

FoCC Incorporated March 2017 Update

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Woovookarung Park gazetted

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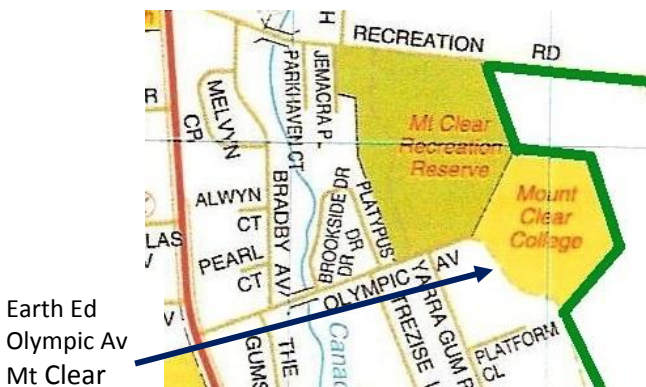
The Registrar of Geographic Names hereby gives notice of the registration of the undermentioned place names.

Feature Naming:

Change Request Number	Place Name	Naming Authority and Location
N/A	Woovookarung	Parks Victoria New name for Ballarat's regional park. For further details see map at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/namingplaces
N/A	Budj Bim National Park	Parks Victoria Formerly known as Mount Eccles National Park. For further details see map at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/namingplaces
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Woovookarung Park name launch

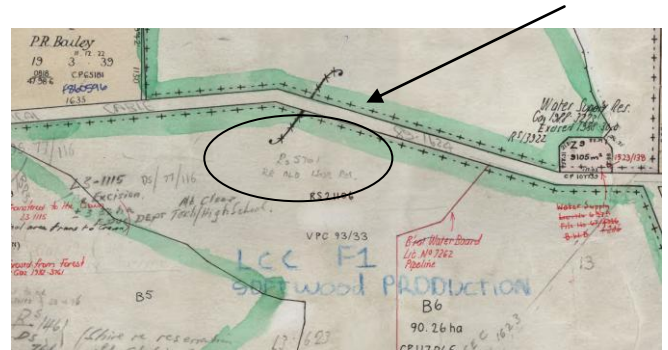
The official launch of the new name for Woovookarung Regional Park will be held at Earth Ed and the adjacent park on Wednesday April 12th at 3.45pm by the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change. This is a public event which will feature a smoking ceremony and local indigenous presentation. All friends of the Park and Ballarat are invited.



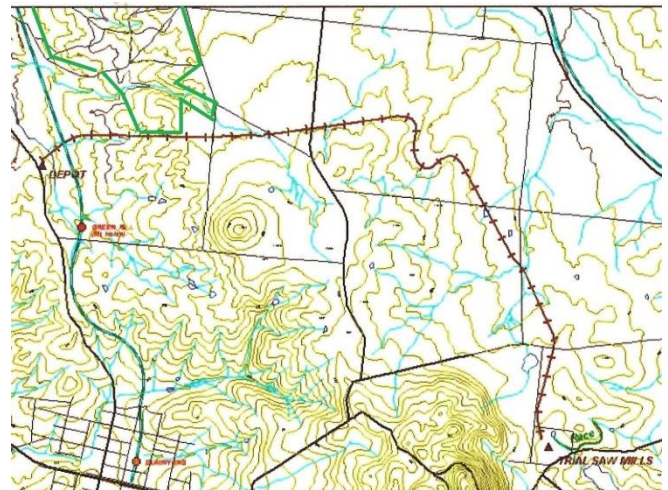
A short story of the park

The FoCC has been developing “a short story of the park” and a historical timeline of the uses and changes to the land overtime. The parks story begins with the Wadawurrung people living in and around the park for almost ever. The arrival of the stations, the goldfields, forestry and finally conservation and recreation in its new form as the Woovookarung Regional Park.

Interesting stories keep arising including the site of a proposed Infectious Diseases Hospital south of Recreation Rd.



And a tramway built in 1855 along Green Hill Rd to transport sawn timber from the Mt Buninyong area to the “Plank” Rd at Mt Helen. Green Hill Rd is the southern boundary of the Park.



Parks Victoria – Community Leaders Function

Parks Victoria hosted a community leaders function at the Provincial Hotel on Thursday March 16th. The purpose of the function was to introduce the new Park to Ballarat’s community leaders and to build relationships with likely users of the Park. Health, education, council, sporting groups and tourism are seen as likely partners in utilising the natural opportunities of the Park for the community good. The Mayor Cr S McIntosh made an excellent speech of support and commitment of the Council to the opportunities for recreation and natural well being presented by the Park.

Earth Hour at the Observatory

Earth hour 2017 was celebrated on Saturday evening March 25th at the Observatory. Beginning with a fabulous duet "Kinja" featuring Ron Murray and Sarah James followed by short astronomical video by Alex Chernov. A cloudless sky allowed magnificent viewing of Jupiter and Saturn with the Observatories telescopes. Many friends attended and had a fabulous night. The Observatory is one of Ballarat's great treasures and is open, with Friday and Saturday nights being very popular. The establishment of the Woookarung Regional Park now protects the Observatories south eastern skies darkness. More information at <http://observatory.ballarat.net/>



Theft of Mountain Bike signs

Mountain biking signs stolen

CANADIAN REGIONAL PARK

NEW signage has been removed from the Canadian Regional Park only four days after it was installed.

The signs directed cyclists to trails where mountain biking was safe and permitted.

Parks Victoria ranger team leader Alex Shipperen said the mountain bike trail project had been important for the community and the park.

"Land managers and Ballarat-Sebastopol Cycling Club have worked together to rehabilitate illegal trails in the park, identify safe trails and install new signage to direct cyclists to trails where mountain biking is safe and permitted," Mr Shipperen said.

"If anyone has information on the disappearance of the signs, or sees people doing something they shouldn't in the park, please contact Parks Victoria Information Centre on 131 963."

The Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club, who spent two years working on the safe mountain biking project after securing a community grant, described the theft as "disappointing".

Mr Schipperen said they were undertaking park planning this year to outline future recreation and other activities.

Parks Victoria is inviting the community to be involved and to register interest on parks.vic.gov.au/canadianparkplan.

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June Forum

The FoCC is proposing to hold Forum at Earth Ed in June. One theme is "Plantation to Woookarung 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.

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>

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, melanoxydon, Leptospermum continentales. These plants will be sourced from the City of Ballarat Community Indigenous Nursery.

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?
- Planting to be done on a weekend in August 2017 by volunteers sourced from FoCC and associated community groups.

Please contact me if there are any queries or comments
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North end discovery walk

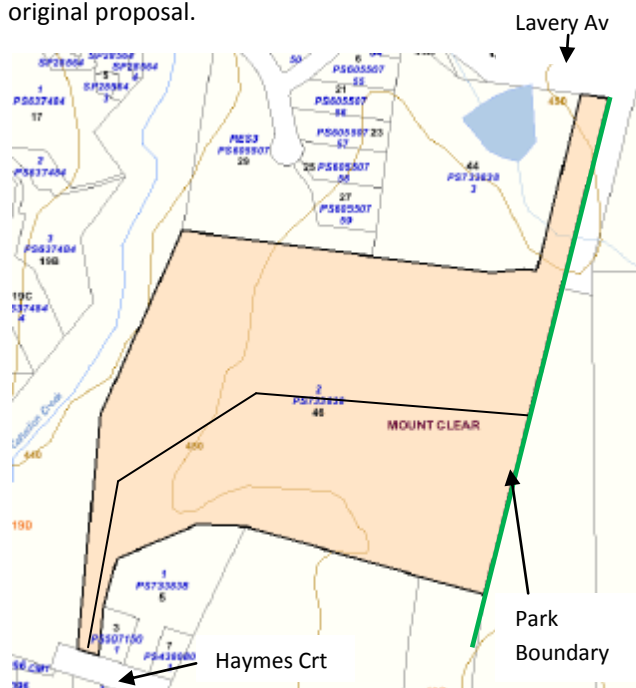
The North end of the Park contains some hidden treasures. On Sunday afternoon May 14th at 2pm friends will be guided across the top end of the Park discovering the old hidden Cremorne Rifle Range, deep mineshafts and the Fern Gully with its secret reason for being. Meet locals

Blake, Maggie and Jeff at the Wilson St water tank meeting point (red dot below). The walk is the blue outline.



46 Lavery Avenue development proposal

Recently the FoCC was involved in a subdivision at 46 Lavery Crt, Mt Clear into two lots. The actual proposal was well planned and met all the “Koala Plan” requirements. At the mediation meeting many minor details were sorted through and as a result the FoCC is very satisfied with the proposal. When available for sale the two lots will provide two families with the opportunity to live beside the park in a magnificent bush setting. Some years ago there was a proposal to subdivide this land into 67 lots with significant tree removal. This new subdivision is a far cry from that original proposal.



Plan of 46 Lavery Avenue with block divided into 2 by the approximate black line.

FoCC General meeting

April 19th at 7pm at Earth Ed Olympic Avenue Mt Clear. All friends welcome.

Park Works

Please see attached Parks Victoria Park March update for details of park works undertaken.

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

The FoCC website is nearing launch with a domain name and host all organised. Rob Loveband Peter Darveniza and Bob Hartmann are working to bring the site into operation as soon as possible.

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

- Woovookarung Park renaming at Earth Ed.
- April 19th Guest –North end Walk
- May 17th Committee meeting
- June 21st possible Forum: Topics Wadawurrung, recreation, revegetation, road networks other!
- July 19th Committee meeting
- August 16th Park Master Plan Presentation
- September 20th Committee meeting
- October Wildflower walk
- October 18 Annual meeting
- November 15th Committee meeting
- December 20th Christmas in the Forest

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