



Locality Sustainability Community

Newsletter November-December 2022

Hi there Rewilders,

Almost the end of the year – and what a year it has been!
We're going out on a high.

BEAMI Park soil prep and trailer launch

Sunday 4 December	10 am – 12 pm
Cnr Beaven Ave & Milton Pde	Malvern 3144

After long negotiations we are happy to announce the inaugural working bee at BEAMI Park, our first ever project in a Council pocket park, PLUS the launch of our brand spanking new, custom-built, solar powered!! trailer and tools hub, funded by the Australian government through the Stronger Communities Fund.

Congratulations to our Deputy President Nadine for her vision and tenacity on the BEAMI project! Thanks too to Council staff, especially Alice Trumble and Deb Neumann of the Environment and Sustainability Unit, for their support.

On the trailer project, thanks are due to past MP for Higgins Katie Allen, our auspice body Rotary Prahran, Blue Star Trailers for the build, Jason Whyte for all his hard work on design and fitout and Simon Howden for technical advice and support.

Please do join us on site for the launch, the working bee and a well-earned BBQ/Christmas knees up afterwards. Local residents and friends most welcome!

The launch will be followed by an introduction and safety briefing from Jason. As always dress for the weather, wear a hat and solid-toed shoes, stay hydrated.



Projects in 2023

Looks like another big year ahead - Michelle Ananda-Rajah, MP for Higgins has confirmed there is money in the Federal Budget for our Urban Forest Walk (Kooyong to Heyington) and Indigenous Heritage Walk (South Yarra to Windsor) proposals. We have also been approved for Federal funds to work with volunteers from less well served areas of Stonnington – plus our ongoing work on nature strips, at Tooronga and Prahran through the KAVB Stationers program and with our friends at Rotary, Yarralink, Greenlink Box Hill, Arborco, Sandringham Green Line and Kooyongkoot Alliances. We understand that Council will be unveiling a draft nature strips policy for comment in the new year; if you are keen to rewild your nature strip, please do get in touch with us! Funding from Council through their Community Grants program allows us to offer advice and support to residents through the permit application process, plus some practical help with plants.

In other news

- **Our website.** Coming soon!
- The **Climate Wise Associations Toolkit.** A shout out to Committee member Rosie Pham, who has been working with founders Helen Millicer and Gail Greatorex to develop this great resource. It's a free platform specially designed to help associations large and small better understand how to become climate wise, including tools, templates and resource materials on cutting emissions and reducing impact from worsening climate events. Check it out at <https://climatewise.org.au/toolkit/>

Growing wilder! Alison Richards (President) for the Rewilding Stonnington Inc. Committee:
Nadine Samaha (Deputy President), Graham Ross (Treasurer), Peta Hayes (Secretary), Rosie Pham, Kirby Roper, James Russell, Julie Laidler, Grace Warner.

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