



Our World Environment Planting Day site with **Brimbank City Council** and **FMV** at **Sydenham Park, Keilor North Sunday 2nd June**



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Snake Signs. Several signs have been placed warning people that snakes had been seen recently in the area and advising them to stay out of the long grass and keep to the tracks. The signs are placed near Lily Street. Walkers have responded well, and this has reduced foot traffic through a sensitive cultural heritage area also.

MELBOURNE WATER'S SEWER RELINING PROJECT

In December and January FMV and Friends of Steele Creek had several on site meetings with Melbourne Water and the contractors CBD to discuss how their sewer-relining project will impact our plantings. They have now reached Lily Street. The silver lining is MW & CBD are trying hard to minimize our plant losses. They will re-vegetate the affected areas. They have also agreed to save our stakes and guards so we can reuse them and cut plants at the base. Hopefully some will reshoot because they have well established roots. Even though it's disappointing to see plantings being affected the consultation has been very open, co-operative and mutually respectful. There is a temporary crossing over the creek that will be removed after the works are completed. The crossing has a fish passage, which allows water to flow through it.

RIVERS OF THE WEST

In January the final document, *A New Deal for the Rivers and waterways of the west* was sent to the Waterways of the West Ministerial Advisory Committee (WOW MAC). The steering committee of Bruce EJA, John WRK and Jos and Helen Van der Burg will meet the WOW MAC members on 12 Feb. Bruce will give a presentation on our work. The WOW MAC members are, Chris Chesterfield Chair, Lydia Wilson and Shelly Penn.

Grants for 2019

See our calendar of events below for exact dates

Brimbank Community Grants 2018/19

Producing an updated version of the Brimbank environmental booklet in a 16-page A5 hard copy booklet and an update version for webpages that showcases the various environmental groups engaging volunteers in Brimbank. The booklet will be launched by council at the **Sustainable Living Festival Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House on Saturday 23rd February**

Melbourne Water Grants 2018/19 River Health Incentive Program

Group Support Grant 18/19 has been provided for FMV again this year to support our Melbourne Water projects below:

Avondale Heights:

Lower Maribyrnong Parklands Riparian Woodland & Floodplain Project Stage 11 in Avondale Heights will continue our weed control/removal program as well as consolidating previous work sites; and will extend upstream along the riparian section and out across the floodplain targeting core areas of priority weeds and revegetation. This site will have our NAB corporate planting days in June and July

Burndap Reserve, Maribyrnong:

Stage 2 of this program continues our long-term commitment of on-ground works and maintenance in the Maribyrnong Valley Parklands. Working on the Burndap Reserve with Maribyrnong City Council, residents, volunteers, corporate and schools' groups we will continue to create native vegetation habitat and control the noxious weeds problem along the Maribyrnong River.

Our advocacy work will continue this year with our efforts to protect the environmental assets in the Maribyrnong Valley being more important than at any other time.

We will try to keep you updated as much as possible on all these on-going issues.

Update on Meeting with the Defence Department on their Maribyrnong Site.

This site has been on our radar for over 20 years and we have been voicing our concerns to all 3 levels of government. Lots of changes of departments and staff and again we have new people to speak to in Canberra.

FMV had a meeting with the staff from Canberra, in Melbourne, in January from the **Estate Divestment Program Property Management Branch, Infrastructure Division Estate & Infrastructure Group**. This department will now work through the expressions of interest to develop this site and advise the government on suitable buyers. They have advised us that this process will take most of this year so a decision may not be made till next year.

They also advised that the sale would be in one lot and not in stages as previously suggested by various reports.

The buyer of the site will have to, in the sale agreement, remove and clean-up all containments and this will be to an "adequate" standard and Victorian EPA will have control to make sure this is completed.

Once the sale has been completed Heritage Victoria (HV) will continue their work in protecting the current heritage listed assets on the site. There is a process that HV must follow and they will keep us advised as to the progress on this site. If anyone knows of any unprotected areas that they feel should be included a submission can be made to HV. Once the assessment process has been completed by HV they will then send their submission to the Heritage Council for consideration.

We also again requested for permission for FMV to work with Melbourne Water and the Maribyrnong City Council on the river bank outside the fence line on weed control and revegetation!!!!

Update from Pace Development Group on the Duke Street, Sunshine North site.

FMV had meetings with Brimbank Council and Pace Development when the plans were released to the public for consultation regarding our concerns with this site. We are keeping on eye on what is happening along this part of the escarpment.

Below is an update provided to us by Pace Developers:

Please find following a progress update relating to our sites located along the Maribyrnong River & Duke St, Winged Foot Drive, Duke St Quarry & the Commercial Zoned Neighbourhood Activity Centre located on the corner of Duke St & Surrey St.

After a success sales launch for the initial stages of the permitted site located along Duke St & interfacing with the Maribyrnong River, construction is under way on site. This includes benching, preliminary road placement & structural retention works starting from up along the Duke St boundary.

With relation to the new tanks that will be located within Council land as part of Condition 25 of the Planning Permit, these are currently anticipated to be installed February 2020. This will be in line with the construction staging across the site at this time.

We are currently working with Brimbank Planning Department on further Town Planning applications for townhouses both along Winged Foot Drive & the quarry proper. As you may understand, there is quite a bit

to detail including engineering, ESD, structural stability of rock faces and so on. Very exciting project and we are keen to deliver this new precinct to market later this year.

In addition to this, Pace have recently obtained a Planning Permit for the Neighbourhood Activity Centre site located at the corner of Duke St & Surrey St. This site will be a commercial development containing a neighbourhood scale supermarket & supportive retail, offices, etc. This is a great win for the local community, and we anticipate public transport services will be improved as a result as well

Our calendar of events for 2019

Dates	Function	Location
Tuesday not detailed below	Working bees with the Maribyrnong City Council at Pipemakers Park Maribyrnong and assorted sites 9.30am till 12 noon	Maelor will advise details if you go on our working bee list maelor@melbpc.org.au
Wednesday not detailed below	Working Bees and planting days for 2019 Assorted sites. Brimbank and Moonee Valley council sites 9.30am till 12 noon	Maelor will advise details if you go on our working bee list maelor@melbpc.org.au
Wednesday Monthly meetings	We meet the first Wednesday of every Month starting at 7.30 pm Everyone welcomed to join us at our meetings.	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
Sat 23rd February	Sustainable Living Festival Brimbank City Council Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Launch of the Brimbank Booklet by FMV	10am – 2PM Selwyn Park 61A Selwyn Street Albion
Sun 3rd March	Yarra River Keepers Association 10am-1pm. https://www.facebook.com/events/298248417702758/	Footscray Rowing Club
Sun 3rd March	Cleanup Day Events in Brimbank /Maribyrnong / Moonee Valley councils	please see Clean up Australia website for details
Sat 9th March	Bunnings Warehouse Community Day - 10AM till 1PM FMV will pot up indigenous plants to hand out to shoppers on the day provided by Bunnings	430 Melton Hwy, Taylors Lakes
Tues 7th May	FMV /CVA /MCC Pick My Project Community planting Pipemakers Park Wetlands area 10am till 12 noon BBQ provided at the end of planting	Van Ness Ave. Maribyrnong Mel map 28 B 10 Meet in middle car park
Sun 19th May	FMV /CVA /MCC Pick My Project Community planting Pipemakers Park Wetlands area 2 till 4pm BBQ provided at the end of planting	Van Ness Ave. Maribyrnong Mel map 28 B 10 Meet in middle car park
Sun 19th May	Citizen Science event with MVCC 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bookings through https://www.eventbrite.com/e/citizen-science-discovery-tickets-53778395629	Afton Street Conservation Park 58 Afton Street Essendon West
Wed 29th May	FMV / Brimbank Council pre-planting work day 9.30 am till noon Follow FMV planting signs to site	Sydenham Park Kings Road Keilor North Melways Map 26 D11
Sun 2nd June	World Environment Planting Day Brimbank City Council and FMV 10am – 1 PM Pass the golf course and follow signs	Sydenham Park Kings Road Keilor North Melways Map 26 D11

Tues 4th June	FMV/ MCC – Melb Water Grant community planting day Burndap Reserve “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till noon	Jacks Magazine Way Car Park Maribyrnong Melway Map 28 C12 Follow signs to worksite
Wed 5th June	FMV /Brimbank Council planting day 9.30 till noon Follow FMV planting signs to site	Sydenham Park Kings Road Keilor North Melways Map 26 D11
Wed 12th June	NAB planting- New Brimbank Park site Funds bequeathed to FMV by Marcus Wintels Bonfield Reserve, Bonfield Street Keilor has a carpark “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes. 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1PM	Gumms Corner J & K 7 map 14 Melways Access is the red walking/cycling track .
Wed 19th June	NAB planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Tues 25th June	FMV/ MCC – Melb Water Grant community planting day Burndap Reserve “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till Noon	Jacks Magazine Way Car park Maribyrnong Melway Map 28 C12 Follow signs to work site
Wed 26th June	NAB planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Wed 17th July	VIP day -NAB planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Wed 24th July	NAB planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Sun 28th July	Maribyrnong Council / FMV Braybrook escarpment Food available on-site KIDS friendly worksite Melway Map 27 F9 and follow signs on the path.	Maribyrnong River, Between the Medway Golf Course and the river. Enter from Cranwell Reserve
Sun 28th July	National Tree Planting Day Brimbank Council / FMV. B-B-Que lunch provided at the end of planting Taylors Valley 10am – 1 PM	Calder Rise Park 19A Barwon Ave Keilor KIDS friendly worksite
Wed 7th August	FMV AGM Meeting in Maribyrnong starting at 7.30pm	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road,
Sun 27th October	BCC Bird Guided walk 10.30AM – 12 noon	Calder Rise Park 19A Barwon Ave Keilor
Thurs 28th November	End of Year Celebrations with Brimbank Council 6PM for 7PM dinner Bookings essential direct to Martha Ragg / BCC	Buckingham Reserve 2A Buckingham Crescent Sunshine West
Wed 4th December	FMV end of Year celebrations 6PM start Full details closer to date	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong