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## Newsletter of the Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks

Incorporating Manningham Conservation Society

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See the web-site for the newsletters in colour, and any updates to activities.

If you no longer wish to receive a printed newsletter please email us and we will send you a digital copy.

The renewed Covid-19 lock-down has cancelled our planned July activity. The August activity and AGM announced here depend on the lock-down ending after 6 weeks. Please keep an eye on our website for any changes.

### Annual General Meeting 7:30 pm Thursday 27th August 2020

AGM Notice is on the last page of the PDF Newsletter on the website, or ring 9432-0163 for a printed copy.  
Please let us know if you plan to attend.

### August activity – all welcome

Sunday Activities - **4th Sunday of the Month, 10 am to 12 Noon**, March to November.

#### **WHAT TO BRING:** a greatly expanded list so you can keep yourself safe from infection

- Disposable gloves, hand sanitiser
- BYO drinks/thermos, cup, nibbles for morning tea at 12 noon. None of these will be supplied.
- Bring your favorite weeding tool if you have one and/or a hammer for stakes, knee pads if you need them. Some tools will be provided, with ways to disinfect them between uses.
- The usual old clothes and sturdy shoes, gardening gloves, a parka, or hat and sunscreen, insect repellent and a water bottle.

You'll need a back-pack for all this!

#### **Sunday 23 August – Murundaka Park, Lower Plenty 10 am to 12 Noon (Mel 32 K2)**

Maintenance of previous planting, and some new planting. Bring a mattock or other weeding tool if you have one. Long grass, so wear long pants. Follow Cleveland Ave all the way around past the Rosanna Golf Club (Mel 32 K2). Park near the Friends sign in Cleveland Ave. Walk through the nearby gate and follow additional signs down to the site.

\*\*\*\* If you haven't done so already, please register yourself as a volunteer on the ParkConnect website <https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/Account/Login/Register>. You will then be able to sign in for this activity when it goes up on ParkConnect. This will save us from the requirement to record all your emergency contact details on the day.

\*\*\*\*Please stay away if you, or anyone in your "household group" has had any fever or Covid-19 symptoms during the last 2 weeks, and/or has been identified as a 'close contact' in the last 2 weeks.

**Committee** meetings are usually **4th Thursday** at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room at Westerfolds Park (Mel 33 F1). Next meeting is the AGM Thursday 27 August.

## Melbourne Water is leading the development of the Yarra Strategic Plan

Information on the development of the plan is available at:

<https://www.melbournewater.com.au/about/strategies-and-reports/developing-yarra-strategic-plan>

On 5 June, Andrew and Clive from the Friends made a short presentation to the Panel hearing submissions on the draft Plan. They advocated increased recognition of community groups such as Friends groups, and recommended that the Plan should specify roles and responsibilities of community groups in decision-making and management.

Our submission and the positive response of the panel are available on our website:

<https://www.yvfriends.org.au/results>

## Sunday activities

We managed to sneak in one Sunday activity between Covid19 lockdowns.



On 28 June, we did some planting and maintenance of previous work beside the Main Yarra Trail west of Pettys orchard.

Ten people, the exact number allowed under the 'relaxed' restrictions then in place, braved the cold morning.

Left: New members Richard and Molly at work

(Photo: Andrew Lucas)

## Murundaka Wetlands are wet!

Ducks and frogs are celebrating more water in the wetlands than we have seen for years.



This pool, filled via a pipe under 'the bend' on the Main Yarra Trail, is rarely noticed. Frogs are loving it.



The bottom pool at Murundaka Swamp is full. Many of the red gum seedlings we have attempted to remove so they don't suck up the water seem to have died.



The top pool at Murundaka Swamp.  
Insets show chestnut teal and black duck, and the indigenous aquatic fern *Azolla* sp.



The main pool at Yaruk Tamboore

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## Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS – 27 August 2020

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the  
'Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks Inc.'  
will be held at Westerfolds Park at 7.30pm on Thursday 27 August 2020  
or as soon as possible thereafter**

#### 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"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member	<input type="checkbox"/>

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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 27 August 2020.