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Newsletter of the Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks  
Incorporating Manningham Conservation Society  
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## ACTIVITIES – all welcome

**WHAT TO BRING:** *You will need old clothes and sturdy shoes, gardening gloves, a parka, or hat and sunscreen, and a water bottle. A cuppa is usually provided. You may also like to bring insect repellent. Tools are provided by Park staff. You don't have to stay for the entire session - even an hour of your time would make a valuable contribution to the Yarra Valley Park environment.*

### **Sunday 22 August 10.00 am to 12 Noon – Bolin Bolin Billabong (Mel 32 D8)**

Planting grasses and casuarinas.

Enter from Bulleen Road, just north of the Veneto Club (Mel 32 D8) and go through the gate and park on the grassy area.

### **Sunday 26 September 10.00 am to 12 Noon – Candlebark Park (Mel 21 G12)**

Same place as our planting in July. Further tree planting in open areas.

Park in the Fitzsimons Lane Bridge car park (Mel 21 G12) and follow the signs, walking up the Main Yarra Trail to the notice board and then following the right hand dirt road up to the top of the hill.

### **Sunday 24 October 10.00 am to 12 Noon – Westerfolds Park, near Mia Mia Gallery (Mel 33 F2)**

Planting casuarinas along the area leading to the Mia Mia Gallery.

Enter Westerfolds Park from Fitzsimons Lane, and then take the road on the left leading to the Mia Mia Gallery (in the Manor). Follow the signs and park in the 'Overview car park' 200m before the Mia Mia building. We will have a cuppa at the Mia Mia Café afterwards.

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Wednesday morning plant nursery group meets every week in the Friends Shed at the Westerfolds Depot (Mel 33 F1) from about 9.30 am to Noon. Morning tea is provided.  
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Committee meetings are on the fourth Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Friends' Shed (Mel 33 F1).

**NOTICE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7:30 pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**  
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**Candlebark Park** - In July we enjoyed a sunny morning planting into moist soft soil. With extra volunteers from the Dharma Drum Buddhists and the Friends of Warrandyte State Park we planted 250 shrubs and trees into open areas next to previous plantings. We will return to this same site in September.

**Bolin Bolin Billabong** - The Wurundjeri people have unveiled a series of 7 new signs on a cultural walk around the billabong. The images and stories explain the lifestyle of the original people in the area. Over the next 3 weeks a number of primary schools will be working with Parks Victoria staff to plant grasses and trees near the billabong. Our group will also be planting there on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Committee News** – We have been following up our concerns over proposals which would encroach on Parklands. Proposals include: (1) An eco-adventure course in Yarra Flats (studies are still in progress), (2) Heidelberg Artists Gallery in Yarra Flats (no commitment from Parks Vic yet), (3) Manningham Council dog park near Westerfolds (Council have since rejected this site and are looking at a Koonung Creek site).

A new concern is Manningham Council's proposed changes to the Planning Scheme Environmental Overlays, and in particular the replacement of the "Yarra Backdrop" overlay.

### **Nursery News –**

We have swapped plants with 2 other nurseries (VINC of Yarra Bend, and Warrandyte State Park) and this has helped fill in missing species needed by each nursery. Preparations for new plants for next year have already started.



### **Murundaka Wetland Project –**

In June we had the first planting into this new area in parkland east of the Rosanna Golf Club. A few days later an energetic group of first year students from Swinburne University helped build a rabbit-proof fence around the new plants. Many different species were planted to introduce diversity into an area above the waterline of a future wetland (see photo). Earthworks for the wetland have been postponed until this summer. Planting within the wetland will begin next winter.

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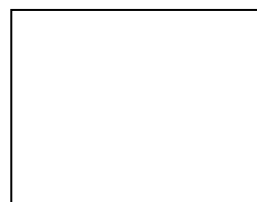
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the 'Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks' will be held on Wednesday 25 August 2010 at Westerfolds Park at 7.30pm**

### Nomination Form

Position(s) for which nomination is made (tick as appropriate)

President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter editor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominations of candidates shall be in writing, signed by two financial members of the Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks and accompanied by the candidate's signature as confirmation of their willingness to accept the nomination. All nominations must be received by the Secretary before 7.30 pm on 25 August 2010.