



Moonee Valley Sustainability

Let's be the change



Campaigning for more budget action on climate in Moonee Valley

Winter 2022 Newsletter

Welcome from the Moonee Valley Sustainability Winter edition Newsletter.

Who's Who in this Zoo?

Behind all the events, campaigns, social media, pop up projects and newsletters is a committed team of individuals. Some would call this a 'committee'. In our collective inclusive world, we call it the 'collective hub'. These volunteers, with the help and input from an even bigger team of volunteers, drive everything that we do to "be the change" in Moonee Valley.

The collective hub is made up of coordinators - Logan Shield, Angela Clarke, Valerie Thiessen, Tom Danby, Charlie Nancarrow, Ganga Selvarajan, Eleesa Jewell, Kim Almeida, Sara Melvin and Teresa Day who each have an area of focus and a massive wealth of experience and knowledge to bring to MVS.

As well as coordinating working groups that do all the incredibly important administrative, financial and legal

activities for the organisation, they coordinate the collectives that organise all the fun events & activities you get to take part in as well as the incredibly important campaigns that drive social change in Moonee Valley.

There are some spaces in the "Collective Hub", we'd love to fill at our first AGM (see below) and we'll be introducing you to the 22/23 coordinators in the next newsletter.

CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!

In May this year we called upon Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC) to increase funding on community emissions. As the budget was being decided, we gathered in Queens Park with our handmade signs and banners calling for the Council to increase the Community Climate Emission Reduction Reserve allocation from \$2 per resident (\$300,000) to \$20 per resident (\$2.5million in total).

Although we didn't get the total we were asking for, Council approved an increase in funding from a total of \$300,000 to \$700,000. We are taking this as a real win for passionate, collective action on climate at the local level.

Stay tuned for how we can continue to help shape our Council's approach to climate action over the next 12 months.

Notice of AGM

Members of Moonee Valley
Sustainability

Monday 22nd August 2022

7pm - 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP & OUR VERY FIRST AGM!

It seems strange to have our first AGM now, after four years of incredible energy, action and stellar achievements. But as MVS is building momentum and growing, we've needed to formalise ourselves.

Over the last 12 months we've become a fully fledged incorporated association and a registered charity. You can come and join us and 'Be The Change', by **becoming a member** via our website mvsustainability.org.au/connect (cont...)

All members are welcome to attend the inaugural MVS Annual General Meeting, it will be on:

**22nd August 2022, 7pm – 7.30pm via
Zoom for speed & ease**

If you want to be part of the "committee", aka "collective hub" then contact Teresa on 0432426246 or mvsustainability@gmail.com for more details on the nomination and application process.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUSTAIN.A.VALLEY - BIRTHDAYS & BUBBLES

Saturday 16 July

10am - 2pm

Dwell @ 78 St Leonards Rd, Ascot Vale

Monthly eco-hub on waste, circular economy

& a very special 3rd birthday!

mvsustainability@gmail.com

Highlights of this months **Sustain-A-Valley**

Bubble talk @ 10.30 - 11.00am Put a bubble in your beverage and keep your bin bare from any unnecessary waste.

Produce swap @ 11.30 - 12.30pm Bring your excess produce (fresh or preserved vegetables and fruit) to swap.

Birthday Parties - Birthday cake and the Party Kit Network will be there!



STRIPS OF NATURE - WORKING BEE

Sunday 24 July

10am - 12pm

Mark St, Keilor East

Nature strip planting & mulching

stripsofnaturemv@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday 20th AUGUST - CARING FOR COUNTRY.

Join us for a day of activities that will help you gain a deeper understanding of how indigenous knowledge and local stories of our region can support our capacity to strengthen our relationship with and care for Country.

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To keep up to date with **upcoming events**, head to our webpage — mvsustainability.org.au or Join our [Moonee Valley Sustainability Forum](#) group on Facebook



Mapping the Valley Project

This project, funded by MVCC, is a collaboration between MVS, Australian Conservation Foundation Community Melbourne NxNW and Transition Australia.

It aims to identify, build and promote a network of community groups involved with sustainability and community resilience in Moonee Valley.

Phase 1 is now complete. It involved volunteers contacting just under 100 community groups to confirm their details and identify the issues.

A total of 59 groups were added to the data collection spreadsheet, taking the total number listed to 140.

Common issues were found around connection to Council and internal sustainability (income, technology & volunteers). Being better supported, community groups could play a major role in educating and transitioning the community to low carbon living.

A report detailing the findings of this project has been delivered to Council and the MVCC Community directory <https://mvcc.vic.gov.au/live/my-neighborhood/community-group-directory> has been updated. To find out more or to receive a copy of the report please email us at — mvsustainability@gmail.com



Congratulations & Thank You to those that donated and the volunteers who sorted clothing and fabric at our June **Sustain.A.Valley** event. Over **57 kgs** of clothing, shoes & fabric scraps were sent to Upparel for textile recycling, saving it from landfill.

Well done!!



The Victorian Recreational Beekeepers Association has created a webpage [beeWatch](#) for beekeepers and the public to register information about the locations

of wild (feral) and unmanaged hives. For example: Bees in bird boxes, trees and knolls, possum boxes, disused outbuildings, chimneys, wall cavities.

We ask that beekeepers share this [beeWatch](#) page with friends and family members to be able to help Agriculture Victoria know the location of additional hives that are not managed by registered beekeepers.

Come join us at MVS

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
 - 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
 - OR come to the AGM on 22nd August!!!
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Yours Sustainably,

Moonee Valley Sustainability Inc.

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