



moonee ponds creek
co-ordination committee

Ponderings

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Moonee Ponds Creek Coordination Committee
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Thank You Stella

Stella Blay has been with MPCCC since 2008. She quickly added extra style to this quarterly newsletter Ponderings and championed the value of volunteer work along the Creek.

In 2009 Stella accepted nomination of Secretary of MPCCC providing an invaluable contribution to the Greenvale office history by playing a key role in retaining and twice relocating valuable records.

Personal circumstances have forced Stella to step down as Ponderings editor. She will continue to mentor Nina Franceschi Eason and Anna Lanigan who are taking over the production.

Stel's input has been invaluable in MPCCC's transition away from a funded office operation while retaining an organisational structure adding weight to environmental battles such as our opposition to the East West Link. This campaign became essential to protect and further develop the ecological and social amenity of the Moonee Ponds Creek corridor.

THANK YOU STEL!

Tony Smith
President, MPCCC

Junior Ranger Zac says ...



... feeding ducks bread
makes them SICK!

MVCC NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC) for introducing an education program that will discourage people from feeding wildlife in our parks and gardens. It's all part of the Junior Ranges Program, a fun way for kids to interact with local flora and fauna in parks across Moonee Valley.

The program will be promoted through schools, kindergartens and the wider community.

Here is a link to the MVCC Junior Ranges page that has a great video explaining the perils of feeding bread to ducks:

www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/for-residents/environment-programs/our-schools/junior-rangers.aspx?m=1

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On behalf of the Moonee Ponds Creek community we would like to pass our heartfelt condolences to Kelvin Thomson and his family on the passing of his mother Dorothy Thomson.

Dorothy and Allan were among the founding members of the Moonee Ponds Creek Association, now the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek.

Their passion for environmental issues was passed on to their sons Kelvin and Lex who came up with the idea of the Pascoe Vale Naturalists while still at primary school.

Allan Thomson's contribution to the environment was recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours with an Order of Australia Medal Award. This recognised not only Allan's contribution to the Moonee Ponds Creek but his founding of the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC). Their passion for environmental issues and support for local community continued in their retirement at Port Fairy. **Congratulations Allan on your award.**

Dear Ponderings Reader

**National Tree Day
26 July 2015**

I am sure you have all heard the saying 'trees are the lungs of the planet'. Today we mark the day where many of us take the time out to plant a tree along a creek, in our gardens or in a park. I would encourage you to participate on this day to help beautify your area or assist the Green Army Project in enhancing our wonderful waterways. The Friends Groups that devote themselves to improving our local environment are a good way to protect and safeguard our creeks and waterways.



**Kelvin Thomson
President
Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek**

The Green Army is supporting local environmental and conservation projects in Moonee Valley

To find out more, visit www.environment.gov.au/green-army

The Green Army is a great opportunity for young Australians aged 17-24 years to gain training and experience in environmental and heritage conservation fields.

The Green Army is an Australian Government initiative that taps into local knowledge and supports hands on action to meet local environmental challenges.

The Green Army will deliver tangible benefits for the environment and Australia's national and Indigenous heritage and provide young people with skills, training and experience to help them enter the workforce or improve their career opportunities.

If you are interested in becoming a participant please visit:

www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/green-army

Sightings on BowerBird

Since the introduction of BowerBird to readers in our last Ponderings issue, 155 sightings along the Moonee Ponds Creek have been collated.

To view our Moonee Ponds Creek project, go to:

www.bowerbird.org.au/projects/5249/sightings

To join and upload photos onto BowerBird, go to: www.bowerbird.org.au



Moonee Ponds Creek

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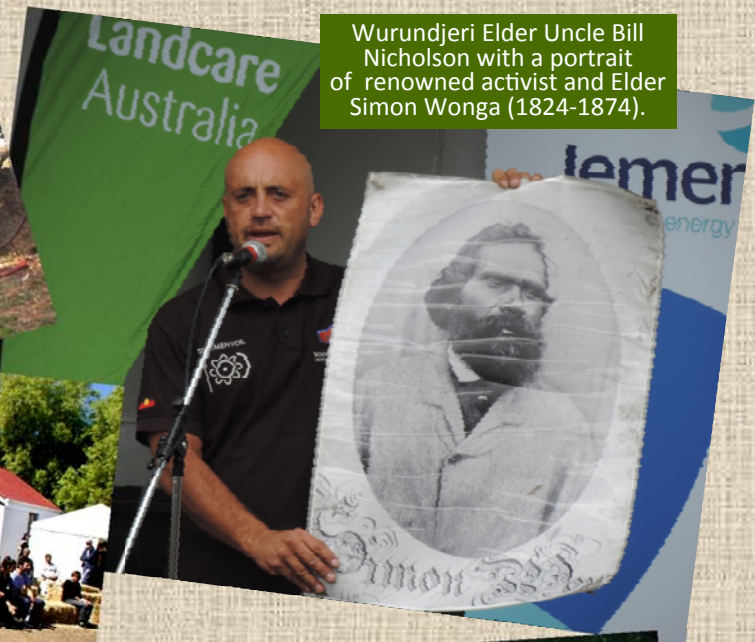
155 Sightings

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JEMENA and Landcare Australia

LIVE.GROW.EXPLORE
Community Day

HUME NEWS



Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Bill Nicholson with a portrait of renowned activist and Elder Simon Wonga (1824-1874).



Reptile Encounters



Great entertainment all day long

MORELAND NEWS

Moreland Council has been successful in obtaining a Melbourne Water Corridors of Green Grant to assist with a restoration project at the dramatic Silurian cliff site on the creek at Union Street, Brunswick West. The project totalling \$35,000 (\$17,890 from Melbourne Water) includes specialist rope work targeting weeds on the escarpment, further weed control throughout the site, interpretive signage, promotional material and a community planting event on Saturday 27th June.

Council is again supporting the Gowanbrae Residents Group, Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek, Brunswick South West Planters and the Friends of Westbreen Creek in a range of plantings and maintenance activities along the creek, its tributaries and surrounding areas in 2015. See the planting calendar for details of upcoming events.



P L A N T I N G S	When	Where	Group/Contact Information
	Sat 25th April 2.00-4.00pm	Moonee Ponds Creek (Melway 29 B7) Balfe Crescent, West Brunswick	Brunswick South West Planters Audrey - 9387 3249
	Sat 2nd May 10.00-12.00 noon	Gowanbrae Community Centre (Melway 16 C2) Marigold Cres, Gowanbrae	Gowanbrae Residents Group Andre—0439 033 736
	Sat 23rd May 2.00-4.00pm	Moonee Ponds Creek (Melway 29 B6) Braddy Reserve, Whitby St, Brunswick	Brunswick South West Planters Audrey - 9387 3249
	Sun 24 May 10.00-12.30pm	Moonee Ponds Creek, Ian Musgrove Reserve Koala Crescent, Westmeadows (Melway 5 J7)	Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek and Hume Enviro Champions
	Sun 14th Jun 2.00-4.00pm	5 Mile Creek Reserve (Melway 28 J2) End of Government Road, Essendon	Friends of 5 Mile Creek
	Sun 14th Jun 10.00-12.00 noon	Westbreen Creek, Joyce Reserve (Melway 17 A6) Northumberland Road, Pascoe Vale	Friends of Westbreen Creek Phil - 0434 263 774
	Sun 21 Jun 10.00-12.30pm	Moonee Ponds Creek (Melway 6 B7) End of Riddell St, Westmeadows	Friends of Sacred Kingfisher
	Sat 27th Jun 2.00-4.00pm	Moonee Ponds Creek, Union St Reserve (Mel 29 B8) Enter from Jewell Crescent, Brunswick	Brunswick South West Planters Audrey - 9387 3249
	Sun 5 Jul 2.00-4.00pm	5 Mile Creek Reserve (Melway 28 J2) End of Government Road, Essendon	Friends of 5 Mile Creek
	Sat 18 Jul 10.00-12.00 noon	Moonee Ponds Creek (Melway 16 F7) Nursery Bend, Mascoma Street, Strathmore Meet at the gravel car park, opposite Eldorado St	Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek Kaye - 9329 0635
Sat 25 July 2.00-4.00pm	Moonee Ponds Creek (Melway 29 B7) Balfe Crescent, West Brunswick	Brunswick South West Planters Audrey - 9387 3249	
Sun 26 Jul 10.00-12.30pm	Moonee Ponds Creek National Tree Day (Mel 16 C3) Planting and BBQ, Riverwalk, Outlook Drive, Glenroy	Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek Kaye - 9329 0635	

Links to waterway communities

www.friendsofmerricreek.org.au/
www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSteeleCreekInc
www.fomcg.com.au/
www.fmvonline.com

Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek News

We are currently working on developing a new website and introducing a Facebook page giving you a chance to contribute.

STAY TUNED FOR THE LAUNCH

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

Commencing in December 2015, **Pondering will be going digital**. To ensure you receive your next Summer Ponderings and ongoing issues, please email ponderings@mpccc.org to register your email address.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE MOONEE PONDS CREEK WINDS FOR 8KMS ALONG THE NORTHERN WESTERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF WOODLANDS HISTORIC PARK.

BAT COUNT

The last reported Bat Count at Yarra Bend was 30,000.

The next counts are at 5.15pm on Wed 6th May, 3rd Jun & 5th Jul. To participate in the next count and for more information, follow this link:

<https://megabatcount.wordpress.com/about-the-fly-out-count/>

MORE MVCC NEWS

Moonee Valley City Council have developed a draft master plan to guide the future of Five Mile Creek Reserve - and they want you to tell them if they've got it right.

To help shape the future of Five Mile Creek Reserve, go to: www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/have-your-say/help-shape-the-future-of-five-mile-creek-reserve.aspx