

FoCC Incorporated April 2017 Update

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April general meeting

Peter Kervarec is a local photographer and was guest speaker at the April meeting. Peter grew up in the Canadian area and he told his story of what the Canadian area was like in the fifties and sixties before it has changed into the suburb it is now. Peter then provided a sample of his extensive images of the parks forest features. Truly an amazing set of images of why the Parks fauna and flora are special. Many thanks Peter.

Katy Ryans Rd

Recent conversations with older former residents have uncovered the origins of Katy Ryans Rd. Katy Ryan had a store somewhere along the road which now bears her name. Katy Ryans Rd and Dozed Track now have 40kph speed restriction signs in place.



Woovookarung Park name launch

No news yet of a date for the official name launch

Damage to Mt Clear Heritage listed Horse Puddler

Lavery Avenue Mt Clear is host to two Heritage listed mining sites. The Horse Puddler and the Mt Clear mining landscape. Recently a contractor constructed a sewer trench through the western edge of the Horse Puddler as shown in the image below. The FoCC has written a letter of

complaint to the Ballarat Council asking for a full investigation, prosecution for the damage and a professional restitution of the site. Heritage listed features are protected by law.



North end discovery walk

The North end of the Park contains some hidden treasures. On Sunday afternoon **May 14th at 2pm** friends will be guided across the top end of the Park discovering the old hidden Cremorne Rifle Range, deep mineshafts and the Fern Gully with its secret reason for being. Meet locals Blake, Maggie and Jeff at the Wilson St water tank meeting point (red dot below). The walk is the blue outline. More info contact Jeff 0408509591



A short story of the park

The FoCC has been researching a short story of the Park. There are quite a few unanswered questions. If anyone knows any answers to the following, please let the Friends know.

1. When was the Canadian Forest reserved in any form for the first time?
2. When were the three mining dams established and

why?

3. When did the sluicing take place in Saw Pit Gully and below the quarry?
4. What is the nature of the recent clearing, earth movement and revegetation at Billy Cart Hill?
5. Was Kaolin extracted from the mine south of Olympic Avenue?
6. Where is Sinclair Hill and Cremorne Hill?
7. Where was Katy Ryans store?
8. When were the pines planted on Block A5, A2 and B6?
9. When did wood lots begin and cease for local residents to gather their wood supplies
10. When were the Wilson St and the Boundary Road and Recreation Rd water tanks constructed?
11. When were the SEC power lines easement and lines constructed?
12. When was the CHW water pipeline from Lal Lal reservoir down Wilson St constructed?
13. When was the CHW water pipeline from the Boundary Rd and Recreation Rd water tank to Mt Helen constructed?
14. When was the Telecom tower on Boak Rd constructed?
15. When was Lavery Court extended into the forest?
16. When did the Cremorne Rifle range open?
17. Were there any major gold discoveries within the Parks borders?
18. Apart from the Green Hill State School and the Quarry Masters house were there any other houses or buildings in the Park?
19. What was the reason for the "Infectious Disease Hospital site reservation"?

June Forum

The FoCC is proposing to hold Forum at Earth Ed in June. One possible theme is "Plantation to Woowookarung Regional Park", focussing on what the land was like in the beginning and through to what the future may look like. Friends are encouraged to put forward thoughts and ideas.

Tree planting proposal

Proposal for trial planting to link remnant vegetation patches in Canadian Regional Park

Aim: To establish a link of trees between patches of remnant vegetation in the ex-plantation area where there has been little natural regeneration of tree species. This would be a trial to determine future management of the ex-plantation blocks.

Where: 500m x 50m strip, on north side of minor track, between remnant vegetation patch along Dozed Track heading south-east towards remnant vegetation south of Katy Ryans Rd.

Species to be planted: Eucalyptus aromaphloia, dives, radiata, obliqua, baxteri, Acacia mearnsii, melanoxyton, Leptospermum continentales. Method:

- 250 plants to be planted at 10m spacing, with weedmat and tree guards. There is some natural regeneration of shrubs and ground cover in this area.

- Weeds in this area are few. Is it possible for some weed control to be done by a contractor?

Please contact me if there are any queries or comments
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Rifle Range for Sale

Recently observant friends have noticed the rifle range is for sale through a Melbourne agency Kellerman Commercial. Asking price is quoted as "\$2 – 3 million."

458277 Kellerman Commercial - First Road Estate in Muller South | Clayton | Caulfield | Cranbourne | Ballarat

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211-213 Elsworth Street BALLARAT For Tender

SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL LAND BANK

- 3.5 km from Ballarat CBD
- 95 ACRES APPROX.
- Ideal for future development (sites)
- Place of worship or assembly (sites)

Price - Contact agent for details

Building Size: 384451 approx
Land Size: 304431 m²

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Burnt car

An unfortunate too often occurrence. If observed or any information to 000. (Monday May 1st)



Bio Conference at Federation University, June 2017

"Biodiversity Across the Borders' Conference, 2017"
Theme: "Restoration Challenges for the 21st Century"

You are invited to the seventh one-day Biodiversity Across the Borders Conference. With the theme "Restoration Challenges for the 21st Century". This conference continues the work of the previous six successful Biodiversity conferences and aims to communicate new ecological research to natural resource managers, the research community and those with an interest in better environmental management.

The all-day conference will be held at the Mt. Helen campus of the Federation University Australia on Friday 9 June 2017 and features an exciting and eminent group of speakers. The keynote address will be delivered by Emeritus Professor Sam Lake AO, (Monash University). Plenary speakers will include: Associate Professor Philip Gibbons (Australian National University) and Dr. Tein Macdonald (Editor, Restoration Ecology and Management).

More information from Florrie Florentine at Fed U s.florentine@federation.edu.au and/or <https://federation.edu.au/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-science-and-technology/research/conferences/biodiversity-across-the-borders>

FoCC facebook

Michaela Settle is overseeing the FoCC Facebook page. See <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/>
Feel free to add and comment.

Or email Michaela at michaelasettle@gmail.com with images comments etc.

FoCC Web site active

The FoCC website www.focc.asn.au is now active. Rob Loveband is now adding material to the site. Check out where the site is up to!

FoCC Membership. The Friends are offering membership to all Friends of the Canadian Corridor for 2017. Membership is one way to make sure the Friends are viable and strong to keep the Park and corridor in good order.

- Membership is offered to individuals who wish to become a formal Friend of the Canadian Corridor at only at \$20 per calendar year. Groups may be represented by one or more individual Friends.
- For those who simply wish to remain on the information sharing email and update list as a friend need to take no action.

Draft 2017 Calendar

- May 17th Committee meeting
- First aid Training – Parks Victoria
- June 21st Forum: Possible topic "Plantation to Woowookarung Regional Park"
- July 19th Committee meeting
- August 13th Trial tree planting
- August 16th Possible Park Master Plan Presentation
- August 20th Skyline walk
- September 20th Committee meeting
- October 15th Wildflower walk
- October 18 Annual meeting
- November 15th Committee meeting
- December 20th Christmas in the Forest

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