

The Who:

FFDC can't achieve this vital work alone. We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of such organisations and individuals as:

- Melbourne Water
- Knox and Maroondah Councils
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)
- Living Links
- Our local indigenous nurseries, Knox Environment Society (KES) and Community of Ringwood Indigenous Species Plant nursery (CRISP) together with Operation Reveg, Knox.
- Our wonderful community of resident planters, activists and change-makers!
- And you! You're more than welcome to join the fun too!

It is our hope to one day see the return of the Platypus and other long unseen species to this part of the Dandenong Creek.

Maybe you, your kids or grandkids would like to see that too?

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First Friends of Dandenong Creek



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Our Story:

In May 1999, a group of locals tired of watching the Dandenong Creek's demise through channelization and development decided to do something about it. Together they formed the First Friends of Dandenong Creek Inc. (FFDC, www.ffdc.org.au), so named as it was the first group geographically along the catchment, but also became the first group to install signage on drains connected to the creek in a campaign to highlight the massive issue of stormwater pollution.

The Where:

FFDC currently focuses on the wider catchment area of Dandenong Creek and its tributaries between the Liverpool Road Retarding Basin in Boronia to the Boronia Road bridge, Wantirna.

The What:

FFDC's objectives for this region include:

- Improving the water quality and riparian habitat;
- Litter reduction;
- Management of environmental weeds;
- Re-establishment of indigenous floral and faunal habitat, and;
- Protecting the waterway from inappropriate development's load

The How:

FFDC is working towards these objectives by:

- Pollution monitoring and raising awareness of pollution events;
- Engaging our community in the fullness of the Dandenong Creek story, including faunal surveys and citizen science initiatives;
- Collaborative planting events to revegetate and restore creekline habitat;
- Gaining a deeper understanding of the importance of the creek (and associated flora and fauna) to indigenous cultural groups, and;
- Conversing with Councils to encourage sustainable planning policies.