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# Newsletter

## May 2017

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### **JUNE WORKING BEE**

**Tuesday 13 June, 10 am to 12 pm**

**Planting at Bromage Close,  
Hoppers Crossing**

**[Melway Map 203, B11]**

This is a midweek planting at our extended site, which we've prepared by mulching and placing boulders there earlier this year.

More volunteers wanted for this activity. Great exercise while helping with the greening of our local community!

Wyndham Council Ranger(s) in attendance. Soup and rolls provided.

Parking at the end of street. Meet and register at the sign-in table, down by the creek.

Enquiries to FoSC Secretary Denice Perryman on 0429 167 013 or [deniceperryman1@gmail.com](mailto:deniceperryman1@gmail.com)

**Sunday 25 June, 1 pm to 3 pm**

**Planting at Bromage Close,  
Hoppers Crossing**

**[Melway Map 203, B11]**

We will back to the same site for this Sunday activity with more plantings.

The usual afternoon-tea provider Denice Perryman will be on holidays - but anointed FoSC fill-in providers will try to meet volunteers' lofty expectations after a well-earned planting work-out.

**National Tree Day 2017**

**A Massive Event Planned**

**Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek**

National Tree Day 2017 - to be held on 30 July is to be the biggest tree day and celebration for the Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek (FoLKC) since their inception in 2001.

Some 2300 trees are to be planted followed by a massive celebration incorporating the opening of the shared trail between Blackshaws Rd and Barnes Rd and the launch of artwork along the Creek - all courtesy of the Toyota legacy to the Altona North community.

Local cycling groups, such as the BayWest Bicycle Users Group, and other cyclists have been invited to attend the tree planting and/or take

## FRIENDS OF SKELETON CREEK

*Volunteers restoring our local creek*



### **Back to Emu Foot Grasslands**



***Sunday 28 May** saw a good turnout of FoSC volunteers (despite the wintry weather) back at our new site - the remnant Emu Foot Grasslands, opposite Spicer Blvd/ Henry Drive, Altona Meadows. And we welcomed two new volunteers in Isobel and Brett. Great to see new people coming along :)*



*FoSC President Angela Whiffin supplied the plants from Newport Lakes Native Nursery, HBCC Ranger Libby Rigby the tools and water crystals/slow release fertiliser, and FoSC Secretary Denice Perryman the afternoon tea!*

part in the official opening and ride along the new shared path.

More details about this event from: <http://www.folkc.com.au/Page/NationalTreeDay>

*The Friends of Skeleton Creek do not have an activity on National Tree Day; our alternative National Tree*

*Day is on Sunday, 23 July, a planting day at Bromage Close, Hoppers Crossing.*

**Have you 'liked' our FoSC Facebook Community Page?**

It's regularly updated with news, events and photos. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofskeletoncreek/>



*Organised by Denice Perryman, the Friends of Skeleton Creek volunteers excursion took nine of us to Werribee Gorge on Wednesday 17 May.*

*We enjoyed BYO lunch at the Meikles Point picnic area before heading off along the river path, following the old aqueduct upstream, with an impressive view of both the flowing river and towering cliff faces of the gorge.*

*Angela Whiffin identified a variety of native plants, we spotted a Wedge-tailed Eagle, Australian Darter, Fly Catchers, and Superb Fairy Wrens, among other birdlife, and mobs of Eastern Grey Kangaroos along the open ground above the gorge.*

*And we got lucky with the weather, mild but no rain!*

*More FoSC excursions are planned, so feel free to join us in the outdoor fun!*

### **A Winter Forum - about the Werribee River**

A reminder that our friends at the Werribee River Association (WRA) are looking to increase public awareness of the Werribee River.

WRA is holding a Winter Forum at the Crossroads Uniting Church, Cnr Synnot St & Duncans Rd, Werribee, on Thursday 29 June, 7.00 – 8.30 pm, with a light meal provided.

Further information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/213447339153436/> Or RSVP to [werribeeriver@gmail.com](mailto:werribeeriver@gmail.com) by Friday 16th June.

### **Membership**

#### **Friends of Skeleton Creek & Altona Bay Wetlands Inc.**

Your volunteering at our activities is highly valued, even if you can only find time to contribute a few hours during the year.

Membership is not compulsory, but it can help you feel more connected with our group. Cost is: Individual FoSC Membership/ Mailing List - \$10.00; Family FoSC Membership/ Mailing List - \$15.00.

Membership is effective from the AGM date of 2nd November 2016 through to the next AGM and renewal date of 1st November 2017.

Payment details are on the FoSC Membership Form.

Completion of the FoSC membership form and payment can be made at one of our monthly meetings or at an activity day.

*You can request the membership form by emailing:*  
[friendsofskeletoncrk@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofskeletoncrk@gmail.com)

### **A Friends Excursion to Werribee Gorge**







The information board in the Carinza Ave Reserve (near the picnic and playground area), opposite Point Cook Rd, Altona Meadows, is now being maintained by John Dawes, FoSC Publicity Officer, in an arrangement with the HBCC rangers. Pictured here is FoSC volunteer Kristine Konings with four-legged friend Cleo.

**F**riends of Skeleton Creek meetings are held the first Wednesday in the month (except January), starting at 7:30 pm, Old Laverton School, Altona Meadows (corner Kiora St and Cameron Ave).

The next FoSC meeting will be on Wednesday 7 June.  
All Welcome.

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## Friends of Skeleton Creek

### Calendar of Activities 2017

This is our calendar of activities for both Hobsons Bay and Wyndham City councils in 2017.

\* Note sometimes we may need to adjust our plans close to the time of each activity.

Details of the activities are always advertised in this newsletter and on our [Facebook Community Page](#).

Except where shown, all FoSC activities are held on a **Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm**

#### **Tuesday 13 June, 10 am to 12 pm**

Bromage Close, Hoppers Crossing  
Planting

#### **25 June**

Bromage Close, Hoppers Crossing  
Planting

#### **23 July** (alternative National Tree Day) (official day is Sunday, 30 July 2017)

Bromage Close, Hoppers Crossing  
Planting

#### **27 August**

Spicer Blvd, Altona Meadows (Emu Foot Grasslands), rejuvenation of site

#### **24 September**

Bushcare's Big Day Out  
Bromage Close, Hoppers Crossing  
Mulch spreading

#### **22 October**

Merton St/Markham Way, Altona Meadows  
Maintenance

#### **26 November**

Bromage Close, Hoppers Crossing  
Maintenance



The Friends of Skeleton Creek & Altona Bay Wetlands Inc. gratefully acknowledge the support of Melbourne Water

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