



Locality Sustainability Community

Newsletter May-June 2023

Hi there Rewilders,
 June already! We're well into planting season, hope to see you soon at a working bee near you. Plus exciting news about Council's nature strip policy. Read on ...

May - June working bees

Sunday 28 May	9-11am
Nature Strip	28 Johnstone St Malvern
Mulch and plant	*small group – check with Graham Ross mob: 0407046358
Sunday 28 May	10am-12 noon
Stationeers Program	Prahran Station
Mulch, new planting	Everyone welcome! Led by Julie Laidler
Sunday 11 June	10am-12 noon
BEAMI Park	cnr Beaven Ave and Milton Pde Malvern
Mulch and plant	Everyone welcome! Led by Nadine Samaha

For all working bees: Meet on site for a safety briefing, then work as directed. Dress for the weather, wear a hat, gloves, long pants and solid-toed shoes, stay hydrated.

Feel free to bring your own hand tools but don't forget to label them! Please note the Rewilding Trailer with its resources including tools, gloves, mulch bins and etc will be at Prahran and BEAMI only.

Perth St Working Bee

Thanks to residents of Stonnington Gardens and everyone who turned up for an enjoyable and productive morning's work. New mulched pathways to the kerb, lots of new plants – it's looking great! and attracting a lot of neighbourhood interest.



City of Stonnington Native Plant give-away day

Sunday 4 June	10am -2.30 pm
Central Park Malvern	Council's native plant give-away day makes a welcome return! We have been invited to run a stand in the tent, up near the Lost Lands Found project near the corner of Burke and Wattle tree Rds. If you can help out on the day please contact Alison at rewildingstonnington@gmail.com , or just drop by for a chat - and some plants!



KABV/Apple Working Bee at Tooronga

Thanks to KABV CEO Olivia Lynch, volunteer co-ordinator Kirsty Richards and Sean Hicks from Apple for a great day. We got a lot done - and impressed Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek when she happened to drop past our new Stage 3 planting site the next day, on her way back from announcing funding to Council for the Tooronga wetlands project. Our Walks funding announcement up next, we hope!

Watch this space ... 😊 🌱

City of Stonnington Nature Strips policy

Important update: the new policy is heading to Council for approval! Possibly in early July.

IF the features indicated in the briefing we received are retained, i.e. a fundamental shift towards encouraging resident engagement to preserve and enhance green space, promote indigenous/native species and improve biodiversity including:

- on line in principle approval process
- clear statement of requirements and prohibitions
- protection for 'legacy' plantings
- maximum planting height of 90cm
- 30cm offset from kerbs and around tree trunks, with permission to mulch/plant around established trees

This will be an enormous step forward!!

PLEASE write to the Mayor and your Ward Councillors to indicate your support, emphasising the urgent need for a simplified process to encourage community engagement, nature strips as green space and improved biodiversity in Stonnington!

[Mayor and Councillors](#)

Check the Nature Strips section on our website for hints ...

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Growing wilder!

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