

# Friends of Skeleton Creek & Altona Bay Wetlands Inc.



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## December 2014 Newsletter

### PAST EVENTS

*Watering Day, Sun 23 Nov  
Merton St / Markham Way, Altona Meadows  
(1pm to 3pm)*

We worked with Michael from Hobsons Bay City Council to water the plants that we had put in earlier in the year.

With climate change upon us, watering has become even more vital to get plants established.

In February 2015 we aim to spread mulch to give them further protection.

This should also help with weed control and keep more moisture in over the long hot summer.

We had 11 waterers on the day, which was a very pleasing turn out.

We again had the help of the Dera Sacha Sauda volunteers who have been our great support for a number of years.

Also pleasing, we had two volunteers from the 'Friends of Laverton Creek' and two volunteers from our Wyndham 'Volunteering in the Senior Years' activity.

Local residents are always good to see.



*The day's work well done by Friends of Skeleton Creek*



*Michael from Hobsons Bay City Council helped out on Watering Day, Sun 23 Nov*

**Question:** How do you get the heavens to open up and pour rain for days on end?

**Answer:** You hold a watering day at Skeleton Creek!

## CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

We had eight people come to our break-up meeting, and a good time was had by all.

This concluded the activities for 2014.

We will resume again with our first meeting on Wed 4 February 2015, at 7:30 pm, at the Old School House, Laverton (corner of Kiora St and Cameron Av).

## FACEBOOK

One of our members, Peta Keown, has very kindly volunteered to set up a Facebook page for the group. We spent some time last meeting deciding what should go on the page and setting up some guidelines.

Future sign-in books will include a permission to use photos in the newsletter and the Facebook page.

## NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to John Dawes who has taken on the job of editing, layout and production of our newsletter. You will have noticed a vast improvement in layout. Thanks John.

## REVISED CALENDAR FOR 2015

\*\* Our Sun 22 March activity has been changed to a planting instead of a weeding day, with Wyndham City Council bringing the afternoon tea.

(**Hobsons Bay City Council** activity highlighted in **bold**, Wyndham City Council activity underlined)

**Sun 22 February** - Mulch spreading at end of Merton St, Altona Meadows

Sun 22 March - Planting at Kerford Cres, Point Cook (council to supply afternoon tea)

**Sun 19 April** - Mulch spreading at Merton St / Markham Way, Altona Meadows

**Sun 24 May** - Planting at Merton St / Markham Way, Altona Meadows

**Tues 16 June** - Planting at Merton St / Markham Way, Altona Meadows

Sun 28 June - Planting at Carshalton Crt, Hoppers Crossing

**Sun 26 July** - National Tree Day at Merton St / Markham Way, Altona Meadows

Sun 23 August - Planting at Carshalton Crt, Hoppers Crossing

Sun 27 September - Weeding / Maintenance at Kerford Cres, Point Cook

**Sun 25 October** - Mulch spreading (if needed) at Merton St / Markham Way, Altona Meadows

**Sun 22 November** - Weeding at Clarendon Crt, Seabrook

*Note: As usually happens, we may need to make adjustments close to the time of each activity.*