

## Valley Conservation Reserve

Valley Conservation Reserve is a 15-ha bushland. It has some of the best remnant vegetation in the City of Monash, providing a vital link to the area's natural heritage. It supports a range of fungi, flora and fauna such as rakali (native water rats), insectivorous bats and a suite of bird species. The beautiful bushland you see today is due to three decades of preservation works by the Community and Monash Council.



Credit: Marcia & Jack Collins



Credit: Peter Uhlherr

## Scotchmans Creek

Three decades of revegetation works have transformed Scotchmans Creek into a beautiful linear bushland reserve with cycle and walking tracks. It is also an important wildlife corridor allowing small mammals and birds to travel safely along the river.



**We wish to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and future.**

**We are a friendly group and would be delighted to see you at an event or have your help.**

**If you would like more information please get in touch.**

## Contact Us



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# Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve



**We are a volunteer group who has been caring for our bushland reserves for over 3 decades.**

**We work closely with Monash Council and Melbourne Water.**

# What we do

## Work Parties



We meet at 1:20 pm on the last Saturday of the month at the amenity block in Valley Conservation Reserve to spend a couple of hours weeding. We finish with a cuppa and chat.

## Waterwatch

From spring to autumn we meet monthly to monitor the creek's health. We take water samples, test the chemistry and survey for waterbugs.



## Clean Up Australia Day

Litter and pollution in our creeks is a constant issue. Did you know that most litter dropped on our streets ends up being washed into our waterways via the storm water system? Each year in March we participate in Clean Up Australia Day.

## Planting Program

Each year we apply for grants to support revegetation works. In the past 3 decades we have planted over 200 000 plants.

In winter we run several planting events for the local community and businesses, the main one being National Tree Day in early August.



## Education and Outreach

We organise environmental excursions for local schools and scout groups, host speakers at meetings, and assist the Monash Sustainability group to provide environmental activities.

## Advocacy

Our green spaces and bushland reserves are vitally important for our health, and our local flora and fauna. We advocate for the preservation and amenity of our bushlands reserves and open space.



# Ways you can help

- **Come along to one of our activities.**
- **Become a member** to show your support and receive a monthly Newsletter.
- **Be a responsible pet owner.** Don't let your cats roam, especially from dusk to dawn. Keep your dog on a lead and pick up their droppings.
- **Plant a wildlife friendly garden.**
- **Avoid garden plants that become bushland weeds** such as Ivy, Sweet Pittosporum and Wandering Trad.
- **Be careful of what goes into the storm water drains.** It all ends up in our Creeks!



## Thank you



Thankyou Melbourne Water for kindly providing grants to support our yearly revegetation projects.



**Did you know....** Monash Council employs a bush-crew of ~16 to maintain its bushland reserves? Two are located permanently in Valley Conservation Reserve.