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Newsletter of the Friends of Yarra Valley Parks

Incorporating Manningham Conservation Society

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To join our mailing list to receive Newsletters and Reminders of upcoming activities, please email us at info@yvfriends.org.au

If you wish to become a member, go to the website then click the "Membership Form" button.

Activities – all welcome

Bring: The usual - old clothes and sturdy shoes, gardening gloves, a parka, or hat and sunscreen, insect repellent and a water bottle. We usually provide a cuppa and nibbles when the work is done.

**** If you haven't done so already, please 'join' our group on the ParkConnect website.

Sunday 22 March – 10 am to 12 Noon – Murundaka, Bonds Rd. Lower Plenty (Mel 33 A2)

Park at 'What-3-words' location <https://w3w.co/native.worker.pose>

Maintenance around plants put in during recent years. Checking and refurbishing tree guards. Some weeding around the plants. Enter the site via a gate on the west side of Bonds Road, just after you go under the power line. You can park on the verge nearby if it's dry, or go back to the small parking area at the turn-off to Montpelier Drive.

Sunday 26 April – 10 am to 12 Noon – Candlebark Park (Mel 21 H11)

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

We will be removing woven plastic weed mats left after planting decades ago in Candlebark Park, just south of the footbridge across the Yarra, near where we planted in 2024. Park at the end of Homestead Road, Eltham, then cross the footbridge to the site. A mattock and box cutter/Stanley knife would be handy, but tools will be provided.

Sunday 24 May – 10 am to 12 Noon – Westerfolds Park (Mel 33 G2)

Park at 'What-3-words' location <https://w3w.co/flap.bind.mirror>

Planting in a new site adjacent to Fitzsimons Lane. Rangers have discovered a surprising range of indigenous plants surviving here where kangaroos and rabbits are rare and the soil low in nutrients. Park in the '24-hour carpark' which is next to the planting site. It is just north of the main entry to Westerfolds from Fitzsimons Lane. Bring your favorite planting tool if you have one. If not, tools will be provided.

Most Wednesday mornings: Westerfolds Manor native garden – See our website for details.

TEXT to Pat on 0426 649 198

Committee meetings are usually 4th Thursday at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room at Westerfolds Park (Mel 33 F1).

Maintenance at Bonds Road site 22 March 2026

Some of the fixes needed:



Wedge-tailed eagles at Murundaka in February

Keep up the good rabbit-hunting work!

(Photo: Andrew Lucas)



Bulleen Red gum



This River Red Gum is more than 300 years old and is likely the oldest tree remaining of the original Bulleen Red Gum forest. This tree was first classified in 1982. It was saved from removal by Mrs Fullarton and the Doncaster & Templestowe Conservation Society, when the rest of the block was cleared in order to build a service station.

[https://trusttrees.org.au/tree/VIC/Bulleen/Cnr Bridge Street And Manningham Road](https://trusttrees.org.au/tree/VIC/Bulleen/Cnr_Bridge_Street_And_Manningham_Road)

Strenuous community advocacy has ‘saved’ it again. One saved – thousands of others lost to the North-East Link.