



# Ponderings

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## An Urban Environmental History of Melbourne's Watercourses

Congratulations to Dr Marcus Lancaster on obtaining a PhD researching the Moonee Ponds Creek as part of his thesis "An Urban Environmental History of Melbourne's Watercourses". Marcus' thesis examines how development and urbanisation over time affected natural waterscapes, landscapes and environments. Using environmental history, Melbourne's watercourses can be viewed as a network that has both shaped the urban fabric and been heavily modified by the processes of urbanisation, since 1835 when Melbourne was established.

The Moonee Ponds Creek provided a unique history of this change as one of Melbourne's most urbanised watercourses. Known as the 'chain of ponds' - refugia

ponds that appeared at times of low flows - the Creek's catchment was one of the first to be subdivided, with the channel used as a survey boundary between land blocks and later, municipalities.

Works undertaken following European settlement to manage floods and drainage saw, by the end of the 19thC, the creek flowing directly into the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers.



*Marcus with his very proud father and godmother.*

As suburban development spread, with few planning controls, flooding and erosion became associated with the Creek itself, as well as its tributaries, for example, Melville Creek. By the 1920s, the Moonee Ponds Creek was legislated as a 'main drain' and works commenced to manage it. Over the ensuing six decades, the Creek became a highly engineered watercourse, with extensive channelisation, straightening with removal of bends and meanders, lining with bluestone and concrete, formation of embankments. Many of the tributary creeks were enclosed in barrel drains. Such works often saw the creation of parkland, sports ovals and linear open space reserves along the Creek and former tributaries, e.g. Five Mile Creek Reserve, Holbrook Park, Fisher Linear Reserve.

When Melbourne entered the freeway era from the late 1950s, the original lower reach of the Creek was shifted west to allow construction of the Tullamarine Freeway and the Creek was placed in a large concrete trapezoidal channel. It became a symbol of the undesirable visual and environmental impacts of freeways on

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our waterways. When further freeway expansion was proposed along the lower Moonee Ponds Creek in the 1980s, concerned citizens formed the Moonee Ponds Creek Association (now the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek) to try to protect the Creek and the first strategic plan was produced in conjunction with Melbourne Water – Moonee Ponds Creek Concept Plan (1992). Upstream, citizens opposed increased concrete channelisation of the Creek, halting the process near Strathmore North Primary School.

Recently, a wider collaborative approach has been established for the Creek – the Chain of Ponds Collaboration group of

councils, Melbourne Water, government agencies, other organisations and Friends groups to focus on a catchment-wide management approach to advocate for the Creek on issues such as planning, transport/trails and connectivity, litter, and social interactions as well as improving the environmental health of the waterway.

Marcus' thesis explains a complex history of change in the Moonee Ponds Creek's urban environmental history – that will be valuable in guiding the management, protection and restoration of the Creek.

<https://minerva-access.unimelb.edu.au/handle/11343/220457>

# MORELAND

## Update

- 1-33 Outlook Drive Glenroy:** Following a strong Friends and community led campaign to protect open space, Moreland City Council, acquired (settled 27 June 2019) a 31,450m<sup>2</sup> parcel of VicTrack land next to the trestle bridge on the Moonee Ponds Creek with a subdivision restriction that the land be set aside for public open space.
- Kernan Street Pascoe Vale South:** Public open space was again protected through a strong Friends and community led campaign that led to Moreland City Council acquiring 7,234 m<sup>2</sup> of land along the creek. Following some site preparation works and improvements to the circuit pedestrian path connection through to Tate Reserve, a community planting event will be held on **Sunday 21 July on site at the end of Kernan Street.**
- JP Fawkner Reserve, Vincent Street Oak Park:** Council recently undertook some landscaping works (new stairs, path improvements and weedy tree removal), revegetation and culvert works along the creek at JP Fawkner Reserve, Oak Park. Some of these landscaping works aimed to ameliorate the civil works that came from the construction of two multi-use netball courts in the reserve. Some site preparation works are taking place to allow for additional revegetation and landscaping in 2020.

- Another set of stairs were constructed on the creek at Bass Street, Oak Park (see image above), to improve pedestrian connectivity and access to the creek linear park.
- Denzil Don playground in Brunswick West is currently being upgraded with new play equipment made of natural timber framing and timber decks. The playspace includes extensive use of rocks and logs with the creation of a new nature play area. In addition, indigenous garden beds and native trees for shading of the playspace will be planted shortly.

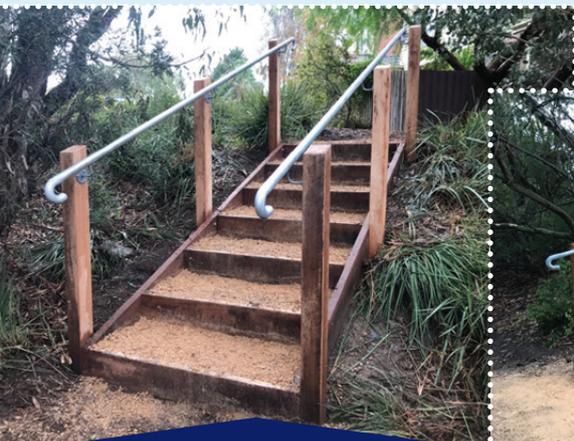


Denzil Don playground

- Habitat sensitive lighting has been proposed for the Moonee Ponds Creek bridge connecting The Boulevard Pascoe Vale and Cameron Rd Essendon. We hope this will improve pedestrian use of the bridge while protecting biodiversity.

- Restoring the Superb Fairy-Wren **Community Planting, Shiels Reserve, Sunday 4 August.**

A community planting is to be held to celebrate the completion of upgrading a park adjoining the Moonee Ponds Creek at Hope Street. Following community requests for improved habitat for the Superb Fairy-Wren of this neglected piece of open space, Council and the community have created a wonderful new park. Please join us for the planting, an insect survey and some lunch.



Bass Street, Oak Park staircase



JP Fawkner Reserve staircase

# Chain of Ponds Collaboration News

by Lori Arthur and Alex English

The Collaboration has been progressively working towards some of our key priorities for the creek including addressing litter issues, seeking better outcomes from development and improving transport and connectivity. We have an updated website where you can keep track of some of our key projects: <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/what-we-are-doing/works-and-projects-near-me/all-projects/chain-ponds-collaboration>

In 2019, we received external funding for two of our priority projects.

1. Missing link site Moreland to Vanberg with Hopetoun DELWP funded Activating Waterways project \$400,000
2. Brosnan Crescent Naturalisation Project; DELWP IWM funded project \$40,000 with a further \$40,000 from Melbourne Water, Moonee Valley and Moreland Councils

## Connecting people to the creek – Essendon/Brunswick West

The Collaboration has received funding from DELWP through the State Government *Boosting Recreational Water Use Initiative* to deliver a project to improve access and amenity along a section of the Moonee Ponds Creek in Essendon/ Brunswick West.

Through a process of co-design and the support of landscape architects, Thompson Berrill Landscape Design, a draft landscape plan is being developed to support the project.

Works are anticipated to include:

- Removal of redundant cyclone fencing and improved access and path networks along the eastern side of the creek
- A shared path connection between Vanberg and Hopetoun Avenue (extending to Moreland Road)
- Installation of resting places with amenity infrastructure such as seats and signage
- Revegetation and soft landscaping



Redundant cyclone fencing.

- Incorporation of Water Sensitive Urban Design/wetland opportunity to revitalise the old Melville Creek corridor

A draft landscape plan will be available from mid-July on the Chain of Ponds Collaboration Your Say (see link above) and pop up information sessions will be held at the creek:

- Parkland between Vanberg Street and Donald Avenue on **Thursday 25 July**, 4:00 - 6:00pm
- Parkland at 1 Hopetoun Avenue on **Saturday 27 July**, 10:00 - 12:00 noon

## Moonee Ponds Creek naturalisation – developing a business case



*Vision of Moonee Ponds Creek, Brosnan Crescent Precinct by Robert Lovick*

Naturalising the Moonee Ponds Creek has long been an aspiration of many, but what would it really take?

The waterway and surrounding areas have been significantly modified since its origins as a 'chain of ponds' before European settlement. Residential and commercial development are now well established on the creeks banks and the banks themselves have been channelized for the fast expulsion of flood waters. How can a more natural creek form be returned which still caters for these new demands? What will it cost?

These questions will form the basis of some investigation work the Collaboration is doing with the assistance of expert hydrological consultants E2 Design Lab in partnership with landscape architects Realm Studios.

The work will focus on a 400m stretch of the creek between Margaret and Herbert Streets, Oak Park (Strathmore). The site is symbolic as the location where the march of concrete upstream was halted in the 1980s after a strong community campaign.

The investigation will look at what landscape and engineering interventions are possible to enhance the social and environmental values of the creek and will undertake a cost benefit analysis to provide a more grounded business case for this work. Design concepts are expected to be available for public discussion in August.

# Down the Drain

## Lost Tributaries of the MPC Part 3 - Five Mile Creek

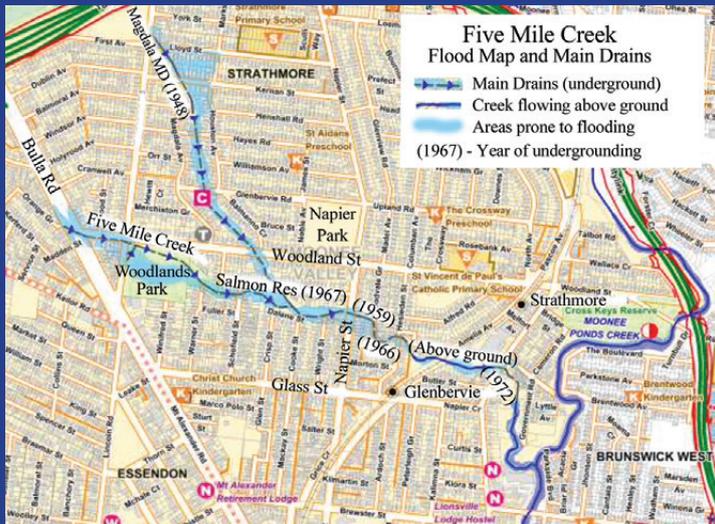
By David Widdowson

Some questions for Essendon and Strathmore residents to ponder: where does the water come from for the ponds at Woodlands Park, and where does it go? Why is there a “green corridor” from these ponds to Napier Street, and another one parallel to Magdala Avenue? Why does an open drain suddenly appear just north of Glenberrie Station? And then reappear as a stream in a steep gorge east of Pascoe Vale Road? The answer to all these questions is, of course, Five Mile Creek, another lost tributary of the Moonee Ponds Creek, now reduced (for the most part) to Main Drain No 4330.

The original state of the creek has been described as a “sequence of vegetated water holes”. This picture from before 1930 shows it as a minor stream, small but free flowing. In the 19th century the land was mainly agricultural and subject to erosion, which increased greatly due to massive urbanisation in the 20th century. PROV (VPRS 8609 P/0032 U7).

Many newspaper reports from the 19th and early 20th centuries refer to the creek, generally in unkindly terms! In 1928 it was said to “have long been a source of annoyance” and that “the locality was menaced by flood waters”. Stagnant water was thought to be the cause of “numerous cases of diphtheria” and other diseases.

By 1929, the council decided to fix these problems by lining the entire length of the main branch with bluestones to create a free-flowing open drain, the work being completed by 1930. The image at right – taken from the railway line looking towards what is now Five Mile Creek Reserve – shows the result. PROV (VPRS 8609 P/0032 U7)

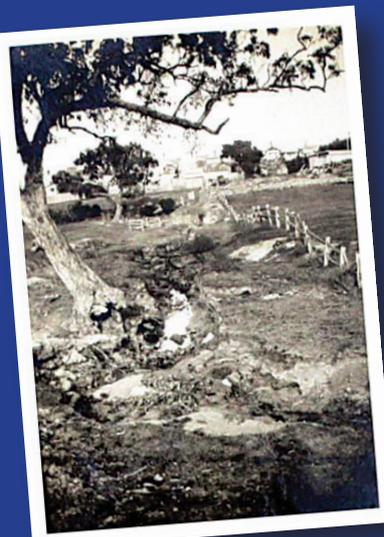


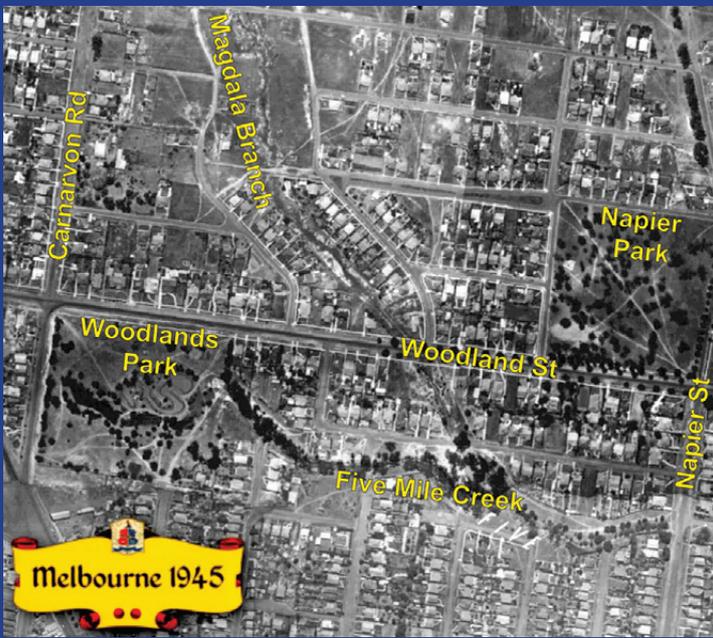
This modern map of the Main Drains and flood-prone areas gives us an idea of where the creek once flowed. There were at least two branches: the main branch began near Orange Grove in Essendon North (west of Bulla Road), then moved through Woodlands Park towards Napier Street. A secondary branch began in the flat plateau that is now Essendon Airport - eventually becoming the Magdala Main Drain - and joined the other branch in what is now Salmon Reserve. Judging by the topography, perhaps another branch came down from Keilor Road to Woodlands Park. (Original Map: SES)

Unlike Melville Creek, whose name was not well known at the time, the name “Five Mile Creek” was widely known and is old - records can be found featuring the name as far back as 1849. The name is believed to derive from the distance between its meeting point with the Moonee Ponds Creek (now Five Mile Creek Reserve) either to the Yarra, or to the GPO, both of which are about eight kilometres (five miles).

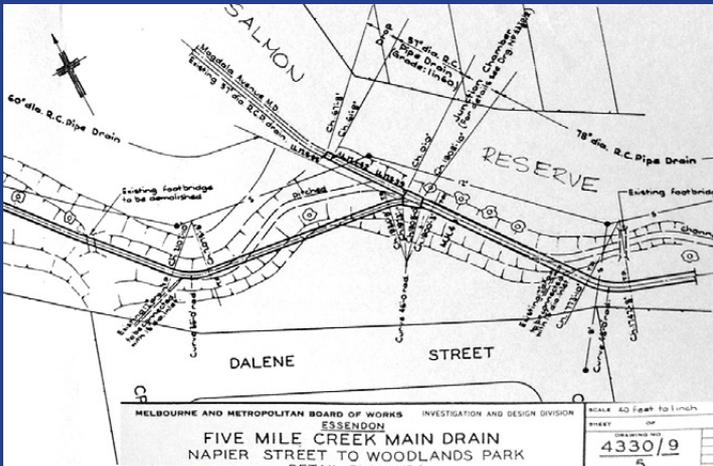


The section that still flows above ground today north of Glenberrie Station is a remnant of this era. This section is two bluestone pitches wide, with sloping sides two bluestone pitches high and retaining walls set back on each side. It has been deemed significant by the Heritage Council of Victoria for “showing how the natural environment was modified in the interwar period...to reduce the effects of flooding...due to increased run-off from urban development”. (Heritage Vic).





The Melbourne 1945 aerial view shows the main branch of the creek - now a bluestone open drain - under the row of trees from Woodlands Park to Napier Street. The problem now was the Magdala branch; considerable scouring can be seen in this photo, and things were about to get much worse. In 1946 the grass runways at Essendon Airport were converted to concrete, leading to increased runoff into the creek and greater scouring. To fix this problem, the entire Magdala branch was placed underground in 1948.



After 1948 the increased flow of water from the underground Magdala Main Drain emptied straight onto the bluestones in Salmon Reserve. The inevitable flooding that followed - especially in the "Napier Street dip" in 1963 - led to the entire length of the main branch between Woodlands Park and Glenbervie Station being put underground. This MMBW plan from 1966 clearly shows the existing pitched channel that was to be removed (along with foot bridges) and replaced with concrete pipes. Work was completed east of Napier Street in 1966 (the land then sold for housing!) and in Salmon Reserve in 1967.

Evidence of the old creek's path can still be seen in Salmon Reserve, which was gifted to the community by the land's original owner, William F Salmon, in 1918. A local accountant,



Mr Salmon had planted many of the magnificent trees still seen in the Reserve. This section could perhaps be "daylighted" in the future if there was the will to do it!



The lower reaches of the creek were also undergoing many changes - I have marked them on this Melbourne 1945 aerial view. The section just east of Pascoe Vale Road was placed underground in 1972 - by the MMBW, but at the expense of the landowner. The final section of the present day Five Mile Creek was originally part of the Moonee Ponds Creek. It was stranded when the concrete shortcut was created in 1961!

At Five Mile Creek Reserve today, the Friends of Five Mile Creek, led by Ginny Moylan, have done sterling work, helping to create one of the most beautiful sections of creek in the area.

The meeting of Five Mile Creek and the Moonee Ponds Creek (concrete section at right).



Finally, it is nice to see that Woodlands Park is now being returned to native wetlands – a part of Five Mile Creek being restored to its former glory!

Thanks to Dr Anne Black for her assistance.

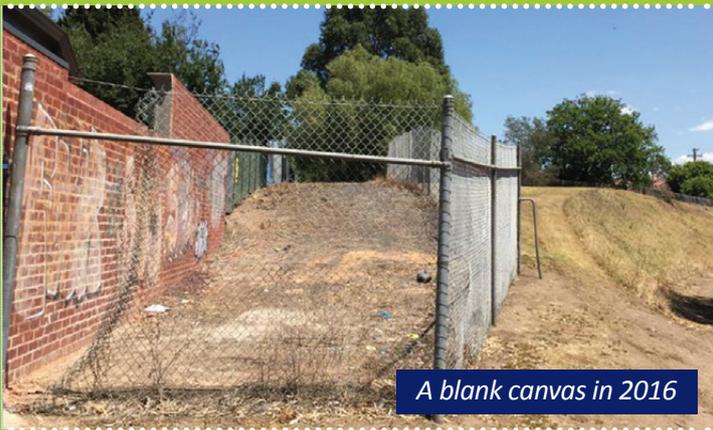
**Next time: Westbreen Creek.**



## Lawson Street Planting

by Kaye Oddie

Emily (pictured) has provided valuable expert input from the very beginning of the Lawson Street Project in 2016 from the layout of the original planting areas to plant species selection, placement and follow up, whilst completing her degree Master of Science (Biosciences) in Restoration Ecology. For the planting in May, Emily suggested the infill species and we ordered them from Ian Taylor at Western Plains Flora. While the planting was organized by the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek, Moonee Valley City Council kindly provided tools, a water tank, guards and stakes and we thank them once again for the original community grant that has made the regeneration of this formerly little known, disused patch of land abutting the Creek. The success is shown in the thriving plants surrounding Emily.



A blank canvas in 2016

## Moonee Valley Citizen Science Expo

Kaye and Anna represented Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek, Birdata and Bowerbird at the Moonee Valley Citizen Science Expo joining representatives from Melbourne Water's Waterwatch and Frogwatch. There were containers of wetland water, spoons, ice cube trays and magnifying glasses to find the tiny critters that inhabit the wetlands. Storytelling and sound recordings wove a wonderful web of information as residents young and old were encouraged to learn about ways they can care for and help monitor our natural environment. The Maribynong River site next to the Afton St Wetlands was a perfect setting on a lovely sunny day.



facebook 

Join our "Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek" Facebook Group to keep up with planting dates, events and creek news.

Join the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek  
for \$20 per year

Help preserve and improve the  
Moonee Ponds Creek's natural environment.

For information and to join, go to:  
[mooneeponds creek.org.au/join-us/](http://mooneeponds creek.org.au/join-us/) and complete the membership form or  
write to: PO Box 54, Essendon Victoria, 3040.  
The Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek supports child safe environments for its activities.

# Gardens for Wildlife

by Melissa Doherty

It's wonderful that so many community members are interested in learning about gardening with native plants and how we can all provide more wildlife-friendly gardens. Several people expressed an interest in Hume's new Gardens for Wildlife program, where volunteer garden guides will be trained up to visit people's gardens and provide advice on how to attract and support various native animals from bees and butterflies, to lizards, frogs and possums. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Melissa Doherty, Urban Biodiversity Officer on 9205 2466 or [melissado@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissado@hume.vic.gov.au)



*Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek tackle the dry conditions.*

Encouraging people to create more wildlife habitat on private property adds to the extensive planting efforts that Hume does with the community on public land. While the astounding legacy of the positive environmental changes along Moonee Ponds Creek is a wonderful testimony to all the community groups and members that have planted countless trees, shrubs, grasses and groundcovers over the years. But some of Hume's community plantings this year have been quite difficult, as the lack of rain made the ground too hard to dig holes. So advocating to all levels of government about the importance of our natural environment and taking action on climate change is important as well. Doing the odd rain dance helps too.



*Information provided at the Gardens for Wildlife evening*



# Report from the parks maintenance team

*Plantings along the shared path beside the Moonee Ponds Creek, Jacana. Image: Graham Dear*

by Julie Frances

Hume City Council has recently completed an 8ha forest planting adjacent to the John Ilhan Memorial Reserve which is one of our the more visible urban forest projects this year. The forest consists of 6000 individual trees consisting of 4 indigenous eucalypt species Yellow gum, Iron Bark, Grey Box and Yellow Box which will provide a range of flowering times for foraging birds, insects and animals. This forest wraps around John Ilhan Reserve within the Yuroke Creek Valley (Moonee ponds Creek Tributary) and in time will provide all year protection to the soccer, athletics and dog park facilities

as well as a welcome relief from the urban jungle and adding to the overall amenity of the area. This project is one of the many planting projects occurring in Broadmeadows Valley Park/Jacana Parklands with many other site also receiving attention including the shared path shading initiative which has seen many kilometres of the Broadmeadows Valley and Moonee Ponds Creek Trails planted over recent years in addition to screen plantings and planting areas that are difficult maintain. These projects will continue of a number of year and will over time contribute making Hume a cooler and green city.



## Ocean Crusaders 'Paddle Against Plastic'

by Kaye Oddie

The first of three planned events to clean up of the Lower Moonee Ponds Creek took place on Sunday June 2nd.

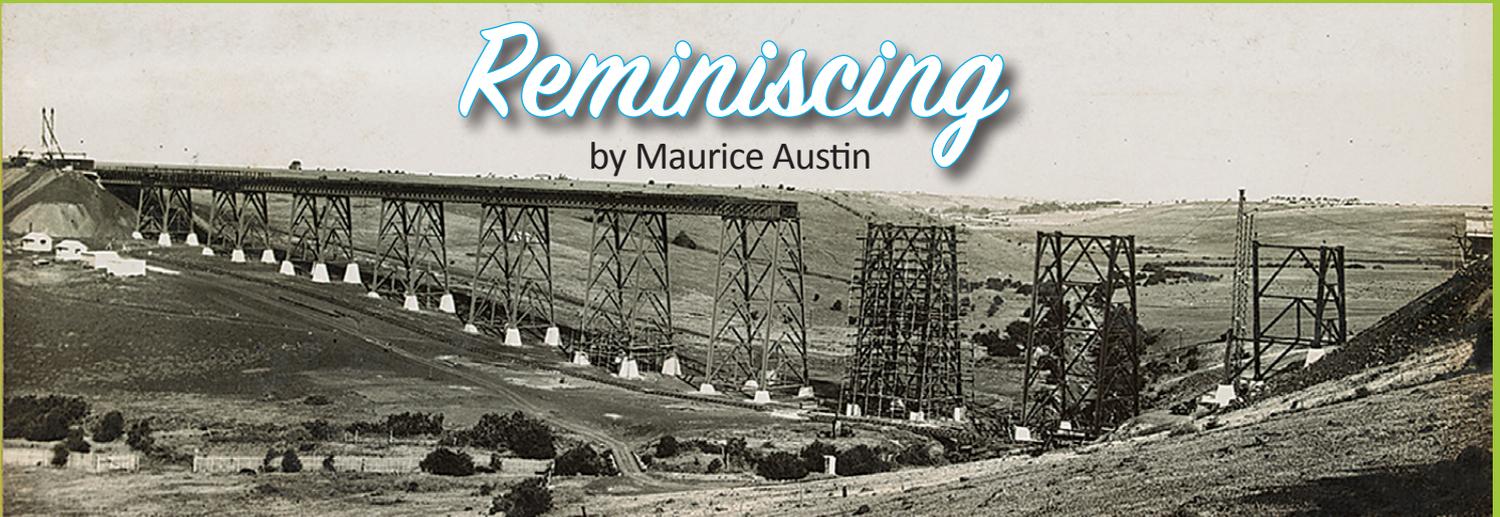
The event was sponsored by Port of Melbourne and Melbourne City Council, organised by Ocean Crusaders and supported by Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek, Love Our Streets and Beach Patrol.

110 volunteers over 3 hours collected close to 1 tonne of rubbish from 900m of waterway and adjoining banks from the Yarra River junction up to Footscray Rd – on foot, by kayak, in dragon boats .... 2 large skips' full, 5 bikes, 3 shopping trolleys, 2780 plastic, glass and aluminium drink containers ..... which would have been eligible for cash return under a drinks container deposit scheme – if Victoria had one, that is!

Let's hope the outcome from the State Government's current Inquiry into Waste and Recycling will see the introduction of such a scheme in Victoria and save our waterways from such plastic pollution.

## Reminiscing

by Maurice Austin



Baseplate (above), Bridge today (below)



A friend recently alerted me to a 'Makers Plate' on the old Morgan's bridge across Moonee Ponds Creek to Gowanbrae. (Thanks SJR!). Did some research on the maker that made me suspicious of the presumed by me 1960's build for the R.K. Morgan Engineering works. See the second paragraph of the link:

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/munro-david-4270>

With my suspicions confirmed I photographed some detail of this very old bridge that allowed construction vehicles on

the Glenroy railway viaduct site. A mystery still remained though with the 'bridge' in the centre of the old photo by Wilfred Disney Chapman (courtesy of the State Library of Victoria) being located much closer to the viaduct as pointed out by Kevin Balaam when images were posted on Facebook. This suggests the bridge we use today is the same as the bridge in Chapman's photo but relocated to its present site for access to Morgan's Engineering. It certainly is one of the oldest white settlement structures still standing along this section of the Moonee Ponds Creek.

# Bowerbird takes a Bow

by Anna Lanigan

It was with immense sadness that I learned of the demise of *Bowerbird*. This masterful Citizen Science project was created in 2013 by Dr Ken Walker of Melbourne Museum with start-up funding from the Atlas of Living Australia. Since then *Bowerbird* has built up over 100,000 records of flora and fauna. Its ability to embed in the records spatial and temporal data made it a valuable resource for nature enthusiasts and researchers alike. For me the opportunity to create my own projects not only gave me a perfect cataloguing mechanism for my thousands of photos but enabled me to instantly illustrate the wonderful biodiversity of our urban areas when needed, to lobby for funding, for community engagements or simply just to brag. With development continuing to threaten our open spaces, biodiversity information is vital to support the protection and enhancement of our wildlife habitat and *Bowerbird* has been instrumental in strengthening these endeavours.

Ken Walker moved quickly to preserve the records held in *Bowerbird* and negotiated with the worldwide nature sharing site iNaturalist to add the *Bowerbird* records to their site upon owner's consent. I'm relieved I don't have to re-enter my 3540 records and hope to find ways to recreate *Bowerbird*'s project capability. On the plus side iNaturalist is easy to use and has a working mapping system, a problem that dogged *Bowerbird* in its final year when Google made the use of its mapping cost prohibitive. Sadly in the end it all comes down to funding.

On behalf of Ponderings readers and the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek, I would like to thank Dr Ken Walker for his vision and determination to create *Bowerbird* and for his sheer hard work keeping it viable for so long. Our gratitude to him will be best expressed by embracing iNaturalist and keeping up the good work.



## Did you know?

The Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek celebrates its 30th Birthday this year and here's a call out to all the Friends who have participated along the creek over the years. Reconnect and share your memories. Send your stories and photos to [fompc.ponderings@gmail.com](mailto:fompc.ponderings@gmail.com) and please pass this message on to others you remember from days gone by. A get together is being planned so stay tuned.



- 1 Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek
  - 2 Friends of Sacred Kingfisher
  - 3 Friends of Yuroke Creek
  - 4 Friends of Jacana Wetlands
  - 5 Gowanbrae Residents Group
  - 6 Boeing Reserve Troopers
  - 7 Friends of Strathnaver Grasslands
  - 8 Strathoak Planters
  - 9 Pascoe Vale Residents
  - 10 Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek
  - 11 Travancore Residents Group
  - 12 Friends of Lower Moonee Ponds Creek
- Friends of Five Mile Creek  
Friends of Westbreen Creek  
Brunswick South-West Planters

## Creeky Links

**Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek:** [mooneepondscreek.org.au](http://mooneepondscreek.org.au)

[facebook.com/groups/friendsofmooneepondscreek](https://facebook.com/groups/friendsofmooneepondscreek)

**Friends of Merri Creek:** [friendsofmerricreek.org.au/](http://friendsofmerricreek.org.au/)

**Friends of Edgars Creek:** [foec.org.au](http://foec.org.au)

**Friends of Steele Creek:** [facebook.com/FriendsOfSteeleCreekInc](https://facebook.com/FriendsOfSteeleCreekInc)

**Friends of the Maribyrnong Valley:** [fmvonline.com](http://fmvonline.com)

**Bowerbird discussion website:** [bowerbird.org.au/projects/5249](http://bowerbird.org.au/projects/5249)

**Woodlands Historic Park:** [whp.altervista.org/](http://whp.altervista.org/)

**The Werribee River Association:** [werribeeriver.org.au](http://werribeeriver.org.au)

Contact us if you have any other links to share

## Important notice

If Ponderings is to continue as a viable source of information up and down the Moonee Ponds Creek assistance is urgently needed to help gather content. It will only take a few hours four times a year if we can get some volunteers.

Please contact:

[fompc.ponderings@gmail.com](mailto:fompc.ponderings@gmail.com)

Cheers and thanks, Anna, Editor

# Sightings

Spotted Pardalote and a female Superb Fairywren around the Jacana Wetlands and along the creek. Laughing Kookaburras are settling in with several sightings reported, Dennis spotting them in Westmeadows. Anna found a Rainbow Lorikeet checking out hollows, New Holland Honeyeaters were plentiful in Westmeadows and captured a Straw-necked Ibis one of a large flock that took up residence over several days on the football oval at Boeing Reserve.



Spotted Pardalote

Stunning images of a Black shouldered Kite and Peregrine Falcon taking advantage of high lookouts were taken by Dennis Hocking in the Jacana Valley and lovely to see his finds of smaller birds with a Scarlet Robin, Silvereye,



New Holland Honeyeater



Straw-necked Ibis



Peregrine Falcon



Superb Fairywren



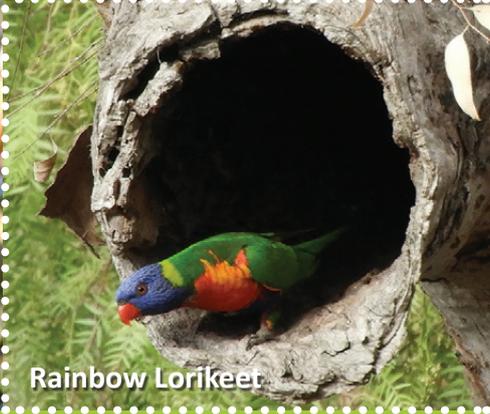
Scarlet Robin



Silvereye



Laughing Kookaburras



Rainbow Lorikeet



Black-shouldered Kite

## Creek Watch

Please help by reporting rapid change of water levels or water discolouration along the creek:

- High water flows coming out of drains during a period of no rain could indicate a leaking water main or underground burst pipe. To report this, contact **Yarra Valley Water** for the east side of the bank and **City West Water** for the west side of the bank.
- If the creek water is yellow or white or otherwise discoloured, this could indicate trade waste being dumped in the creek. This needs to be **urgently reported to the EPA**.

## Ponderings

welcome photos and written contributions from our readers. Please send contributions to: [fompc.ponderings@gmail.com](mailto:fompc.ponderings@gmail.com)



# Plantings

## Winter Planting Calendar

Last minute cancellations and changes will be posted to our [Facebook](#) page.

Date/Time	Where	Group/Contact Information
<b>Sun 21 July</b> 10.00am-12.00md	Community Planting, end Kernan Avenue, Pascoe Vale South (Melway 16 K10)	Moreland City Council. Natural Resource Management Officer 0449 060 866
<b>Sun 28 July</b> 10.00am -12.00md	<b>NATIONAL TREE DAY</b> Join the <i>Friends of Steele Creek</i> at AJ Davis Reserve, 320 Fullarton Road, Airport West (Mel 15 G9)	Hosted by Moonee Valley City Council <a href="https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10020956">https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10020956</a>
<b>Sat 3 August</b> 10.00am – 12.00md	<b>Community Planting Day</b> Kensington Embankment. Access from ramp off Bent Street. (Melway 2A B5)	Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek Kaye Oddie 9329 0635
<b>Sun 4 August</b> 10.00am – 1.00pm	<b>Community Planting Day and BBQ</b> Brunswick West, Shiels Reserve, Duggan Street (Melway 29 B5)	Moreland City Council: Alex English 8311 4387; 0403 603 532
<b>Sun 1 September</b> 9.00am – 12.00md	<b>Ocean Crusaders Clean-up Day</b> Lower Moonee Ponds Creek Ron Barassi Snr Park, Docklands (Mel 2E A5)	Details and registration via Ocean Crusaders website <a href="http://www.OceanCrusaders.org">www.OceanCrusaders.org</a> 0447 TURTLE (887 853)
<b>Sun 8 September</b> 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Friends of Upper MPC with 1 <sup>st</sup> Tullapark Scout Group. Coopers Hill Drive Westmeadows (Melway 6 A7)	City of Hume Urban Biodiversity Officer 9205 2466
<b>Sun 1 December</b> 9.00am-12.00md	<b>Ocean Crusaders Clean-up Day</b> Lower Moonee Ponds Creek Ron Barassi Snr Park, Docklands (Mel 2E A5)	Details and registration via Ocean Crusaders website <a href="http://www.OceanCrusaders.org">www.OceanCrusaders.org</a> 0447 TURTLE (887 853)

**FOR ALL PLANTINGS, PLEASE BRING GLOVES AND DRINKING WATER, WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

The Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek supports child safe environments for its activities.

Last minute cancellations and changes will be posted to our Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/friendsofmooneeponds creek/](https://facebook.com/groups/friendsofmooneeponds creek/)

HUME AND MOONEE VALLEY COUNCILS HAVE PLACED THESE PLANTINGS ON THEIR WEBSITE.

THEY PREFER YOU TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TO ASSIST WITH RESOURCING AND CATERING.



## Bi-Monthly Meetings

Held the following dates at the Sam Merrifield Library, 762 Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds commencing at 6:30pm.

**Meeting dates:**

- 20 August • 18 October (AGM) • 17 December •