



It is that time of the year again. Make sure you let us know if you are attending our planting days so we know how many to cater for please.



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Toxic runoff into streams, creeks and our rivers in the north-west suburbs has been a problem for years, but in the past 5 years we are seeing this now happen every week on some level. The minor events are going now unnoticed and are not even being reported by residents to the EPA as it just seems that everyone feels it is too hard. For this reason, FMV have joined forces with the

Anti-Toxic Waste Alliance

Friends of Maribyrnong Valley has joined local environmental friends and other community groups in forming the Anti-Toxic Waste Alliance to coordinate community advocacy and to lobby government re revealed circumstances of and response to a succession of toxic waste fires.

A-TWA formed in response to the recent Campbellfield industrial fire-generated toxic run off which initially threatened a repeat of the earlier Coolaroo tyre storage fire that had poisoned Merlynston Creek all the way to the Jack Roper Reserve lake. Fortunately, the relevant authorities quickly diverted the fire water runoff into the purpose-built National Business Park Wetland, containing the still unwelcome ecological damage there.

A public meeting, was held in Hume, in response to the Campbellfield fire, At the meeting interested community decided to contact Friends of Stony Creek and Friends of Cruickshank Park to see what more could be learned from their ongoing, and well publicised issues linked to last year's Tottenham toxic liquid storage fire.

This joint community meeting convened at Hume Global Centre bringing together a range of interested community groups with relevant experience. These included some who were professionally concerned about nearby workplace safety issues, and others with long histories of concern about the concentration of industrial hazards in the northern and western suburbs.

The first meeting agreed in principle to goals and objectives drafted by Friends of Cruickshank Park Secretary, Sue Vittori, and a working group was established to tidy up the details of these goals and objectives, including preparing an Alliance submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management which has since extended its submission deadline to May 31. So you are all encouraged to make personal submissions.

While that Inquiry's terms of reference explicitly mention solid waste, we anticipate they will also consider issues with liquid waste management given the trail of dubious activity unearthed following the Tottenham/Stony Creek fire. Some of this may also feed into a separate review of Emergency Services Ten Years on from major changes made in response to the Black Saturday bushfires and Royal Commission.

Our calendar of events

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 18th May	Bunnings Warehouse / FMV Community Day 10AM till 1PM FMV will pot up indigenous plants to hand out to shoppers on the day	430 Melton Hwy, Taylors Lakes
Sun 19th May	Citizen Science event with MVCC 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Come and see our stall and say hello	Afton Street Conservation Park 58 Afton Street Essendon West
Tues 28th May	FMV/KPMG/ MCC – Melb Water Grant community maintenance / 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 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 Enter via Keilor Public golf course and then follow signs Once everything is planted join BCC staff and FMV for a BBQ lunch onsite.	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
Tues 16th July	We will not be volunteering on this day with MCC on any site	
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
Thurs 18th July	Pipemakers Park FMV /CVA /MCC Pick My Project Community morning with the Bush Kinder group 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start MCC will provide a BBQ lunch	Van Ness Ave. Maribyrnong Mel map 28 B 10 Meet in middle car park
Friday 19th July	Pipemakers Park FMV /CVA /MCC Pick My Project Community morning with the Bush Kinder group 9.30 sign in/OH&S for 10am start MCC will provide a BBQ lunch	Van Ness Ave. Maribyrnong Mel map 28 B 10 Meet in middle car park
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

Our advocacy work has continued with meetings with government departments as we try to protect the environmental assets in the Maribyrnong Valley and parklands.

[Melbourne Airport Rail Link](#)

Early investigations are currently being undertaken. These investigations are to help MARL understand current conditions within and adjacent to the rail corridor. These early investigations include:

- Flora and fauna
- Cultural and historic heritage
- Geotechnical investigations
- Utility surveys and inspections
- Traffic surveys

This information combined with input from stakeholders and the community will inform the initial planning and design.

At the May monthly meeting staff from MARL attended to provide us with an overview of the project. We provided them with a list of our concerns on the project and they will report back to FMV as they have answers for each item. The route is intended to go through Sunshine station and connect with the Regional Rail and the new Metro tunnel. Drilling has started at 6 sites on the Ring Road and Maribyrnong River to guide further planning. It is intended that the project will start in 2022 after extensive consultation.

[Melbourne Water Sewer Relining](#) **Avondale Heights**

Melbourne Water provided FMV and Steele Creek with a diagram showing the proposals for revegetation once the relining is completed.

Basically, most access tracks will be removed, and areas will be replanted to suit the current environment. Some manholes will be removed and access tracks to others will be retained.

Peter Somerville OAM has also raised that the bank stabilisation works happening at Avondale Heights is working in some areas and not others. We will need to keep monitoring this work and reporting back to Melbourne Water.