



Packing up after community planting and lunch at Burndap Reserve, Edgewater.

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FMV achieves a significant win via the Planning Panel!!

Brimbank Planning Scheme Amendment C188 Part 2. Rezoning of former quarry site at 2-22 Sunshine Avenue Kealba owned by the Barro Group was brought to our attention by chance and at the 11th hour.

FMV saw the proposed change in late April 2017 and authorised preparation of a submission at our May 2017 meeting. There is no question that the privately owned land zoning Public Park and Recreation was and remains anomalous. It became apparent over the year the submission and Panel hearing process played out that this one proposal did not fit well alongside the other 141 anomaly corrections included in the C188 omnibus zoning amendment, with Council agreeing to split it off as "Part 2" and request a Planning Panel process.

Thanks to the Catchment Collaboration, both Melbourne Water and Friends of Steele Creek joined the action bringing their considerable expertise to the hearing held at the end of February 2018. While we learnt the Maribyrnong River Design Guidelines 2010 and a 2009 Escarpment Report had a direct bearing on the issue, the ground changed due to the Yarra Act 2017, and its consequent Action Plan with three clauses explicitly mentioning the Maribyrnong, and the launch of the Rivers of the West campaign.

The Panel report recommending "Amendment C188 Part 2 be abandoned" vindicates FMVs submission opposing changing riparian and escarpment land adjacent to the former Kealba quarry to Industrial 1 Zone all the way down to the river's edge.

Tony Smith, member of FMV and many others ran the submission on behalf of FMV. We thank Tony for his dedication, many hours of work and his tenacity during the entire process from preparation of the submission through to the Panel Hearings. A large number of people provided direct support to FMV during the process. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your contribution and feel free to share the good news far and wide.

In particular our thanks goes to the following people and organisations:

Helen and Josh Van der Berg and the Friends of Steele Creek

Melbourne Water- Bruce Rush, Stacey Rees, Dan Besley and Zoe Samson and their lawyer Emma Pepler

Dr. Bruce Lindsay and Josh Meadows (lawyers) from Environmental Justice Australia

Maribyrnong River Cruises

Brimbank office of Parks Victoria
Friends of Iramoo - Amanda Dodd, Rick and Andrew Van Keulan
Staff at Brimbank City Council
Dr. Greg Moore - Kealba
Dr. Bruce Anderson - Keilor
Susan Jenison - Keilor Historical Society

As the name “Friends of the Maribyrnong Valley” implies, our organization strives to not only maintain the amenity of the Maribyrnong River Valley, but to seek constant improvement to the river and its immediate surroundings. During our years of volunteering we have developed close relationships with Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, City West Water, PPWCMA and the Councils of Brimbank, Maribyrnong and Moonee Valley. We lobby both state and federal governments for more support and action on the protection of the Maribyrnong River, the valley and parklands and advocate in a direct way to ensure our concerns are heard and respected.

We became much more aware of the complex history of sites lining the west side of the valley from Kealba to the 20 hectare site recently sold to Pace Development Group. This site is adjacent to Brimbank's boundary with the City of Maribyrnong, where significant work has been undertaken which is relevant to the broadly improving context for waterway protection.

FMV are working with Melbourne Water on **the Melbourne Water Maribyrnong Catchment Healthy Waterways Strategy**. We are also working with **Environmental Justice Australia on the Rivers of the West** strategy which we hope to see become an Act, similar to the Yarra River Act 2017. Both of these strategies will be presented to the state government in July.

What an interesting 12 months!!!

Melbourne Water staff Zoe, Emma and Bruce undertaking the site inspection before the panel hearing at the escarpment site and river in Kealba that would have become industrial land.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**1st August 2018, Activities Centre, 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong at 7.30pm
(Please RSVP by 27th July for catering purposes).**

Guest speaker: Michael Nolan – Strategic Planning Manager, Victorian Planning Authority.

Michael will provide us with an update on all things Maribyrnong River and surrounding areas such as the 128 hectare site Defence site in Maribyrnong. There will be time at the meeting to have your questions answered and then for a more informal chat over supper.

Nomination forms for all positions and Proxy forms for voting will be provided with our June minutes.

MEMBERSHIP FEES are due before the AGM. You can pay direct into the FMV account or at the June and July monthly meeting. BSB:633-000 Account No: 119221752 and pop your name down when you do the transfer so we know who has paid.

August may seem a long way away, but please remember all membership fees need to be paid prior to the 1st August. Paying your membership fees by the AGM will help us greatly from an administrative perspective. **If you have paid your membership between August 2017 and February 2018 you will be required to renew your membership.**

Renewal forms for membership can be found on our webpage www.fmvonline.com

Being an FMV member deepens your connection and commitment to FMV and enables us to continue with our environmental projects. You can follow us on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1155579301127854/> or our website [fmvonline.com](http://www.fmvonline.com)

**Morning tea with the Green Army,
Burndap Reserve Maribyrnong,
April 2018**

**Ben and Jerry's Hoyts Maribyrnong Corporate planting
Burndap Reserve Maribyrnong, April 2018**



Our events till December.

Hope to see you at some of our on- ground days or meetings.

Tuesdays till end of November

Working bees/planting days with the **Maribyrnong City Council** 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. e-mail maelor@melbpc.org.au to be part of our “fun”. All our volunteers are provided with a nice hot cuppa.

Wednesdays till end of November

Working bees/planting days at various sites in MVCC and BCC and Parks Vic land 10am till 12 noon

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Sun 3rd 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 3rd June	Maribyrnong Council World Environmental Day	See council webpage for locations
Sun 3rd June	Moonee Valley Council World Environmental Day	See council webpage for locations
Wed 6th June	MVCC Fairburn Park community planting day 9.30 OHS for 10am start	Fairburn Park Melway Map 28 C10 and follow signs to site.
Wed 6th June	FMV Meeting starting at 7.30pm Everyone is welcome	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
Wed 13th June	FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start “Boot” Banquet	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
Sat 16th June	Keilor Primary School/community planting event 10am till noon BBQue lunch provided. RSVP for lunch	Caroline Chisolm Reserve, Flora Street, Keilor Follow signs on day
Wed 27th June	FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start “Boot” Banquet	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
Wed 4th July	FMV Meeting starting at 7.30pm Everyone is welcome	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
Wed 4th July	MVCC Tea Gardens Reserve planting day 9.30 OHS for 10am start	Tea Gardens Drive Avondale Heights Melways Map 27 G6

Wed 18th July	Welcome to our VIP day FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start "Boot" Banquet"	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
Wed 25th July	FMV /Melb Water /NAB Corporate Planting Day 9.30 OHS for 10am start "Boot" Banquet"	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melway Map 27 H4
Sun 29th July	National Tree Planting Day Brimbank City Council 10am-1pm	Taylor's Reserve Keilor. Activities for the children
Sun 29th July	Maribyrnong Council / FMV National Tree Day 10am till 1pm	Maribyrnong River, Between the Medway Golf Course and the river. Enter from Cranwell Reserve/ Melway Map 27 F9 and follow signs on the path. KIDS friendly worksite.
Sun 29th July	Moonee Valley Council National Tree Day 10am till 1pm	Travancore Park, on the Moonee Ponds Creek, Travancore. Melway Map 29 A 10 Activities for the children
Wed 1st August	FMV AGM Meeting starting at 7.30pm Guest speaker :Victorian Planning Authority: Michael Nolan - Strategic Planning Manager Victorian Planning Authority	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong RSVP for supper requirements please
Wed 5th Sept	FMV AGM Meeting starting at 7.30pm Everyone is welcome	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
Wed 3rd October	FMV Meeting starting at 7.30pm Everyone is welcome	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
Wed 7th Nov	FMV Meeting starting at 7.30pm Everyone is welcome	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
Wed 5th Dec	End of Year Celebration and Xmas Party 6pm arrivals for 6.30pm start 2-course meal. Our annual fundraiser RSVP and payment required for this night in advance (Cost and payment details to follow)	Front Room Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly group meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month 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