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FoCC Woovookarung Forum

A good crowd of friends gathered at the Earth Ed Centre, Mt Clear on Wednesday June 21st to hear about the transition plans for the Canadian Forest and Plantation to the Woovookarung Regional Park.

First item of the forum was a short story on the history of the forest. The images and short story notes will be on the website www.focc.asn.au in a few days.

Feature of the evening was Chris Sawyer from landscape architects "Site Office" explaining their task in creating the plan for the Park. Site Office is contracted by Parks Victoria to create a Park Management plan. Chris explained the many different aspects that needed to be considered in the Park plan. Such as entrance points, future vegetation, walking and cycling trails, picnic areas, special flora and fauna areas, creeks and views etc.



Chris Sawyer centre with some of the friends

Tony English, Parks Vic's District Manager spoke briefly about how important the submissions and feedback are for the Park planning process.

On display at the Forum were copies of the 1934, 1970, 1990 and 2012 aerial photographs of the Canadian Forest. Plus survey maps and the Field Naturalists Club of Ballarat photos and plantation regrowth information. The displays created very vibrant discussions with Parks Victoria and Site Office staff after the presentations.

Friends and groups are encouraged to take the opportunity now provided, to put forward their ideas and observations about how the Park should be managed and enhanced. Email addresses for submissions will be made available shortly.

Many thanks to the wonderful friends who all worked hard to make the forum a success.

Woovookarung Regional Park name launch

The Launch of the name change from Canadian Regional Park to Woovookarung Regional Park is now scheduled to occur on July 19th at 10am at Earth Ed, Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear. More information as soon as the details are confirmed.

Park Works

A lot of park works have been taken place over the past weeks. Weed spraying and Broom removal has been undertaken near the cnr of Foes Lane and Boundary Rd.

This bog shown below, was created by 4WD vehicles on the track between Bakers Rd and Clayton St at the bottom of the top block. Hopefully it will be closed off in the next couple of weeks. The track crosses Lal Lal drain before the drain enters the Rifle Range.



City of Ballarat - Grant for equipment

Recently the FoCC applied for a grant from the COB for equipment for use in tree planting, walks and presentations. The FoCC has received just over \$800 for equipment. Many thanks to the COB for supporting the FoCC.

Firewood thieves active

Firewood thieves have been active within the Park. Recently thieves have been in the forest between the Rifle Range and Bakers Rd. Trees have been felled and taken away. If any friends observe thieves at work, a registration number or better still an image with the rego number can be given to Parks Vic for prosecution



Illegally felled tree

Unauthorised Mountain Bike Tracks

There have been a number of unauthorised mountain bike trails created in the Park. This trail is near the 4WD bog on Lal Lal drain. It is in a wet area and is in a place where no track should be. The FoCC encourages mountain bikers to remain on existing trails only and to discourage any new trails.



Mountain Bike trail construction training sessions

Parks Victoria recently ran a two day mountain bike trail construction workshop at Mt Clear. Participants included local Ballarat and Sebas mountain bikers and many others. The focus of the workshop was on how to create environmentally sound trails and practices. The workshops were held with the view to building trail knowledge before the start of construction of the Creswick Regional Park trails and the current planning for the Woowookarung Regional Park

Tree Planting

The Field Naturalist Club of Ballarat and the FoCC will be planting 500 trees in the centre of the Park on Sunday

August 13th 2017. Final details will be made available in the end of July update.

Skyline trail Walk Details:

Date 10 am August 20th 2017

Start – Federation University Car Park

Finish – Prior Park (off Eureka St)

Distance - 10Km

Grade - Medium some walking on unformed tracks.

Note some car pooling will be required on the day.

Details Jeff 0408509591

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.

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!

Draft 2017 Calendar

- July 19th Committee meeting
- August 13th Tree Planting
- August 16th Park Master Plan Presentation
- August 20st Skyline walk
- 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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