

Storm wreaks creek havoc

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A CELEBRATION of 20 years revegetating the Merri Creek has turned into a massive clean-up for a Northcote conservation group.

Last week's storm dealt a blow to Friends of Merri on Parade, formerly Friends of Ross St, which had planted red gums and cleared weeds along the creek on a regular basis.

Organiser **Carolyn Lunt** said only four of the 12 red gums planted in 1989, some reaching 10m high, had survived last Wednesday's floods.

She said the storm had also brought rubbish and environmental weeds down the creek and guessed it would take about 12 months to get the area back to normal.

The group will hold a working bee at the end of Ross St on Sunday at 10am. Everyone is welcome to take part. Details: 9489 2243.