

## **BUTLER RESERVE**

Herbert St, Mornington was one of the first projects supported by MEA members and links Herbert and Lucerne Streets. The vacant block became a small park, heavily used by children – as it had a playground – and by dog walkers. Seats were provided. In October 2007, a small MEA working bee planted 80 plants – local indigenous shrubs and trees along the fence lines but many of these subsequently died or were removed by locals. But in 2008-09, the water tap was turned off permanently to save water during the prolonged drought and this further added to the stress of keeping plants alive.

However, the Reserve survived and in 2012, the Council decided to fence the playground and partly fence the reserve to enable a proper leash-free dog walking area. Council mows the grass and the Reserve continues to be well used by local residents, their children and dogs.

