



FRIENDS OF SCOTCHMANS CREEK AND VALLEY RESERVE INC.

Newsletter – August 2017

Reminder – New Weekday for Evening Meetings – Wednesday

Starting in July all our evening meetings at Alvie Hall will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Our Planting Season Is Now Over

This has been a successful year despite a dry June as we had follow up rain after each planting to help settle the new plants in the ground.

We started our planting season with a Friends planting in Valley Reserve on Sunday 2nd July. We



planted 800 tubestock plants close to the main path west of the Amenities Block. These plants were purchased with Friends funds. Thank you to the 12 members who came along to help.

Novotel supported our planting program again this year when 12 staff and 2 children helped us plant 2000 tubestock next to the Glen Waverley Drain close to Crosby Drive. Novotel then supplied a BBQ for all of us.

We had an extra Friends planting on Tuesday 18th July in the area next to Regent Street where the willows had been removed. We were assisted by 13 students from Holmesglen TAFE who came on the second day of their course in horticultural studies to have a field trip planting indigenous plants. We all planted 2000 tubestock plants which should greatly assist the rehabilitation of this area.





National Tree Day was on Sunday 30th July. We had an excellent morning of planting with 8,000 tubestock planted by 126 volunteers. This was a great turnout - we did not have any very large groups as we did last year but 25 members of the Chinese Professionals Club of Australia came along this year. Here they are in the photo working hard digging and planting.

A great group of Scouts also helped with the planting and the local Scouts provided the usual sausage sizzle which was enjoyed by all.

This year the sizzle was funded by a grant from Monash Council.

Many hands make light work and we were packing up by about 1 pm with all the plants in the ground. Our thanks go to the Monash bush crew who were out in force from well before the planters arrived to spread out the tubes and be ready to help the planters with providing tools and demonstrating how to use them.

Plants for the Crosby Drive, Regent Street and National Tree Day plantings were purchased with grant monies from Melbourne Water. We thank Melbourne Water for these grants which have allowed us to plant over 165,000 plants along the Scotchmans Creek corridor over 17 years.

The Events page on our web site has plant lists for the plants we purchased and the photogallery page has some photos of our plantings this year.

Membership renewals

Membership renewals become due on 30th August. The Application/Renewal form is on the back page of this newsletter. Please help to support our work by joining us or renewing your membership.

Annual General Meeting in October

Enclosed with this newsletter is the agenda for our AGM. You will find on the same page a nomination form for your committee. Our Rules of Association allow for four office bearers and up to eight ordinary committee members, but at present we only have a total of five committee members.

Please consider nominating for your committee, and help to make a positive contribution to the health and diversity of our local environment.

Waterwatch Results & Reports – July 2017

Parameter	YSC010 Site 1A Fiander arm	YSC012 Site 1B Crosby arm	YSC020 Site 2 Regent Street	YVA100 Site 3 Valley Creek
Date	23/07/17	23/07/17	23/07/17	23/07/17
Air temperature °C	10	10	9	10
Water temperature °C	10	10	8	9
pH	7.5 G	7.1 G	6.9 E	6.9 E
Oxygen concentration mg/l			9.1 E	10.0 E
Conductivity E.C.	660 P	160 G	270 F	270 F
Turbidity F.T.U.	10 E	7 E	15 G	15 G
Phosphorus, soluble ppm			0.046 F	0.016 G
Ammonium NH ₄ ppm	0.03 E	0.01 E	0.02 E	0.01 E
Stream Flow L/s	5.1	6.1	19.8	0.7
Habitat assessment/50	24 F	24 F	24 F	28 F

E=Excellent ■ G=Good ■ F=Fair ■ P=Poor ■ D=Degraded ■ N/M= Not measured N/A= Not applicable

July

- Habitat assessment:
 - The site photographs are available as a separate file on the web site.
 - Site 1a (Fiander arm of Scotchmans Creek): There is still very little in-stream vegetation. Verge vegetation is very weedy (Tradescantia etc). Spot erosion still apparent.
 - Site 1b (Crosby arm of Scotchmans Creek): Erosion is less active, bare sand beds are still present, native verge vegetation is improving but the banks are weedy.
- Comments:
 - The creeks all appeared relatively good, with flow from the previous week's rain. All the chemical indicators were Fair to Excellent, except for Poor conductivity in the Fiander arm (site 1a).
 - The phosphorus results are usually poor, but this time Fair and Good.
 - The Fiander arm is often showing Poor conductivity.
 - The habitat assessments were similar to 2016.

For access to the full reports, the data collected and the habitat photos, view the waterwatch page on our web site.

Guest Speaker for our August meeting on Wednesday 16th August

Andrew Downing from Melbourne Water will give us a presentation updating us on the various projects that Melbourne Water has undertaken over the last nine months both around Scotchmans Creek and in the Mount Waverley Wetlands. Come and find out just what has been done and what has been achieved. Details are in the poster sent to all members with the July newsletter.

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Membership Application / Renewal

Membership is renewable each year on 31 August

Name(s):

Address:

Phone: Email:.....

I'm happy to receive all notices by email: Yes ☐ No ☐

I enclose cash/cheque of \$.....for membership type: ☐ Individual (\$5.00)
☐ Family (\$10.00)
☐ Organisation/Corporate (\$20.00)
☐ Tick if receipt required

Date:.....

Please forward to: **The Treasurer,
Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve Inc.,
49 Bunker Crescent,
Glen Waverley Vic. 3150**



Dates to Remember	Event	Notes
Wednesday 16 th August	Guest Speaker – Andrew Downing, Melbourne Water	Alvie Hall at 7:30 pm
Saturday 26 th August	Work Party in Valley Reserve	Amenities block at 1:20 pm
Saturday 30 th September	Work Party in Valley Reserve	Amenities block at 1:20 pm

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