



Many people want to do something positive for the environment but it isn't always easy to know how.



For adults and children, environmental issues like global warming, deforestation, drought and habitat destruction can seem overwhelming.



The Darebin Parklands Association is a local community group that is making it easier to make a difference.

OUR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OFFER A PRACTICAL WAY TO TAKE ACTION TO CHANGE THE FUTURE

The DPA is the friends group for the Darebin Parklands, a 33 hectare bushland reserve on the Alphington-Ivanhoe border. Each year we run 10 community events, including ranger-led wildlife spotlighting walks, Catch-a-Carp Day, community Park Care Days and bonfire nights.

Joining in our activities is a way for friends and families to get together and feel good about doing something for the environment and the local community.



The DPA has won a United Nations award for our work in transforming the parklands from a wasteland into a wildlife haven. When the DPA was formed in 1973, the parklands were a barren former quarry and tip. Now the wildlife includes flying foxes, possums, kangaroos, frogs, native fish and more than 50 species of bird".



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JUNIOR RANGER CLUB

Kids under 16 can join the Junior Ranger Club to learn about nature and participate in fun environmental activities

Junior Ranger Memberships cost \$2 a year, and kids can attend as many or as few events as they like. Junior Rangers receive a membership card that is stamped when they attend events and then used to enter prize draws, including our end of year prize draw for tickets to the Junior Ranger camp out in the parklands.

JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITIES

- Catch-a-Carp Day
- Wildlife spotlighting
- Junior Ranger bonfire night
- Painting platypus stencils on street drains around the park
- Installing pollution hotline signs in the park
- Pollution testing with the creek's Water Watch officer



OUR PROJECTS

- Organising a native plant nursery, that allows members to grow plants for the parklands and farms and schools along the creek
- Planting to create more animal habitat
- Running the Junior Ranger Club and other community activities

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The Darebin Parklands Picnic Races, with sack races, boot toss, egg throw and King and Queen of the Mountain races
- Bonfire night
- Community Park Care Days

OUR AIMS

- Preserve the parklands as a wildlife haven and a place to appreciate nature
- Create more habitat so that native animals, including platypus, can live in the creek and park.

FUN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Each year we hold four community Park Care Days where you can contribute to the parklands by planting, weeding and cleaning up rubbish.

We also support environmental initiatives such as Clean Up Australia Day and planting days run by our corporate and community partners.

Our environmental activities show the positive things they can do to make a difference to the future. With kangaroos moving back into the parklands, platypus spotted nearby and koalas predicted to return soon, our efforts are making a difference.



DAREBIN PARKLANDS

Separation Street, Alphington

→ Melways 31 D9

Other entries

→ Smith Street and Parklands Avenue, Alphington

→ Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe

Visit our website at www.dpa.org.au

or email us on info@dpa.org.au



JOIN THE DAREBIN PARKLANDS ASSOCIATION

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

Email..... Date...../...../.....



MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (please tick one)

☐ **Junior Ranger** (for kids under 16) \$2

☐ **Individual** \$15

☐ **Family/couple/household** \$20

(includes Junior Ranger memberships for the kids)

☐ **Concession** (seniors, students and unwaged) \$10

Payment options: **Post** this form and payment to PO Box 3, Ivanhoe, 3079, **drop** it in to the parklands' environment centre or **bring** it to any DPA event.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Come along to one of our events – the dates are on our website at www.dpa.org.au or support our work by becoming a member. You can join from as little as \$2 a year. Simply tear off the form on this leaflet and return it to us with your payment.

