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Quarterly Newsletter

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ON-SITE VOLUNTEERING: COME JOIN US.

Sites vary due to weather conditions and maintenance required but are generally flat and easily accessible.

If you do not have your own tools, please advise Maelor in advance so we can arrange to bring tools for you to use. maelor@melbpc.org.au

E-mail: maelor@melbpc.org.au in advance for **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** locations, and he will let you know where we are volunteering on the day you can attend.

Working Bee Calendar:

Due to the unusually cool start to summer, we continued our working Bee activity into early December and then resumed again in the second week of January rather than our usual start time of February. Given that we did so much planting last year, there were many sites still waiting to be mulched.

Normally the summer edition is mainly devoted to communicating the working Bee calendar for the next few months. Where we detail the sites and activities for each day and highlight any corporate events. However, following inputs from Martin it was decided by the committee to plan the location/activity only one week in advance as this flexibility meant we could better adapt our work to what was most urgent and take into consideration weather and supplies (i.e. mulch deliveries).

It was also decided that we should aim to run 8-10 corporate days this year focussing on NAB, KPMG, DHL rather than looking for new corporate partners. In addition, FMV plan to run 2 community days to be held on Saturdays in order to be more accessible to potential volunteers who are working.

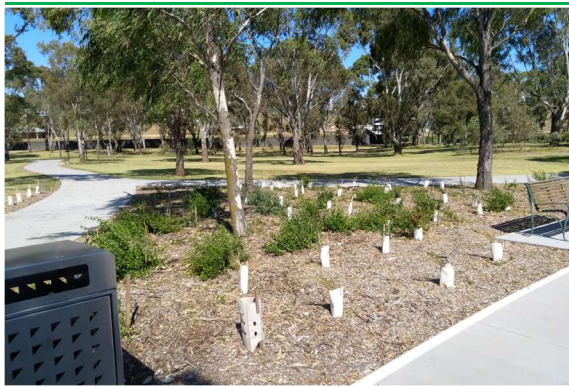
This Quarter Events:

The Christmas party was held on the 6th December at the Aberfeldie Baptist Church (courtesy of Maelor). It was well attended with lots of food brought by members. A photo montage was displayed at the party as a tribute to our retired president Judy Ingram who sadly died late last year.

- International volunteer day was held on the 5th Dec at the History Gardens in Pipemakers Park where the main activities were weeding and mulching. The garden is now looking the best it has done for a long time.
- A corporate day with KPMG was held on the 6th Feb with KPMG at Burton Reserve. They were a very industrious group and made a real dent on the mulching and guard removal at the site. A second day on the 13th Feb arranged with KPMG unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the extreme heat.

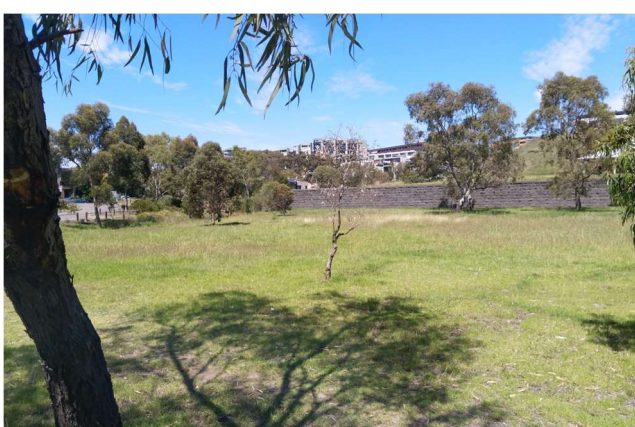


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- The majority of our working bee days have been spent at the site of last year's Nation tree day in Burndap Park. The wet spring weather resulted in a good survival rate with many plants outgrowing their guards. It is now a race to complete mulching of the site as we enter a prolonged hot dry spell.



Upcoming Events:

- This year's National tree date site has been identified as the large open area next to Jack's Magazine. This work will further increase the understory habitat in the reserve.



- We recently received good news regarding a Green Links grant which covers the Maribyrnong River and Stoney Creek. The main aims of the grant is for the protection of Frogs Hollow (530m fencing) and Newell's Paddock Wetlands (600m fencing) by installing dog proof fencing. This will start in July 2024. The grant also includes the r

The grant also covers the revegetation along Stoney Creek with some 6000 plants to be carried out jointly between contractors and Friends groups. (Many thanks to Jan for working on this submission)