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Newsletter of the Friends of the Yarra Valley Parks

Incorporating Manningham Conservation Society

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Annual subscriptions are due on October 31st.

If you wish to join up, go to the website - click [Our Membership Form 2021](#).

Activities – all welcome

Sunday activities look unlikely for the rest of the year because of Covid restrictions.

Please keep an eye on our website for any further changes.

You could pencil in the December barbeque in case restrictions allow it by then.

End of year BBQ, Wednesday 8 December – from 6:30 pm – Westerfolds Park

BYO everything. BBQ and shelter provided. The BBQ will go ahead even if it is raining. Enter Westerfolds Park from Fitzsimons Lane (Mel 33 G2), and then follow the signs to the Eucalypt Picnic Area, Swamp gum carpark (Mel 33 F1).

The first 2022 planting day will be the fourth Sunday in March. Details in the March 2022 Newsletter.

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The Plant Nursery is being maintained at this time of low demand, but no extra help is needed at present
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Committee meetings are usually **4th** Thursday at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room at Westerfolds Park (Mel 33 F1).

From the AGM – 26 August 2021

Election of office-bearers

President & Website: Clive Edington
Vice-president: Andrew Lucas
Secretary: Lucy Honeycombe
Treasurer: Joy Hick
Newsletter: Graham Patterson

Committee: Barrie Taylor
Rosanne Jessop
Carol Page

Co-opted to the committee since the AGM: Carmen Nemet

Financial statement

Receipts

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Memberships and donations | \$830.00 |
| Interest | \$19.96 |
| TOTAL | \$849.96 |

Expenses

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Newsletters, postage | \$59.00 |
| Incorporation fee | \$59.20 |
| Donations and group memberships | \$150.00 |
| Equipment | \$179.99 |
| Web costs | \$110.00 |
| Plants – tube stock | \$125.00 |
| TOTAL | \$683.19 |

Financial membership: 28

Cash in bank 30 June 2020

\$20092.14

President's Report 2020-2021 Clive Edington

Revegetation and rehabilitation

We have continued to increase the environment values along the Yarra River upstream and downstream near Templestowe. We planted at Pettys Orchard, Martins Lane (Viewbank), Murundaka second wetland and Westerfolds Park.

We were only able to do 4 of our usual 8 Sunday on-ground activities due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Most of our Sunday planting and maintenance activities were self-supervised when Parks Victoria rangers were not available on the day. However, the rangers have helped with preparation during the days beforehand.

When Covid-19 restrictions allowed, our formal quarterly monitoring program at Murundaka continued, as did our Bird Surveys.

Our planned projects with Rosanna Golf course and Melbourne Water are still on hold, awaiting the outcome of a large grant application.

Wednesday group

The Wednesday nursery group has not been active due to reduced stocks in the nursery. However, we are continuing to look after the indigenous garden at the Manor in Westerfolds Park.

Contact With Other Groups

To further support for other Friends groups, we have liaised with the Victorian Environment Friends Network and with the Yarra Riverkeepers. We have also continued working with Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water on arranging future projects and support for volunteer work.

Membership

Our signed and paid-up membership increased by 1 since last year and is now at 28. There are 3 Life Members. The 5-year payment option remains popular. Numbers at activities fluctuate. Parks Victoria's ParkConnect website continues to introduce volunteers attending our Sunday plantings.

Thanks

Thanks to Parks Victoria staff, particularly John Williams, Cam Beardsell and Phil Rance.

A big thank you to all the committee and to other members for all your contributions, especially during these trying Covid times.

Obit We were saddened to hear of the death of Elizabeth Sevier on October 1st, aged 90. She was a fantastic contributor to this and other environmental groups over 3 decades.



A rare occurrence –
water in Montpelier Billabong
September 2021 (GP)



Fenced planting at Sweeneys Flats, resplendent
with Snowy daisy-bush and Pomaderris sp.
October 2021 (GP)