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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, e.g. small gardening spade - please advise Maelor in advance so we can bring some tools for you to use.** [maelor@melbpc.org.au](mailto:maelor@melbpc.org.au)

E-mail: [maelor@melbpc.org.au](mailto:maelor@melbpc.org.au) sends an email in advance of our **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** working bees so you will know where we are volunteering and you can come and join us. Morning tea is provided.

#### Working Bees:

Our Working Bees are normally held in Burndap / Jacks Magazine on Tuesdays. The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month we work with Brimbank council in Keilor and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month with Parks Victoria at Brimbank Park. The other Wednesdays we generally work in Burndap / Jacks Magazine.

#### This Quarter Events: (some images courtesy of Darren and Rosemary)

- Jacks Magazine: Mulching with Trans Urban on Apr 8<sup>th</sup> .





- Jacks Magazine: Mulching and planting with Nab on Apr 8<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to say that we have finally finished mulching this very large site which was planted out at last year's National Tree Day!

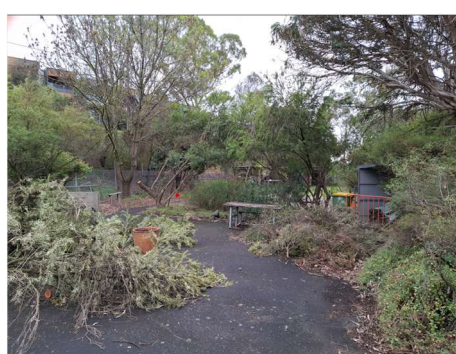


- Jacks Magazine: Community planting on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May. With the help of Volunteer West and Rosemary advertising the event on several social media outlets, this was by far our best attended community event, with around 30 volunteers attending and a bright sunny day.



### ● Other News:

- FMV participated at an event for 'Sons of the West', held at the Whitten Oval organised by the Western Bulldogs. There were several other volunteer groups touting for new volunteers. We distributed fliers for FMV and had a number of people who gave their details to be informed of future events.
- We have also been working with Martin at the nursery enclosure in Pipermaker's Park. The work was to reduce the vegetation and clearing the fence line to improve the visibility of the site in order to deter any future break-ins.





## ● Events for the next quarter

- As part of NAIDOC week, there will be a community planting day to be held on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am at Millennium House Community Centre (Nicholson St., Seddon). This event is in collaboration with Australian Multicultural Community Services (AMCS), Volunteer West and Maribyrnong Council's Parks department and has been partly funded by FMV. (In preparation for this day we will have a working bee day on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June and a follow up day on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July.)
- The AGM will be held at Maribyrnong Community Centre on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm. The guest speaker will be Megan O'Shea from Iramoo Nursery at VU.
- FMV team members together with Martin, have visited the plant nursery facilities at Footscray High School. The feedback was the nursery was very well equipped with irrigation and climate control. It is intended that we will collaborate with the school in tidying up and organising the nursery with the goal of starting native plant propagation there, to provide plants for future planting events.
- Planned community planting dates:
  - Burndap Park : Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 10am-Noon
  - Burndap Park : Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 10am-Noon
  - Burndap Park : Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am-Noon

## ● Review of planting sites (Before and After pictures over last 2-3years)

### ● Cranwell Park



Looking down the path Aug '23



Looking down the path June '25



Looking down the path Aug '23



Looking down the path June '25

- This site has done very well indeed with excellent growth despite it being on such a slope.



- **Burton Crescent**



**Looking towards the road May '23**



**Looking towards the road June '25**



**View nearer the bridge Nov '23**



**View nearer the bridge June '25**

- This site has done quite well but delays between planting and mulching has clearly impacted the success rate. In fill planting will help improve the ground cover.

- **Jacks Wood**



**Jacks Wood Aug ' 23**



**Jacks Wood June '25**

- Fairly low success rate here. The site is very dry under the tree cover and again there was a long delay between planting and subsequent mulching.



- **Burndap – Island**



Looking towards river Aug '23



Looking towards river June '25

- This photo doesn't do justice to the success of this planting. The saplings and understorey has really done well. I think the site greatly benefitted from the layer of silt deposited from the flood in '22.

- **Burndap**



Looking towards the Island Nov '23



Looking towards the Island June '23



By the riven near Jacks Magazine July '23



By the riven near Jacks Magazine June '25





**Path exiting the lake ford Aug '22**



**Path exiting the lake ford June '25**



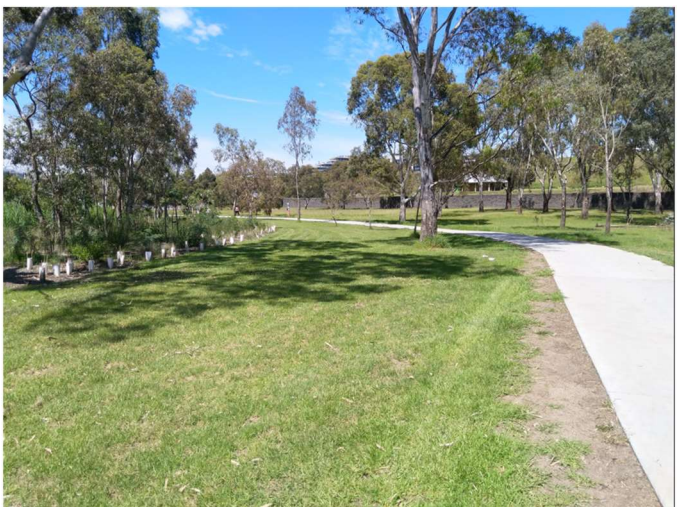
**Towards the river July '23**



**Towards the river June '25**

- All these different areas around Burndap Reserve have done very well, again in part due to the silt deposited during the flood.

- **Jacks Magazine**



**Looking towards Jacks Magazine Jan '24**



**Looking towards Jacks Magazine June '25**





**Looking towards JM carpark Aug '22**



**Looking towards JM carpark June '25**

- The planting to the left of the tree was done two years prior to that in the foreground. Despite being under water during the flood, the earlier planting has done very well and is now a great new habitat for wildlife.
- The foreground planting is rather deceptive as it was mainly different grasses rather than shrubs. Also, it was planted before a very hot and dry summer which has impacted the growth.