

Merri e-News

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Newsletter of the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC)
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Merri Creek Exhibition to Open

Don't miss this important exhibition: **Merri Creek: from wasteland to parklands** will be launched on **Tuesday 6 October, 10.30am at Brunswick Library**, Dawson St Brunswick with the well-known local author, Shane Maloney as guest speaker. This exhibition celebrates community achievements since 1975 in transforming the Creek from a weed-smothered drain to a much-loved waterway running through a bushland corridor. **Please register your attendance at morelandcitylibraries.eventbrite.com.au or phone 9389 8600 by 1 October.**

The exhibition will be on display in Brunswick Library for October. Then it will move to Coburg Library, from 6-27 November. After that, the exhibition will move around the Merri catchment at other venues. We will announce these as they arise.

There will also be a presentation on by Ann and Bruce McGregor at Brunswick Library in conjunction with the exhibition on **Thursday 15 October at 7:45pm.**



Merri Creek Environment Fund 2015 Special Appeal – Results

This year's Merri Creek Environment Fund Special Appeal raised a pleasing \$8,369 from 41 donors. Our sincere thanks to all those who donated for our three special projects. Donations are still very welcome. The [Fund webpage](#) gives options for direct deposit and cheque payment.

[Make a credit card donation to help Merri Creek](#)

MCMC brings thousands of indigenous plants to schools

July was a great month for biodiversity and water conservation at two local schools. Nearly 2,300 plants were planted at Brunswick North West Primary School by nearly 1,000 members of the school community, completely transforming a derelict area beside the school's grounds. At Thornbury Primary School a large concrete path and non-indigenous plants were removed. Then around 300 students created a Woiwurrung Garden by planting about 350 indigenous plants during NAIDOC Week. MCMC staff played a pivotal role with both projects [>>> Read more](#)



Golden Sun Moth flies again

The results of Merri Creek Management Committee's (MCMC) 2014-5 Golden Sun Moth survey

are now available. The surveys were conducted at Bababi Marning Grassland (Cooper Street), a native grassland reserve adjacent to Merri Creek in Campbellfield. Since 2012, a Communities for Nature Grant has allowed MCMC to conduct annual Golden Sun Moth searches and vegetation surveys to help us understand how to protect the habitat of this critically endangered, day-flying moth. [>> Read more and sign up for this summer's surveys](#)

Inspiring Young Women in Environmental Science

MCMC staff planned, developed and delivered a conference *Inspiring Women in Environmental Science*. Expert women scientists from nine environmental scientific organisations addressed over 130 high school students from four different schools at Melbourne Girls College alongside the Yarra on 18th June 2015. [>> Read more](#)



Latest successful grant applications

Inspiring young women to reach for science: Following on from the successful event described above, MCMC has received \$7,300 from the Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust to further this endeavour. The new project aims to provide girls with an overview of some of the science career opportunities that are available to them by visits to women working in environmental science.

Congratulations to Wallan Environment Group

Congratulations to MCMC member, [Wallan Environment Group](#) (WEG), for being Highly Commended in the Victorian Landcare Community Group Award, a hotly contested section of the Landcare Awards. If you are in Wallan, check out the Wallan Community Park. Before WEG got to work, the park was almost devoid of native vegetation and Wallan Creek, a tributary of Merri Creek, was infested with willows. It looks very different now and is much improved.

Where have we been Merri-ly planting?

We've had a busy planting season with the community helping us out at a number of recent planting events: *Planting a Seed Orchard* at Fawkner on 22 June; at *Sunbury Rings*, the wonderful Wurundjeri cultural site, on 27 June; *Sumner Loving* at Merri Park Northcote on 18 July, Yarra Council's *National Tree Day* in Burnley on 26 July; at WH Robinson Reserve, Preston on 9 August; *Koonda-Lat is where it's at* off Merri Pde Northcote on 16 August; and *Habitat Heroes & Need for Seed* at Jukes Rd Fawkner on 23 August. Our thanks to the many enthusiastic people who participated in these events.

MCMC office gets makeover

The MCMC office, at 2 Lee St East Brunswick, has received a badly-needed new coat of paint, thanks to our landlord, Moreland City Council. It's now an even nicer place to work!



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