



Moonee Valley Sustainability - Let's Be The Change Spring Newsletter



AH! spring is in the air and with that comes a renewed energy.

But we've been far from hibernating here at MVS.

In August we held our first **AGM** to showcase what we have achieved and to elect our Committee (Collective Hub) for 22/23. Nineteen members voted in the Collective Hub, so a massive welcome to our new hub members Patrick and Fiona, and huge thanks to those putting up your hand once more: Valerie, Angela, Charlie, Ganga, Sara, Logan, Eleesa and myself, Teresa. We still have two vacancies in this Collective Hub if you want to join us!

In August we also hosted the **Caring for Country** event in partnership with DWELL, Mahana Culture and Moonee Valley City Council, which was a beautiful uplifting and emotional event for all who attended. See article for more details.

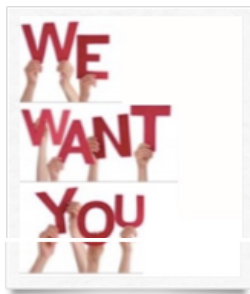
September saw another major event, this time offsite in Woodlands Park. Powered by volunteers and focussing on community teaching community, the brilliantly successful **Efficient Electric Home Expo** was certainly another proud moment for our esteemed team of event volunteers, who just get stuff accomplished over and over again.

Our regular monthly events have also continued, the **Clean Ups** and **Sustain-A-Valley** at DWELL. This event now hosts the **Repair Cafe**, the refilling market, a food swap and a community waste sort. A one stop shop for sustainable living, which we are hoping to grow in 2023 with a series of waste focussed talks.

As our events gather pace our organisation is growing with both volunteers and members, all contributing to a healthier, safer and more sustainable community.. We now have 38 members - WELCOME and THANK YOU to you all! If you would like to become a member, to show your support for MVS and what it does as well as receive discounts to events and talks in 2023 then sign up on our website here <https://mvsustainability.org.au/connect/>

If you want to get in touch, ring Teresa on 0432 426246 or email mvsustainability@gmail.com

Help Wanted



MVS is run purely by volunteers.

These marvels are involved in one-off projects or ongoing roles, some using the skills that they have, some learning new skills as they go, but ALL have the desire to 'be the change'. We are seeking volunteers to help with the following tasks. [Can you help?](#)

- Website updating and basic maintenance
- Social media support
- Event planning and co-ordination
- Membership co-ordination

Email us on mvsustainability@gmail.com if you donate some time to make us even stronger and connected.

Recent Events

Caring for Country

Our **August Sustain.A.Valley** was a special event about Caring for Country.

The day began with Wurundjeri woman Stacie Piper welcoming us to Country and performing a smoking ceremony. This was the first time a local First Nations person has done this ceremony at Dwell which felt very special.

We then moved inside for a yarn with old friends Mark Yettica-Paulson, from the Birrah, Gamilaroi and Bundjalung peoples, and Seuta'afili Gregg Morris, from Tauese village Apia, Samoa.



Using Mark's inter-cultural framework, they lead a heartfelt discussion about the importance of culture in connecting to the environment/Country, exploring how language, custom, traditions are bound together in Country.

In the afternoon we hosted a Writing a personalised Acknowledgement of Country workshop that was facilitated by Bundyi Girri Consulting a proudly Indigenous-led and owned business who facilitate ways for non-Indigenous people to develop the skills to actively engage in Reconciliation.

Efficient Electric Home EXPO

The Efficient Electric HOME EXPO was held on Saturday 10th September 2022 at Woodlands Park, Essendon using the Woodlands Park House and Heritage Cottage.

The event was organised and run by unpaid volunteers of MVS and Electrify Moonee Valley (an MVS action group) in conjunction with community experts & local residents.

This was a successful and informative event raising awareness of the health, economic and environmental benefits of efficient electric homes.



For more information, the event website is at:

<https://mvsustainability.org.au/come-along/events/efficient-electric-home-expo-2022/>

and the Event Report is available here:

<https://mvsustainability.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/EEHE-22-Summary-Report-1.pdf>

Campaigns

MVS has taken part in the following consultations or started lobbying on:

- * Signage on sports field & oval consultation
- * Ongoing application of Glyphosate in our public spaces, in contradiction of the council guidelines... - letter to CEO & active lobbying and monitoring

Upcoming Events



dwel Saturday 15 October 

This month's focus is **FAMILIES** - and it's a **FREE EVENT!**

- MV Toy Library
- Party Kit Network
- Moonee Valley Library
- Sunflower Seed Planting
- Repair Café
- Food swap
- Community Waste Collection
- Compost & Nature Strip Care
- Rhys.Pect Food
- Roving Refills Inner North



Saturday 19 November



dwel 9.30am - 1.00pm Saturday 26 November 



MVS is again holding a Makers Market on Saturday 26th November at Dwell in St Leonards Road Ascot Vale. The focus of the market will be local and sustainable arts, crafts and gifts.

Interested stallholders should email mvsustainability@gmail.com

"Attention Valerie" by the 26th October.

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

NEWS

Glenberrie Stationeers - Auspice Project

Earlier in 2022, MVS auspiced two grant applications for Glenberrie Stationeers, the newest kid on the biodiversity block. The grant bids to Moonee Valley City Council and Parks Victoria were both successful and have allowed for the revegetation of the station.

A massive planting day where over 40 volunteers helped plant 700 plants to both sides of the platform was held to coincide with the 100 year anniversary of the station.

Congratulations Glenbervie Stationeers.



If you have a project you'd love to get funded then chat to us about it. We may be able to help you get it going!!

MVS Working with local businesses

Do you have or know of a local business that has similar values as MVS and would like to work with us? Please get in touch and we can chat about how we might work together.

Email us on mvsustainability@gmail.com "Attention Patrick" if you have any suggestions.

MVCC Sustainability Champions 2023

Are you a sustainability champion? Do you live, work or study in Moonee Valley?

Want to take action on climate change and need some help to get started?

Learn project management, leadership and advocacy skills by taking part in the Sustainability Champions program! Sustainability Champions is a free evening course which runs one evening a week over ten weeks and upsills attendees to develop their own sustainability projects.

The program will start in March 2023 – expressions of interest are open now!

Sign up before 30 November to take part. Run by MVCC our local Council.

<https://survey.websurveycreator.com/s.aspx?s=76e1a569-16d2-4086-b50b-a25643799f55>

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
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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.

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