



## Moonee Valley Sustainability Let's be the change

# February 2023 Newsletter

### 2022 In Retrospect



Around 30 people gathered for the perfect day to sit and marvel at our achievements in 2022. We sat under a tree in Emerald Street Reserve, sipped on home-made mulberry juice and flourless orange cake, as we celebrated milestones and laughed. We had some very big events in 2022, including the EV Festival, the Electric Home Expo, Connecting to Country event and the Maker's Market. We also managed to successfully campaign for more Local Council budget to be allocated to Climate Action and the creation of the Climate Taskforce. We held our monthly events on top of that as well, the clean ups and Sustain-A-Valley. Pretty impressive line-up of activities if we do say so ourselves! With more volunteers, we can do more though!!!!

### Committee vacancies and nominations

We currently have three positions vacant on the Committee if any member would like to take part in actively driving the ship called MVS. In particular we're looking for a Treasurer - someone to work with our current bookkeeper &

report back once a quarter. Email us if you've got the skills and want to support our vision.

There are also opportunities on the working groups who are managing projects and events, like the website upgrade, promotional strategy and clean up co-ordination. If you'd like to get involved then please contact us.

### Grants received & projects commenced

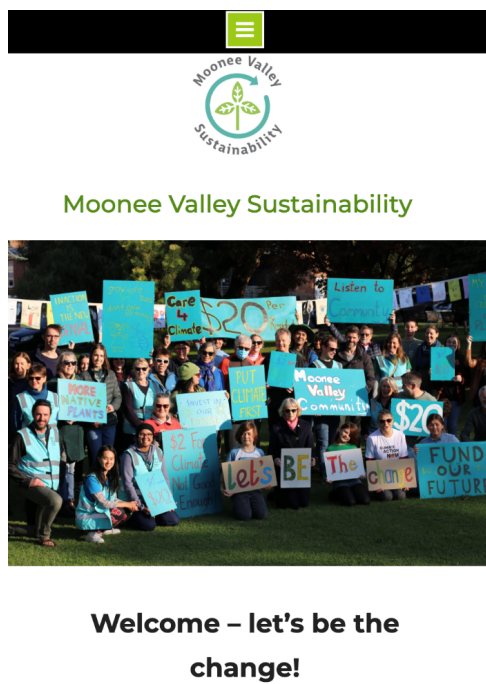
MVS has received two grants in the last few months. We have received some grant funding from Essendon Fields to update our website and are now looking to get some match funding to see this project launched (see below for details). We also received funding from Moonee Valley City Council for speakers at Sustain-A-Valley over the next year, which will focus on reducing organic waste from landfill.

### Transitioning

Over the next few months MVS will be transitioning its email and key contact details over to fit our handle @[mvsustainability.org.au](mailto:mvsustainability.org.au). Emails will be sent out with our new details once they are active, so watch out for that.

If you want to get in touch, you can ring Teresa on 0432 426246 or email [mvsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:mvsustainability@gmail.com)

### MVS Project Website ReV-amp



As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting and working with our local community, we are revamping our website so that we can communicate with

you better. Changes will be taking place slowly over the next 6 months so stay tuned.

Our website ReV-amp project has been generously supported with \$2,000 from Essendon Fields. Our focus will be on creating more efficient and user-friendly ways of informing you of our events & activities, helping us to develop a marketing strategy, making it easier for volunteers & members to sign up, and providing ongoing support for current volunteers & members. It will also pave the admin way for receiving donations for funding our activities – as we are a newly registered charity.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**CARING FOR COUNTRY**  
**WILDLIFE GARDENS**

**10AM-2PM**  
**SAT 18TH FEBRUARY**  
**DWELL, 78 ST LEONARDS RD ASCOT VALE**

Dear Daisy Chain  
Marby Nursery  
Electrify Moonee Valley  
Food Swap  
Caring For Country  
Community Waste Collection  
Rhys.Pect.Food (to 12pm)  
Roving Refills Inner North (to 12pm)  
Indigenous Art  
Kids activities & stories  
Moonee Valley Repair Cafe

TALK (Back Room) - Wildlife Friendly Gardening in Moonee Valley @ 11am  
- book your spot via  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wildlife-friendly-gardening-in-the-moonee-valley-tickets-534744293577>)

### DEMONSTRATION (Hall)

Making string & baskets from plant material - join in and make your own with @weavy.weaverson & @orbyat55 (12.30-1.30pm)

### Clean Up Australia Day - Five Mile Creek Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March



We're working in collaboration with Chain of Ponds, Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek & Valley Youth to clean up our forgotten waterway - Five Mile Creek in Essendon

10pm - 12pm, Sunday 5th March

Five Mile Creek Reserve (south end of Government Rd, Essendon)

Wear long pants and closed shoes

Bring gloves, hat, water & sunscreen

Event details here

## Regular Events for 2023

You can connect with us twice a month with Community Clean Ups - 1st Sun each month (Feb-Nov) (check website for locations) and Sustain.A.Valley on the 3rd Sat each month (Feb-Nov) at 78 St Leonards Rd, Ascot Vale dates below:

### **SUSTAIN.A.VALLEY**

Your local community eco hub  
Stalls, talks, demos, coffee & more  
Free, fun & family friendly  
10am - 2pm on 3rd Saturday  
Dwell @ 78 St Leonards Rd, Ascot Vale

### **2023**

Sat 18th February  
Sat 18th March  
Sat 15th April  
Sat 20th May  
Sat 17th June  
Sat 15th July  
Sat 19th August  
Sat 16th September  
Sat 21st October  
Sat 18th November



Sun 5th February  
Sun 5th March  
Sun 2nd April  
Sun 7th May  
Sun 4th June  
Sun 2nd July  
Sun 6th August  
Sun 3rd September  
Sun 1st October  
Sun 5th November

Meet new people & help keep our  
local parks and waterways clean  
10am - 11.30am on 1st Sunday  
See website for locations

### **2023 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

## Campaign - 2 Officers + \$2 Million = 4 Our Future

We're calling for 2 officers + \$2 million for climate action in the 2023/24 Council budget. But we need your help. Let us know if you can help collect signatures or host a sign on your fence, and sign, support & share our online petition => [www.change.org/4OurFuture](http://www.change.org/4OurFuture)

## Get involved

We would love to hear from you! There are many ways to get involved with your local community through MVS.

- Come along to an MVS event and chat with us
- Email us on [mvsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:mvsustainability@gmail.com)
- Head on over to the [MVS Connect Page](#) on our website and sign up to become a member or let us know how you would like to help / get involved.
- Join our [Moonee Valley Sustainability Forum](#) group on Facebook
- Follow our [Moonee Valley Sustainability](#) page on Facebook
- Follow [Moonee Valley Sustainability](#) on Instagram

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Yours Sustainably,  
**Moonee Valley Sustainability Inc.**  
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We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of Moonee Valley, the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people of the Kulin Nation, their spirits, ancestors, elders and community members past and present.



We acknowledge the urgency of the climate emergency and the need to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions to keep global temperature rise to near 1.5°C.

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