

FoCC Incorporated July 2017 Update

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Woowookarung Regional Park launched

The Canadian Regional Park was officially renamed **“Woowookarung Regional Park”** by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D’Ambrosio at Earth Ed Centre, Mt Clear on Wednesday July 19th.

The renaming was performed by the Minister in conjunction with Wadawurrung elder Uncle Brian and Aunty Violet.



Aunty Violet, Uncle Brian and Parks Victoria CEO Mathew Jackson in front of the large audience.



Uncle Brian and Minister Lily D’Ambrosio



Uncle Brian, Aunty Violet and Minister Lily D’Ambrosio after the unveiling of the Woowookarung Regional Park sign.

Images by Michaela Settle

The unveiling was followed by a traditional smoking ceremony in a clearing at the edge of the forest.

Animal and plant community observation sessions

Rangers, supported by two fantastic volunteers, held the first of three community observation sessions last Thursday week. As a result, seventeen (17!) new observations will be formally added to the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas, meaning these records are now official!

Some great observations put forward are the calling of a Boobook Owl and the daily flightpath of Yellow Black Cockatoos over Katy Ryan Rd. Also, the kangaroo population seems to be wider spread than initially thoughts thanks to a keen eye of a daily walker.

These official records will assist with all sort of park work, such as controlling weeds, rehabilitation works but also park planning. Rangers are very keen to add more observations to the list, including some of the orchid species, insects and reptiles.

Rangers have organised one further opportunity for you to share your observation with them:

Date	Time	Location
Wed 2 August	5pm-7pm	Pax Hill Scout Camp, 450 Spencer Street, Canadian

It would be helpful if you come prepared, and write down the following information. Some of this information we can determine together if you are not able to find it.

- Common species name - example: ‘Eastern Grey Kangaroo’
- Scientific name - example: ‘Macropus giganteus’
- Coordinates Long/Lat in GDA94 or grid reference

- Site location description – example: ‘20 meters south of Boundary Road, along a north facing slope, at the base of a large eucalypt’
- Date and time of the observation (as accurate as possible)
- Reliability of your sighting – e.g. ‘certain’, ‘with great certainty’ or ‘potentially’

Parks Victoria Rangers

Trial tree planting

Date: Sunday August 13th at 10am to 12pm. Cuppa and sausage sizzle afterwards.

Organising group : Friends of Canadian Corridor (FoCC) with assistance from Field Naturalist Club of Ballarat (FNCB) members.

Tree Planting Day volunteer registration

FoCC members and intending members are requested to register with the secretary (Jeff) prior to Sunday 13th August in order to ascertain the number of planters, for insurance and. Please call or text 0408509591 or focinfo@gmail.com

The site is off Dozed Rd. An access map and parking area will be notified to participants upon registration.

Participants will need to be members of the FoCC or FNCB. Non members may avail of a temporary FoCC membership to cover insurance.

After the many years of advocating and planning for the establishment of the park this tree planting is the first actual FoCC working bee in the Park. Hopefully the weather will be fine and many people will make it happen.

The purpose of hosting a trial tree planting program is to allow FoCC and other community members the opportunity to participate in the revegetation of a part of the park. The trail is a very practical way for the community to show their interest and put in effort in creating the future for the Park.

Skyline trail walk details:

Date 10 am Sunday August 20th 2017
 Start – Federation University Car Park
 Finish – Prior Park (off Eureka St)
 Distance - 10Km
 Grade - Medium some walking on unformed tracks.
 Walkers need to be reasonably fit and have good footwear.
 The trail is mostly of undulating bush tracks and some gravel roads. Please bring lunch and water. Depending on weather water proof clothing may be needed.
 Note - some car pooling will be required on the day to return walkers to the start point.
 Details Jeff 0408509591

Rubbish removal

Rubbish dumping and its removal is an ongoing problem and cost in the Park. Parks Victoria have engaged a

contractor to remove rubbish from the Park. If rubbish is found Friends should call Parks Victoria on 131963 and report the location and nature of rubbish. If rubbish dumping is observed, a vehicle registration number is very helpful to Parks Victoria prosecuting officers. Images even better.

Recently the contractor Glen was spotted removing a dumped lounge suite off Wilson St.



FoCC general meeting

The FoCC general meeting will be held at Earth Ed Olympic avenue on Wednesday evening August 16th at 7pm. A guest speaker will be in attendance (details to be confirmed)

On display will be the 1934, 1970, 1990 and 2012 aerial images of the forest.

The FoCC general meeting is a good opportunity to keep up with what is happening in the park.

Park works

Also see attached August Parks Victoria Update

New signs erected

Track closure sign just off Bakers Rd.



Surveillance and no firewood collection sign off Bakers Rd.



Sign at entrance to park corner Elsworth St and Bakers Rd



Ballarat Bushwalking and Outdoor club

Tuesday walkers August 1st in warm sunny Ballarat conditions in front of one of our new signs.



Image courtesy of Gary Bunn

Earth Ed Centre Open Night

Earth Ed Centre is hosting “Science in your Pyjamas” at the centre on Thursday August 19th as a part of National Science Week 2017.

Friends of the Canadian corridor are invited to come along and see the centre exhibiting its science programs.

RSVP <http://www.eventbrite.com.au> Search for science at Earth Ed centre.

The FoCC will be in attendance.



SCIENCE IN YOUR PYJAMAS!
EarthEd, Olympic Avenue
17th August 2017
5:30pm to 7:30pm



The Ballarat community is invited to an evening of practical (and fun!) science at the EarthEd Centre, based at Mt Clear College in Canadian.

Perfect for primary school students, and their guardians, this evening will include some accessible science including robots, chemistry, physics and coding. Brilliant for both children and adults, all visitors are most enthusiastically encouraged to come in pyjamas (we know it's a late school night).

A fundraising BBQ will be available on the evening from 5:30pm, a science show will run at 6:00pm followed by hands on learning until 7:30pm (leave any time)

Please RSVP to this event using <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/> (search for Science at EarthEd)



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

When searching for the FoCC web site it is best to type “Friends of Canadian Corridor” . This avoids many other FoCC's of which we are sure are worthy causes. Best to add our FoCC to favorites!

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

- August 13th Trial Tree planting
- August 16th General meeting Earth Ed Centre
- August 20th Skyline walk
- September 20th Committee meeting
- October 15th Wildflower walk
- October 18 FoCC Annual meeting
- November 15th Committee meeting
- December 20th Christmas in the Forest

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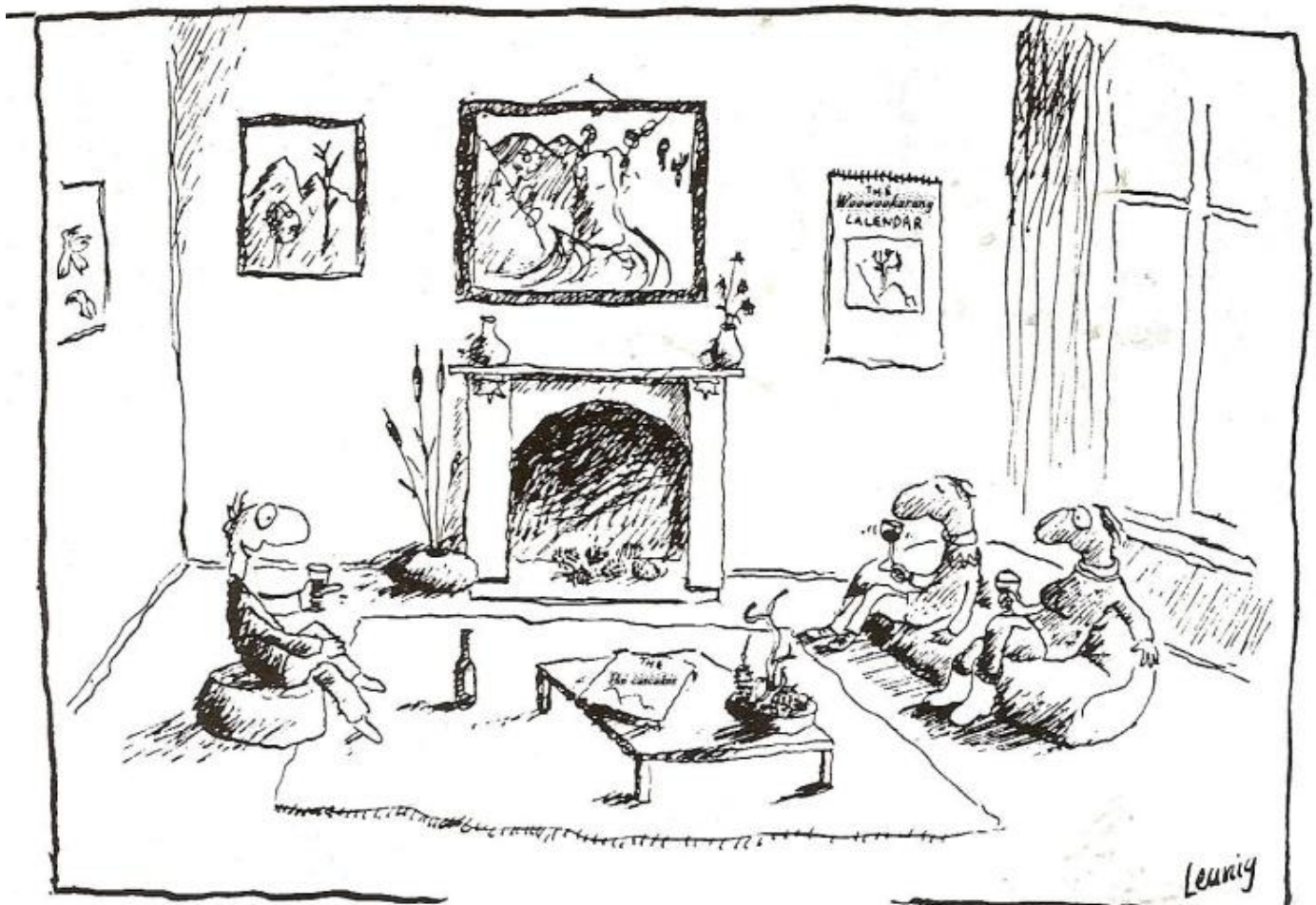
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"Age"
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"I've never actually been down to the Woovookarung Regional Park and maybe I never will but it's a wonderful feeling to know that its there"

