

Quarterly Newsletter

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Hello and we are happy to be getting back to our normal volunteer life again.

Our Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 4th August at 7.30pm. E-mail closer to date will confirm final details for this meeting.

All positions will be declared vacant after reports are presented. Please think about how as a member you can undertake one of the following positions. Forms for nominations and proxy voting are attached with this newsletter. **Please renew your membership before then so you can vote and nominate your person for the positions.**

President: Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer: 3 Community Representatives: Under Incorporated Associations rules and regulations these major positions must be filled.

Grants Coordinator: Environmental Officer: Web Site Coordinator: Community Promotion Officer: These positions help support the committee with our organizational activities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: COME JOIN US.

Bring gloves, hat, stout shoes, weeding/planting tools and a cup for morning tea and your own biscuits please.

Dates	Function	Location
Tuesday	Working bees with the Maribyrnong City Council 9.30am till 12 noon	Maelor will advise details if you go on our working bee list
Wednesday	Working Bees on Assorted sites. Brimbank City Council and Park Victoria sites 9.30am till 12 noon	Maelor will advise details if you go on our working bee list
Wed 2nd June	Federal Grant FMV/BCC Taylors Valley Green Gully Reserve 9.30am till Noon	McCrae Boulevard, Keilor Downs
Sat 5th June	World Environment Day Sydenham Park 10am till 1PM (past the golf course)	Sydenham Park, end of Kings Road, Keilor North
Sat 26th June	Federal Grant FMV/BCC Taylors Valley Green Gully Reserve 9.30am till Noon	McCrae Boulevard, Keilor Downs
Sun 1st August	National Tree Day Taylors Valley Green Gully Reserve 10am till 1pm	McCrae Boulevard, Keilor Downs
Wed 4th Aug	FMV AGM starting at 7.30pm	TBC

Wed 11th Aug	Working Bee Sydenham Park 10am till Noon (past the golf course)	Sydenham Park, end of Kings Road, Keilor North
Wed 18th	Working Bee Sydenham Park 10am till Noon (past the golf course)	Sydenham Park, end of Kings Road, Keilor North
Wed 25th	Working Bee Sydenham Park 10am till Noon (past the golf course)	Sydenham Park, end of Kings Road, Keilor North

Greening the West Strategy 2021.

Media Release

The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP

Minister for Energy, the Environment and Climate Change
Minister for Solar Homes



Thursday, 13 May 2021

500,000 TREES FOR A COOLER, GREENER WEST

The Andrews Labor Government will build green canopies with 500,000 new trees in Melbourne's west – creating cooler spaces for families in the western suburbs to enjoy for generations to come.

The Labor Government will invest \$5 million to plant the new trees in growth areas across six councils providing more shade and green spaces, driving down pollution and improving air quality.

Importantly, the trees will help reduce the urban heat island effect which leads to higher temperatures and lower air quality in those urban communities without enough vegetation.

In 2018, Melbourne's west had just 5.5 per cent canopy cover in urban areas compared to 17.4 per cent in the inner south-east and 25.9 per cent in the east. The western suburbs experience the greatest urban heat island effect across metropolitan Melbourne.

The Labor Government will work with experts to make sure the right trees, ranging from saplings to more mature trees, are being planted in the right spots. Funding will be available through grants to community organisations and local councils, and organisations with projects already underway will be able to apply for funding to scale up those projects.

The trees bolster Victoria's efforts to tackle climate change, helping meet our ambitious targets to cut greenhouse gases by 45-50 per cent by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050. They will also help us realise the goals of *Plan Melbourne 2017 to 2050* by greening and cooling our city.

The new trees, which will begin going into the ground in September, will also provide vital new habitats for urban biodiversity, increasing links between existing trees and connections between parks.

They will add to the thousands of hectares of new open space and parklands delivered under the Labor Government's \$154 million Suburban Parks Program, which is providing up to 6,500 hectares of parkland, walking trails, bike trails, pocket parks and dog parks – including 22 new and upgraded parks in Melbourne's west.

Quote attributable to Acting Premier James Merlino

"The pandemic reminded us how important it is for our physical and mental health to have green open spaces close to home. These trees will mean more families in the western suburbs can enjoy a cooler, cleaner environment around them."

Quote attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"These trees, together with our investment in suburban parks, will help Victoria tackle climate change and support our goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050."

Quote attributable to Member for Tarneit Sarah Connolly

"No matter where you live, every family should have green spaces close to home to enjoy together. We're investing in the physical and mental health of families across the west – as well as the quality of the open spaces around them."

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See Minister's announcement and link to their website. <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/500000-trees-cooler-greener-west>