucky ticket to win
one of three Lions Club Christmas cakes .**

**Be prepared: BYO chairs, sunscreen, hat, plates, mugs, cutlery,
Aerogard and any celebratory drinks**

**A sausage sizzle bbq lunch will be provided by the Friends of
Damper Creek together with the Lions Club of Ashwood- Mount
Waverley. Sausages, bread, sauces, onions, soft drinks, water, billy
tea, coffee, salads, fruit and muffins will be provided.**

**All welcome
RSVP not required**



Our Guest Speakers

Note that we are meeting at Alvie hall on Wednesday November 27th.

This is AFTER the annual BBQ

November 27th :Krista Mogensen The When Bee Foundation

Urban beekeeper Krista is an ambassador for the When Bee Foundation, an Australian not-for-profit charity that promotes awareness of the importance of bees for food security, and raises funds for research that addresses the national and global threats to bees.

The When Bee Foundation also supports World Bee Day and Australian Pollinator Week and produces Pollinator Planting Guides to help increase diversity in insect populations in urban landscapes. Have a look here:

<https://www.wheenbeefoundation.org.au/our-work/projects/powerful-pollinators/>

February 2025: Wendy Clark

A photographic essay of local insects and their importance to the environment.

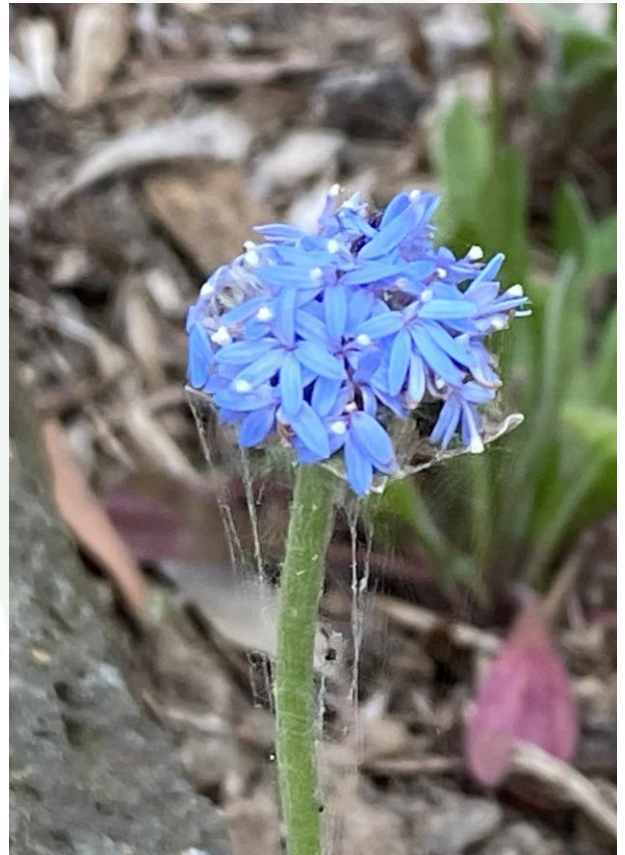
IN FLOWER NOW



Left: Yam Daisy



Right: Blue Pincushion



Yam Daisy: This plant was once prolific in Victoria but was largely eliminated by agricultural practices. The tuberous root was eaten by the indigenous people and it was a staple of their diet. It can be confused with the introduced dandelion but the flower is larger and the flower head droops before it opens. Also, look at the leaves, they have “teeth”.

Blue Pincushion: This delightful herb is easily overlooked when not in flower. This example is a wonderful addition to our wildflower meadow.



Achievements:

Congratulations to Anjalee de Silva on her election as councillor representing the Gardiners Creek ward. Anjalee is the inaugural councillor for the newly created ward.

Previously we were represented in the Mount Waverley ward by councillors Brian Little and Rebecca Paterson as well as Anjalee de Silva. The Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve wish to express their appreciation to Rebecca Paterson and Brian Little for their many years serving as our local representative and the sympathetic ear they have extended to our concerns.

Caroline Chisholm Award

The Caroline Chisholm Award is presented annually to volunteers who have made an exceptional contribution to the community in the electorate of Chisholm. The Friends of Damper Creek Conservation Reserve are proud to announce that Campbell Miles is a recipient for 2024.

Campbell has been one of our most enthusiastic members for nearly 30 years and has served as president, treasurer, secretary. He is coordinator of Waterwatch for Damper Creek, works on grant applications and is an active weeder. He is also an active member of the local Probus club. We offer congratulations to Campbell on receiving this award.

Citizen Science opportunity: (Until Nov 30th)

Monash Council is partnering with the [Superb City Wrens](#) project team, other local governments and community groups across Greater Melbourne to conduct the first-ever city-wide Wren-Watch! The study targets Superb Fairy-wrens, and other small species like Honeyeaters, Scrubwrens and Thornbills.

[Click here](#) to access the Wren-Watch survey instructions and map for the Monash Council area.

For more information contact Sustainable Monash at sustainability@monash.vic.gov.au or head to the [project webpage](#).





Upcoming Events

Annual BBQ Sunday November 24th Off Richard Road from 12-00 noon

Next meeting –General Meeting – Wednesday November 27th 2024

Alvie Hall from 7.30pm – 9pm.
Guest Speaker: Krista Mogensen
Subject: The Wheen Bee Foundation

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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