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Happy New Year, and welcome to another full year of fun and work. Please follow us on Facebook and the website to keep up to date on all our activities. Remember if you are free you can join us on a day that suits you - just let us know by e-mail the Friday before maelor@melbpc.org.au and we will advise where we will be volunteering on your day. **Please remember everyone is welcome to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30 pm.** We thank Maribyrnong City Council for allowing us the use of their rooms at the Activities Centre, 54 Raleigh Road Maribyrnong.

Volunteer Activities Dates for 2020

Volunteers must have gardening gloves, wear sturdy shoes, and have long trousers and a long sleeve top. Please carry a bottle of water and wear hat and sunscreen. Children under 16 years of age must be supervised by a responsible adult. If you are attending events with catering, please advise us.

For the comfort of all, please leave your pets at home.

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
Wednesday not details 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
Tues 25th February	VolunteerWest BRIMBANK Volunteer Expo 2020 10 am - 4 pm Drop in and say hello	The Salvation Army Hall 42 Devonshire Rd, Sunshine
Sun 1st March	Cleanup Day Brimbank	See Cleanup Day Website
Sun 1st March	Cleanup Day Maribyrnong	See Cleanup Day Website
Sun 1st March	Cleanup Day Moonee Valley Council	See Cleanup Day Website
Sat 21st March	Bunnings Warehouse Maribyrnong / FMV Community Day 10AM till 1PM Drop in and say hello	Cnr Rosamond Rd & Williamson Rd, Maribyrnong
Tues 5th May	FMV/ MCC – Melb Water Grant community planting day: - Burndap Reserve Maribyrnong “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.45 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1pm	Magazine Way Car Park Maribyrnong Melway Map 28 C12 Follow signs to worksite

Tues 12th May	FMV/ MCC – Federal government Communities Environment Program community planting day: - Thomsons Reserve, Maribyrnong “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.45 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1pm	Van Ness Avenue (near Highpoint Shopping Centre), Maribyrnong Parking is available in Pipemakers Park and then follow signs
Wed 13th May	Sydenham Park Working Bee All welcome 9.30 till noon	Sydenham Park Kings Road Keilor North Melways Map 26 D11
Tues 19th May	FMV/ MCC – Federal government Communities Environment Program community planting day: - Maidstone Escarpment “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.45 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1pm	Maribyrnong River, Between the Medway Golf Course and the river. Melway Map 27 F9 and follow signs on the path.
Wed 20th May	Sydenham Park Working Bee All welcome 9.30 till noon	Sydenham Park Kings Road Keilor North Melways Map 26 D11
Sat 23rd May	FMV/ MCC – Federal government Communities Environment Program community planting day: - Thomsons Reserve, Maribyrnong “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 1.45PM sign in/OH&S for 2PM start till 4pm	Van Ness Avenue (near Highpoint Shopping Centre), Maribyrnong Parking is available in Pipemakers Park and then follow signs
Wed 27th May	FMV / Keilor Primary School / BCC – School planting event 10am till noon If you are attending this day you are required to have a current working with children permit	Caroline Chisholm Reserve Flora Street, Keilor Follow signs from Keilor.
Sun 31st May	World Environment Day Celebration and Planting with BCC 10am till 1pm	Sydenham Park Kings Road North Keilor Melways Map 26 D11
Tues 2nd June	FMV/ MCC – Melb Water Grant community planting day: - Burndap Reserve Maribyrnong “Boot Banquet” Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 9.45 sign in/OH&S for 10am start till 1pm	Magazine Way Car Park Maribyrnong Melway Map 28 C12 Follow signs to worksite
Wed 3rd June	FMV / MVCC community planting day Tea Gardens Reserve 9.30 till noon	Tea Gardens Drive Avondale Heights Melways Map 27 G6
Sat 6th June	FMV/ KBR / 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 1pm	Magazine Way Car Park Maribyrnong Melway Map 28 C12 Follow signs to worksite
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Wed 10th June	FMV / MVCC community planting day	Tea Gardens Drive Avondale Heights

	Tea Gardens Reserve 9.30 till noon	Melways Map 27 G6
Sat 13th June	Community planting morning with FMV / Keilor Primary, residents and BCC starting 10am till noon Morning tea provided	Caroline Chisholm Reserve Flora Street, Keilor Follow signs from Keilor.
Wed 17th June	FMV / NAB planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic "Boot Banquet" Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 10am sign in/OH&S start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Wed 1st July	FMV / NAB planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic "Boot Banquet" Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 10am sign in/OH&S start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Wed 15th July	FMV VIP community day with NAB corporates planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic "Boot Banquet" Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 10am sign in/OH&S start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Wed 22nd July	FMV / NAB planting- Melb Water grant -Parks Vic "Boot Banquet" Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 10am sign in/OH&S start till 1PM	Warrick Crt. Car Park Melways Map 27 H4 and follow signs
Sat 25th July	FMV/ MCC – Federal government Communities Environment Program community planting day: - Maidstone Escarpment "Boot Banquet" Please RSVP if attending for catering purposes 1.45PM sign in/OH&S for 2PM start till 4pm	Maribyrnong River, Between the Medway Golf Course and the river. Melway Map 27 F9 and follow signs on the path.
Sun 2nd August	FMV / Brimbank Council National Tree Day Taylors Valley 10am – 1 PM	Taylor's Valley meet at Green Gully Reserve
Sun 2nd August	Moonee Valley Council National Tree Day Celebrating the chain of Ponds' and Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek 30 th year anniversary.	Boeing Reserve, Strathmore Heights
Sun 2nd August	FMV / Maribyrnong Council National Tree Day Braybrook escarpment Food available on-site, KIDS friendly worksite 2,000 trees to be planted so please join us	Maribyrnong River, Between the Medway Golf Course and the river. Enter from Cranwell Reserve
Wed 5th August	FMV AGM Meeting starting at 7.30pm Guest speaker to be advised	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong
Wed 12th August	FMV Wildflower Planting community event with FMV / BCC Sydenham Park 9.30 am till noon	Sydenham Park Kings Road North Keilor Melways Map 26 D11
Wed 19th August	FMV Wildflower Planting community event with FMV / BCC Sydenham Park 9.30 am till noon	Sydenham Park Kings Road North Keilor Melways Map 26 D11
Wed 2nd December	FMV end of Year celebrations 6Pm start	Activity Centre 54 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong

Melbourne Water: River Health Incentives Programs for 2020;

1. Lily Street Wetlands/Woodlands Site Restoration - Stage 12:

This stage of the project will continue the weed control program and planting of trees and grasses. This project is supported again this year by NAB corporates volunteers.

2. Burndap Park, Edgewater, Maribyrnong Stage 3:

We have received funds for weed control and planting at this site to enhance with our corporate volunteers and Maribyrnong City Council.

3. Community support Grant:

We have received funding for our ongoing costs for our community events on all of Melbourne Water sites.

Brimbank City Council: COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

We have received funding for our **2020 project with Keilor Primary School, the Connies and the Wurundjeri Indigenous Cultural Education officers at Caroline Chisholm Reserve, Keilor.**

Parks Victoria Brimbank Park Site:

Funds bequeathed to FMV by Marcus Wintels will again be used for weed control and planting with the staff at Brimbank Park and the Local community at Gumm's Corner, Keilor

The Australian Government Communities Environment Program:

- Taylors Valley Keilor for weed control and planting. This grant was supported by **Daniel Mulino and staff**
- Thomsons Reserve Maribyrnong for weed control and planting. This grant was supported by **Bill Shorten and staff**
- Maidstone Escarpment for Boxthorn removal and ground cover planting. This grant was supported by **Bill Shorten and staff**

Maribyrnong City Council: COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

We have received funding for ongoing costs for our community events on our 4 work sites.

VALE PHIL RATCLIFFE

Phil was a volunteer with FMV for 20 years until his passing in December 2019. He regularly volunteered on site on Tuesday and Wednesdays with Lorraine and the regular gang, and attended weekend events. He loved assisting new members and sharing his knowledge, and always had a warm welcoming smile and greeting that made you feel like you had always been a part of the group.

He undertook a Weedspotters training program and volunteered at the annual Hawkweed survey at Falls Creek for a week in 2013 and 2014 which was run by the Mt Beauty Parks Victoria office. Project Hindmarsh is the Hindmarsh Landcare Network's most successful and well-known flagship program and both Phil and Lorraine were strong supporters of this Project until 2014. Phil also supported the Friends of Wilsons Promontory and volunteered on site over weekends and events during the week.

Bike riding was a great passion and he often used to cycle past FMV work sites with his cycling buddies – these trips often coinciding with morning tea times. His love of travel was a big part of his life and he visited 60 countries. Phil and Lorraine had many exciting trips including last year's trip with family and friends to Petra in the Middle East. His sense of humour is sorely missed!