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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 previous newsletters, and any updates to activities.

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## **ACTIVITIES – all welcome**

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

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

*We prefer that you sign in for each activity on the Parkconnect website*

*<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/> Morning tea will not be provided – please bring your own. Bring your own gloves. Some tools can be provided and sanitiser will be available. You will need old clothes and sturdy shoes, gardening gloves, a parka, or hat and sunscreen, and a water bottle. Wear long pants.*

### **Sunday 23 June – 10 am to 12 Noon - Westerfolds Park (Mel 33 F1)**

'What-3-words' location is <https://w3w.co/moon.task.flank>

New planting – mid-storey plants. Enter Westerfolds Park from Fitzsimons Lane. Veer right and park at the car park opposite the Park office. Follow the signs to cross the road to the planting site. Bring your favorite planting tool if you have one. If not, tools will be provided.

### **Sunday 28 July – 10 am to 12 Noon – Candlebark Park (Mel 21 H11)**

Park at 'What-3-words' location <https://w3w.co/swear.pasta.tunes>

New mid-storey planting in Candlebark Park, just south of the footbridge across the Yarra. Park at the end of Homestead Road, then cross the footbridge to the planting site. Bring your favorite planting tool if you have one. If not, tools will be provided.

### **Sunday 25 August – 10 am to 12 Noon – Banyule Flats (Mel 32 F2)**

Park at 'What-3-words' location <https://w3w.co/host.opera.ranked>, the parking area off Somerset Drive, Viewbank. Mid-storey planting at a new site near the Main Yarra Trail. Follow signs east to the planting site. Bring your favorite planting tool if you have one. If not, tools will be provided.

You will be able to sign in for the activities above when they go up on ParkConnect soon.

**Committee** meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room at Westerfolds Park (Mel 33 F1). Next meetings are Thursdays: 27 June, 25 July, 22 August.

## Monitoring at Murundaka Park

Every three months, members of our Friends group conduct a monitoring survey at Murundaka Park in Lower Plenty. We record nature sightings, other observations, what has been done and what needs doing.

Readers may be interested in observations along the Main Yarra Trail between Bonds Road and Rosanna Golf Course in May this year:

40+ Sulphur-crested cockatoos, a few in hollows  
40+ kangaroos in between guarded planting close to Bonds Rd  
30+ Superb fairy-wrens  
2 Scarlet robins, feeding on ground with Superb fairy-wrens  
20+ Welcome swallow  
12 Australian Magpie  
1 Noisy Miner  
7 Rainbow Lorikeet  
1 Red Wattlebird  
2 Magpie-lark  
1 Little Raven  
12 Brown thornbill  
2 Starlings  
1 Common myna  
1 Eastern rosella  
12 Grey fantails  
1 Spotted pardalote  
2 Grey shrike-thrush  
2 Silvereye  
3 European goldfinch on dried thistles  
1 Golden whistler  
1 White-plumed honeyeater  
1 Bell miner  
1 Yellow-faced honeyeater  
2 Australian ibis  
1 Tawny frogmouth  
1 Crested pigeon  
1 Common bronzewing  
  
1 fox – healthy looking, near golf course

### Weeds:

Tobacco plants growing vigorously, riverside, near white wooded bridge & near golf course fence north side  
Madeira winter cherry, *Solanum pseudocapsicum*, root stems emerging & fruiting.



Common bronzewing  
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Scarlet robin  
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