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**FMV** Friends of  
the Maribyrnong  
Valley Inc.



**We are no longer having a PO Box in Ascot Vale. If you wish to get in touch with us, you can email us at [info@fmvonline.com](mailto:info@fmvonline.com)**

or just catchup with us at our working bees.

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### **Vale: Don Marsh 1934-2021**

Don Marsh was a founding member of Friends of the Organ Pipes, formed in 1972 and the first of many environmental Friends groups in Victoria. Don, Barry Kemp, and others pioneered the re-establishment of native vegetation using locally indigenous seed and setting up planting zones.

Pat and Holt Pettit worked with Don on the Maribyrnong Valley Committee and were inspired by his example to establish Friends of the Maribyrnong Valley. Don was a Life Member of our group.

Dons' active involvement in FOOPs was tragically cut short in 1989 by a cycling accident which left him severely disabled. However, he maintained his interest and enthusiasm for restoring the environment, particularly at Organ Pipes but also the whole of the valley and continued to be an inspiration to the following generations of FOOPs members.

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### **2022 EVENTS AND WORKING BEES.**

We will still be volunteering under covid rules and regulations.

Our complete list of dates will be provided in February, but we hope you can place the dates below in your calendar for next year.

Bring gloves, hat, sunscreen, weeding tools, sturdy shoes, and a cup for morning tea. If you're new you will need to provide evidence of double vax. There can be no sharing of tools so if you need tools and gloves, please let Maelor know in advance so he can arrange these items.

We also can provide a portable stool for regular volunteers to sit on while having a cuppa and chat.

Please carry your own bottle of water and wear a hat and sunscreen as we will be volunteering in the warmer weather.

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

Children under 16 years of age must be supervised by a responsible adult.

Sites vary due to weather conditions and what maintenance is required.

Dates	Function	Location
Every Tuesday from Feb 2022	Working bees with the <b>Maribyrnong City Council</b> at assorted sites Maelor to confirm for each week 9.30am till 12 noon	e-mail Maelor <a href="mailto:maelor@melbpc.org.au">maelor@melbpc.org.au</a> if you require details, please
Every Wednesday From Feb 2022	Working Bees and planting days for 2022 Assorted sites <b>Brimbank and Moonee Valley Councils</b> Maelor to confirm for each week 9.30am till 12 noon	e-mail Maelor <a href="mailto:maelor@melbpc.org.au">maelor@melbpc.org.au</a> if you require details, please
Wednesday 2nd Feb 2022	<b>FMV</b> monthly meeting starting at 7.30pm This meeting will schedule the calendar of events for 2022	In person and Zoom meeting Location Details next year.
Sun 6th March	Cleanup Australia Day	See your council website for your nearest site
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Community event at our new site in Keilor. Follow signs from the carpark at the end of the road.	Caroline Chisholm Reserve Flora Street Keilor
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>World Environment Day</b>	TBC
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Calder Rise, Keilor planting day	McCrae Boulevard, Keilor Downs
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Calder Rise, Keilor planting day	McCrae Boulevard, Keilor Downs
Sun 31st July	<b>National Tree Day</b> 2 sites Taylors Valley, Green Gully Reserve. 10am till 1pm Also at Calder Rise, Keilor. 10am till 1pm	Sign-in for both sites at McCrae Boulevard, Keilor Downs
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	<b>FMV AGM</b> starting at 7.30pm	TBC

# **Melbourne Water Sewer projects along the Maribyrnong River**

## **Sewer relining – MRM & MRR**



Picture Credit David Hannah

### **MRM-NWS sewer connection project**

Melbourne Water has recently awarded the contract for the Maribyrnong River Main (MRM) – North - West Sewer (NWS) connection project to install the new sewer pipe that will connect the two sewer mains from the Maribyrnong River (near the existing pipe bridge) in Avondale Heights to the North- West Sewer (near the corner of Hampstead and Williamson Roads) in Maidstone. Melbourne Water’s contractor Safety Focused Performance Joint Venture (SFP) is currently carrying out detailed design for the project. A newsletter containing information about expected impacts and construction activity has recently been delivered to households in Maidstone and Ascot Vale. To keep up to date with this project, follow the Melbourne Water Your Say page: <https://yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/mrm-north-western-sewer-connection>

# Melbourne Water Sewer projects along the Maribyrnong River

## Sewer relining – MRM & MRR

Melbourne Water has also been working to complete the re-lining of the Maribyrnong River Main Sewer and its Reliever sewer. Stage 1 of this project, near Aberfeldie Park is almost finished. Stage 2 will start in January/ February 2022. Stage 2 involves relining 250 metres of the Maribyrnong River Reliever (MRR) which is a section of pipe that helps to remove and hold extra sewage flows from the MRM sewer, particularly during peak wet weather events. This section is located at Afton Street Conservation Reserve and includes rehabilitation of three manholes. A community bulletin to explain these works and timings will be delivered to residents early in the new year. For more information you can visit Melbourne Water's website: <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/building-and-works/projects/maribyrnong-river-main-mrm-sewer-upgrade-0>

