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**BACKCREEK
BRIEFINGS
July 2012**

Sunday July 29th 2012

is

**National Tree Day:
10:00 am - 12:00pm**

**Quinton Road
entrance to Back
Creek.**

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The Newsletter of
FRIENDS OF BACK CREEK INC. - FOBC
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Greetings friends and other residents interested in Back Creek. This is the 37th edition of BACKCREEK BRIEFINGS.

Membership subscription: Membership subscriptions for 2012 are due. If you would like to become a member and or make a donation, contact our treasurer Robert Brierley on 9044 9191 or print off a membership form from our website and send us your subscription.

www.friendsofbackcreek.org

Working Bees: Recent Working bees have been involved in clearing deadwood cutting back growth along the pathway and preparing areas suitable for planting for National Tree day and the remaining working bees this year. Some of the wattle trees planted 8 - 10 years ago are reaching their age limits and a couple close to the pathway had to be removed.

Overall the creek plantings close to the Riversdale end are beginning to mature and in filling planting of spaces will be soon required.

National Tree day:

FOBC will have 1500 seedlings to plant on National Tree day Sunday 29th July. We will start as usual at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Families are invited to come along and register at the Quinton Rd site. Bring some digging equipment, warm clothes, gloves and firm shoes or boots. We are expecting between 50 - 70 participants. At the end of the planting Council will be providing a BBQ at the Quinton Rd Site.

Schools Tree Day

On Friday 27th July FOBC will be participating in Schools Tree Day with Wattle Park Primary School and Boroondara Council. We plan to plant over 800 seedlings involving nearly 250 school children. At the end the children will receive cup cakes and cordial.

For both Schools Tree Day and National tree day the planting will take place along the pathway south of Cornell Street towards Lynden Park. In particular planting will be done along the fence boundary to the Realm housing development next to the pathway.

Working Bees scheduled for the remainder of 2012 will be:

July 29th 2012 - National Tree day

August 19th 2012- Cornell Street planting

September 16th 2012 - Spring Planting Festival

October 14th 2012 - Riversdale Rd Planting

November 18th 2012 - Spring Planting Festival

90th Birthday!

Our committee member Eleanor Stephenson yurned 90 years old in June. You may see her along the pathway conducting bird sightings. Eleanor was a founding member of FOBC and continues to assist with sweeping the boardwalk during working bees. Congratulations Eleanor.

Residential Weeds:

Much of the work FOBC does in preparing the creek for planting starts with weed removal. Most weed species found along the creek have come from either transportation of seeds by birds or wind or water along the creek. Other weeds come from grass cuttings or rubbish dumped by residents.

Arum Lilies, Ginger, Wondering dew, Ivy, Nasturtiums, Jasmine, Morning glory are the common names of just some of the weed species that can be found down the creek. These weeds are insidious and hard to contain and quickly colonise and take over any cleared ground. Strategies FOBC employs to ensure they do not resurface include use of Jute Matting, and intensive planting of native ground cover species and grasses. Council backs this up with strategic use of spraying on particular weed species.

FOBC Committee:

The FOBC's AGM took place in April during which the following committee members were re elected for 2011/12 year.

President & Treasurer - Robert Brierley - 044 9191
Secretary - Chris Walta - 9888 4461
(29A Cornell Street, Camberwell, 3124)

Committee members - Barrie Gallacher, Eleanor Stephenson, Jim Breen,