



Tea Gardens, Avondale Heights



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### **HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR.**

This year we are undertaking weed control and planting the next stage of our Melbourne Water Lily Street Wetlands site with NAB corporates. Melbourne Water has funded our Warrick Court, Woodlands site and provided funding for us to continue work in Burndap Park, Maribyrnong with Maribyrnong Council.

Brimbank Council has provided funds for our community events with Keilor Primary School at Caroline Chisholm Reserve in Keilor.

Over the last few months, Melbourne Water has undertaken major works to remove and control a variety of noxious weeds and plants from the Braybrook escarpment below the Buddhist Temple to the river. Also, over the next few years, we will work with Melbourne Water and the Maribyrnong Council to vegetate the escarpment along the Maribyrnong River around the Braybrook temple. We will continue on all our sites from last year including Pipemakers Park, Thomsons Reserve, Tea Gardens and Our Ed Garden in Avondale Heights and Burton Reserve in Maribyrnong

You can find our entire one off planting dates below, and remember you can be included on our weekly e-mail that will update you each Monday, on our sites for every Tuesday and Wednesday until the end of November. Please remember to wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and pants and bring water, gloves, hat (for rain or sun) and sunscreen. You must report to the team leader and follow the instructions for the site you are working on. **For the comfort of all, please leave your pets at home.**

**Apologizes for our forgetfulness.**

**In our Spring/Xmas edition we thanked everyone for their contributions towards our fund raising events.**

**We missed including the KEILOR HOTEL who have been supporting us for many years.**

**Also BCF BRAYBROOK who supported us for the first time and we wish to say thank you to them for their support**

**Again we are sorry for the oversight. We hope you can support these companies as well as our other supporters.**

## Our calendar of events for 2018

Dates	Function	Location
Sat 17th February	<b>Sustainable Living Festival</b> <b>Brimbank City Council</b> Westvale Community Centre. 10am – 1pm	45 Kings Road, St Albans Melway Map 13 F11
<b>Tuesdays till end of November</b>	Working bees/planting days with the <b>Maribyrnong City Council</b> at various sites including Pipemakers Park Maribyrnong 10am till 12 noon	For details for each week you can join our working bee e- mail list. Just e-mail <a href="mailto:maelor@melbpc.org.au">maelor@melbpc.org.au</a> to be part of our “fun”
<b>Wednesdays till end of November</b>	Working bees/planting days at various sites in MVCC and BCC 10am till 12 noon	For details for each week you can join our working bee e- mail list. Just e-mail <a href="mailto:maelor@melbpc.org.au">maelor@melbpc.org.au</a> to be part of our “fun”
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Cleanup Day FMV	Lily Street Essendon West In the park at the end of Lily Street. Melway Map 27 J4
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Cleanup Day Brimbank	Buckingham Reserve West Sunshine Melway Map 40 G4
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Cleanup Day Maribyrnong	See council webpage for locations
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Cleanup Day Moonee Valley	See council webpage for locations
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>FMV /Melb Water /Hoyts Highpoint</b> <b>Corporate</b> Planting Day 10am till 1pm BBQue lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to let us know for catering.	Burndap Peninsula, Car Park off Cumberland Dr., Maribyrnong Melway Map 28 C12
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>FMV / Melb Water / Community</b> Planting 9.30 OHS for 10am start <b>“Boot” Banquet</b>	Burndap Peninsula, Car Park off Cumberland Dr., Maribyrnong Melway Map 28 C12
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Keilor Primary School planting and educational day. 10am start	Caroline Chisolm Reserve, Keilor. On the road verge of Old Calder Highway. Melway Map 14 K7
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Brimbank Council World Environmental Day planting At the rear of the Keilor Golf Course 10 am start	Sydenham Park Kings Road, Keilor Melways Map 26 D11
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Maribyrnong Council World Environmental Day	See council webpage for locations

<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Moonee Valley Council World Environmental Day	See council webpage for locations
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Canning Street Reserve planting day 9.30 OHS for 10am start	Canning Street Reserve Avondale Heights Melway Map 27 G7
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate</b> Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start <b>“Boot” Banquet</b>	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Keilor Primary School/community planting event 10am till noon	Caroline Chisolm Reserve, Keilor On the road verge of Old Calder Highway. Melway Map 14 K7
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Community planting day with Werribee College 10am Start till noon	Thomsons Reserve Maribyrnong. Melway Map 28 B10
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate</b> Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start <b>“Boot” Banquet</b>	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Fairburn Park community planting day 9.30 OHS for 10am start	Details to follow
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Welcome to our VIP day</b> <b>FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate</b> Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start <b>“Boot” Banquet</b>	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate</b> Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start <b>“Boot” Banquet</b>	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>National Tree Planting Day</b> <b>Brimbank City Council</b> 10am-1pm	Taylor's Reserve Keilor. Activities for the children
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Maribyrnong Council National Tree Day</b> <b>10am till 1pm</b>	Maribyrnong River, Between the Medway Golf Course and the river. Enter from Cranwell Reserve/ Melway Map 27 F9 and follow signs on the path. <b>KIDS friendly worksite.</b>
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Moonee Valley Council National Tree Day</b> <b>10am till 1pm</b>	Travancore Park, on the Moonee Ponds Creek, Travancore. Melway Map 29 A 10 Activities for the children

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>FMV AGM Meeting</b> starting at 7.30pm <b>Guest speaker :Victorian Planning Authority: Michael Nolan - Strategic Planning Manager Victorian Planning Authority</b> <b>RSVP required for supper requirements please</b>	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
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Please remember everyone is welcome to our monthly group meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30 pm. We thank Maribyrnong City Council for allowing us the use of their rooms at the Activities Centre 54 Raleigh Road Maribyrnong.

## Parks Victoria works undertaken throughout the Maribyrnong Valley since July 17

If you have any questions or comment please speak to Brimbank Park Rangers  
Brimbank Park, Keilor Park Drive, Keilor VIC 3036  
PO Box 116 Keilor VIC 3036

<b>Location</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Works</b>
Brimbank Park, multiple sites and escarpments. Peri Urban Weed Initiative Year 2.	PV Internal / Contractors	Weed control operations targeting invasive succulent species, prickly pear and agave species.
Brimbank Park Garden Beds	PV Internal / Green Army	Spot spraying weed control.
Brimbank Park	PV Internal	Trail edge spraying operations.
Taylors Creek	MW / PV Internal	Riparian weed control and planting.  General weed control works along Rohan Drive.
Taylors Creek Asbestos Management.	EPA / PV / BCC / Vic Rds	Re opening of pedestrian access through the asbestos site, continuation of air monitoring and agreement for all parties to work towards identifying longer term solutions.
Maribyrnong River Brimbank Park,	PV Internal / MW / Green Army	Completion of weed control operations and planting along the river banks.  Blackberry control works along the Lower Maribyrnong.
Fuel Break Works.	PV Internal	All fuel breaks were cut / brush cut as required.  Second round of works due to commence in early Feb 18.

Grasslands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derrimut</li> <li>• Ravenhall East</li> <li>• Ravenhall North</li> <li>• Ravenhall South</li> </ul>	Contractors	Follow up post burn weed control operations targeting mustard, thistles, and other flat weeds, and invasive grass species Chilean needle grass, Serrated tussock, undertaken.  Peri Urban weed control works for several reserves has commenced in Jan 18.
Keilor Park Drive	Catchment Mgt Authority and Green Army	Joint project and commitment by CMA to provide several hundred plants to repair restoration works affected by dry conditions on the overview escarpment. Green Army completed planting in Aug 17.
Lower Maribyrnong	PV Internal	Planting site preparation works, slashing completed.
Vic Roads M80 Upgrade Works	PV / Vic Rds	Works on the EJ Whitten Bridge widening have been underway for @eight months. Park staff liaises closely with Vic Rds to ensure disturbance to the reserve is minimal.
Lower Maribyrnong	PV internal	Responses to property development encroachment on reserve.
Melbourne Water Sewer Main Upgrade Lower Maribyrnong	PV / MW	PV has been working with MW on an agreement to ensure sewer upgrade works have a minimum impact on reserve.  MW has had to undertake emergency repair works on two sections of sewer main along the Lower Maribyrnong and PV has liaised closely with them to minimise disturbance to reserve.

## Xmas celebrations for 2017

**Thank you everyone for attending and making our night so much fun. Again, lots of prizes for fundraising on the night. The night was a great way to say thank you to everyone for all their efforts throughout the year and to catchup with everyone before our summer break.**

