



FMV News



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Planting Sites for 2019

This year we have worked on our usual sites and added the Gumms corner in Keilor to our long list. We have had corporates help us again this year, but also had to cancel 2 corporate groups as the ever-changing Melbourne weather meant we had to cancel at the last moment. We look forward to working with our old and new corporates again next year.

Western Plains Flora, Wildwood: for providing our plants on time for our many and varied in Avondale Heights and Keilor.

Ecodynamics, Keilor: provided plants for Burndap Reserve this year.

1300 Dunnys: provided us with our onsite port-a-loos for our community/ corporate events this year and will work with us again in 2020.

Basaltica: for all on-ground works that makes our work and life easier at our Avondale Heights sites.

Habitat Land Management: on-ground works and weeding at our Burndap reserve site.

NAB Volunteers: Their continued contribution and support providing volunteers 5 times this year has assisted FMV in achieving our goals for a greener Maribyrnong Valley Parklands

KPMG Volunteers: Worked with us this year on a planting day and then returned in Spring to do a day of mulching watering and hand weeding at Burndap Reserve Maribyrnong

Good Year Volunteers: This was their first year with us and they joined us at Gumms Corner for a planting day.

Sydenham Park: - FMV was involved on **World Environment Day** where **400 trees** were planted as well as our Wednesday regular working bees this year. **FMV planted 1,100 Wildflowers and Grasses and 300 ground covers.** Another **4,056 trees & shrubs** were planted on corporate day and by council.

Taylors Valley Keilor: - FMV was involved on **National Tree Day** where **1950 plants** were planted.

Gumms Corner Keilor: - Under our bequeath from Marcus we planted **200 plants** with the help of our new corporate **Good Year and NAB corporates.** This is the first of our 4-year program on this site.

Lily Street Wetlands Avondale Heights: - the **Melbourne Water** grant continued our work from previous sites **with NAB corporates** helping us plant **638 assorted plants.**

Woodlands Site Avondale Heights: - the **Melbourne Water** grant continued our work from previous sites **with NAB corporates** helping us plant **1,364 assorted plants.**

Burndap Reserve Maribyrnong: - **Melbourne Water** grant this year working with volunteers **from KPMG and Bunnings Maribyrnong** we planted **1,200 plants**

Braybrook Escarpment; - FMV, residents and groups planted **1,000 trees on National Tree day**

Pipemakers Park Maribyrnong; - **Pick my project with Conservation Volunteers Australia** **5,000 plants** were planted under this grant. We also were involved with MCC on the redevelopment of the History Garden stage one and will work with council next year on stage 2

Sponsors and Supporters for 2019.

Our volunteer work continues with support from a variety of people and businesses. Please support these stores and businesses if you have the opportunity as a way of thanking them for contributing towards FMV overall efforts during the year.

Artist Photographer: -This is the first year they have supported us and provide a **\$1,000 gift voucher for a family portrait** for our fundraiser.

Bureau of Meteorology: We thank them for providing their great calendar as a contribution to our fundraiser.

Bunnings Warehouse Taylors Lakes and Maribyrnong: for their contribution to our fundraising event and providing tools and equipment for our maintenance days.

Dan Murphy's Taylors Lakes: have supported us again this year in our fundraising.

Ecodynamics, Keilor: Provided storage space for all our "JUNK"

Maribyrnong River Cruises, Footscray: Peter's endless enthusiasm for the Maribyrnong River and surroundings suburbs is invaluable. The Blackbird's public cruises bring the Maribyrnong River and Parklands to a wider audience. Thank you to Warwick for his contribution to the Website and Facebook page, assisting with technical problems and printing material for the group.

Maribyrnong City Council: for providing us with rooms for our monthly meetings.

Officeworks Watergardens: for again supporting our fundraising events this year

We wish to thank all Government agencies and councils for their on-going support in the form of grants for our on-ground works, as well as supporting our practical and technical requirements. They also support our community awareness programs and our working with school children programs

FOOTSCRAY PARK SAVED

The proposal by Melbourne Victory Football Club was to build three soccer pitches and a 500-person stadium on the western lawn of Footscray Park. Community consultation undertaken by the council showed that 59% of residents consulted were against the proposal. However, Maribyrnong Council decided to appoint an advisory committee consisting of sporting groups, FMV, Footscray Historical Society and 5 community representatives. The Advisory Committee were unanimous in their decision and advised against the MVFC proposal and recommended that council work with local sporting groups who already have a shortage of space and approach various sporting associations for their support. Indications are that there will be financial support forthcoming from sporting associations to assist in the necessary upgrade. At the Council Meeting on Tuesday 26th of November all but two councillors supported the recommendations of the Advisory Committee Report.

DATES FOR February 2020 EVENTS AND WORKING BEES.

Dates	Function	Location
Every Tuesday from Feb 2020	Working bees with the Maribyrnong City Council at assorted sites Maelor to confirm for each week 9.30am till 12 noon	e-mail Maelor maelor@melbpc.org.au if you require details please
Every Wednesday From Feb 2020	Working Bees and planting days for 2018 Assorted sites Brimbank and Moonee Valley Councils Maelor to confirm for each week 9.30am till 12 noon	e-mail Maelor maelor@melbpc.org.au if you require details please
Wed 5th February 2020	FMV monthly meeting starting at 7.30pm This meeting will schedule the calendar of events for 2020	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong