

# *Merri e-News* SPECIAL ISSUE

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Newsletter of Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC)  
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We've produced this special issue of *Merri e-News* to bring you some important news that couldn't wait for the scheduled August newsletter.

## Habitat Gardening – Taking it to the Streets

Come along to Katrina Roberg's illustrated presentation on getting local plants into our 'nature' strips and supporting wildlife, pollen and seeds to move through our suburbs. Katrina is MCMC's Conservation Program Manager and she'll be using the real-life example of the transformation of her own nature strip in Preston. Join us on **Monday 23 June, 7-8pm** (light supper provided) at the CERES Eco-house in Lee St, East Brunswick. Bookings required. [Read more](#)

## Report Card – Poor results for Merri Creek water quality

Like many urban waterways, Merri Creek has scored poorly on recently released water quality report cards for the Yarra and Port Phillip Bay. Two inner urban sites, Merri Creek in Clifton Hill and Edgars Creek in Coburg, got the lowest possible score and rated 'very poor' meaning they are under severe stress. High levels of nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen), poor water clarity (turbidity) and excessive levels of toxic metals had a key impact. It's not new news to us, but the lack of improvement in water quality over the last decade shows how much more needs to be done [Read more about Report Cards and check out the ratings and water quality data for Merri sites](#)

## Special Appeal – Merri Creek Environment Fund

Please help us raise funds for two special Merri Creek projects that need your support:

**PLANTING UP THE GAP - CREATING NATIVE VEGETATION HABITAT FOR MERRI CREEK:** a project to establish indigenous vegetation on Merri Creek near Lorne St Fawkner after a recent arson attack; and

**PRESERVING 25 YEARS OF MERRI HISTORY:** a project to preserve and extend our nationally significant photographic record of the amazing transformation of Merri Creek over the last few decades.

The end of the financial year is close and donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To find out more about the Merri Creek Environment Fund and how to donate [Read more](#)

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