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FoCC Annual meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Canadian Corridor Incorporated was held at last Wednesday Oct 18th at Earth Ed, Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear.

President Bob Hartmann outlined the success for the FoCC for the year. He thanked retiring committee members for their support and effort during the first year of establishing the FoCC as an incorporated body.

Treasurer Peter Darveniza presented a healthy financial report to the end of June for the FoCC.

The election of office bearers was conducted by Blake Gordon and the following members were duly nominated and elected.

President – Bob Hartmann

Secretary – Jeff Rootes

Treasurer – Peter Darveniza

Vice president – Linda Zibell

Committee members – Carolyn Barrie, Alison Boak and Rob Loveband.

Guest Speaker was Siobhan Rogan from Parks Victoria. Siobhan outlined and explained the guiding principles and ideas that have been developed to guide the Woovookarung Regional Parks Master Plan. The guiding principles are:

- Conservation
- Accessibility
- Governance
- Sustainability

The ideas are:

- Nurture ecology
- Consolidate the Park
- Regenerate the forest

- Open Space
- Develop loops and circuits
- Connections to the city
- Stories

More information may be found at:

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/woovookarung-regional-park/plans-and-projects/canadian-regional-park-planning>

Parks Woovookarung Regional Park Master Plan Open House Invitation

Parks Victoria has organised a second Woovookarung Regional Park Master Plan Open House for next Sunday October 29th 1pm to 4pm at Earth Ed Olympic Avenue Mt Clear.

The first open house was on Sunday October 22nd and was well attended.

Parks are displaying the principles or themes that have been developed for the Park.

This is a great opportunity to consider the ideas put forward and to comment about the ideas

Woovookarung – Ballarat's new regional park

Parks Victoria is taking with the community to share ideas for your new regional park.



A new park

Woovookarung Regional Park is a new 341-hectare park in Ballarat and includes the former Canadian State Forest and plantation site.

Have your say

Parks Victoria is currently consulting with the local community, Traditional owners, Friends of Canadian Corridor, residents, interested user groups, schools, enterprises and the broader Victorian community to develop a park plan. The plan will decide the future of the park. Interested individuals and organisations are invited to find out more and have your say. Join us for the following events:

Open House drop in sessions

Sunday 22 October from 12.30 to 4pm

Sunday 29 October from 1 – 4pm

Come along to our open house drop-in sessions on Sunday 22nd and 29th October

at the Earth Education Centre, Mt Clear College, Olympic Ave, Mt Clear.

To find out more, go to www.parks.vic.gov.au/news or email us on openhouse@parks.vic.gov.au



Submissions can be made to Parks Victoria at woovookarung@parks.vic.gov.au

Park Works

The deep mine shaft in the middle of the Cremorne rifle range is in the process of being capped.

More mine holes:

Mineholes just seem to keep cropping up in the Park. Just 50 meters from the start of the wildflower walk another adit was found. The roof has collapsed over the entrance probably a long time ago, however recently a small deep hole has opened up.



Parks Victoria - Woovookarung stand at the City Library



Many thanks to Parks staff Lorraine, Jennifer, Alex, Siobhan and FoCC members Bernadette, Bob, Jeff and others who

helped with the pop up stand at the library. The stand was in place from Monday Oct 9th to Sunday Oct 15th.

Many library patrons found out about Ballarat's most recent park with several names added to our FoCC friends list. Many thanks to the COB library for hosting the stall.

FNCB and FoCC "Pop Up" Wildflower walk

The Field Naturalists Club of Ballarat (FNCB) and FoCC conducted a wildflower trail walk in the north part of the Park on Sunday Oct 22nd. The trail began near the Wilson St water tanks and was guided through a very diverse wildflower rich area. The walk was organised and guided by local wildflowers enthusiasts John Gregurke and Roger Thomas and supported by members of the FNCB.



Some of the fifty plus wildflower trail participants at the entry to the trail.



The self guiding trail is in place until Sunday Oct 29th. The FoCC thanks the City of Ballarat community fund for providing support for the labels and safety equipment.

Note: During the Wildflower walk a Friend lost a pair of glasses in a red case. If found please call Jeff 0408509591



friends groups, networks and associations involved in promoting the health of biodiversity for the urban and rural catchments of the Moorabool, Leigh and Woody Yaloak, all which form the northern part of the Corangamite Catchment Area

Bunanyung is the Wadawurrung spelling for Mt Buninyong and is described as a “man lying on his back with knees raised (from shape of the hill)”. Adopting the name Bunanyung recognises the long custodianship of the land by the Wadawurrung people. The name “Landscape Alliance” reflects the current custodianship by the Alliance’s members and stakeholders.

By combining the names into the “Bunanyung Landscape Alliance” the past, present and future is expressed and identified.

Bunanyung is a centrally located significant landscape feature within the defined land are of the Bunanyung Landscape Alliance

VISION:

Bunanyung Landscape Alliance- healthy landscapes & resilient communities

MISSION:

In partnership with our stakeholders, we assist in the development and implementation of shared, evidence based, visionary landscape scale projects that protect and enhance our land & waterscapes. We reflect the aspirations of our local member groups and engage the broader community.



Hoon action

On Tuesday Oct 24th a vehicle with wide distinctive off road tires drove over the trail entrance sign and continued on along the wildflower trail. Fortunately the sign was not damaged however the right hand side of the sign has a good copy of the tire marks on it.



Bunanyung Landscape Alliance

Over the past months the FoCC, local landcare groups and environmental organisations have been meeting under the auspices of the Natural Resources Conservation League of Victoria (NRCL) with the view to forming a “Landscape Alliance” covering the area south of Ballarat.

The “Bunanyung Landscape Alliance” is the proposed name for the alliance of community members, landcare and

Living with Bushfire Community Conference at Federation University

Several FoCC friends attended the bushfire conference on October 6 and 7. The conference covered an incredibly wide range of fire topics.

Most interesting were the sessions on indigenous or cool burning which involves slower and cooler burning of forest fuel. Its purpose is partly cultural in looking after and healing the land as well as burning to create new growth and germinate plants that rely on fire for survival.

Trial burns have been undertaken by the Dja Dja Wurrung Park rangers around Bendigo and the Craigie Forest near Maryborough. One difference is that current fuel reduction burning often burns trees right to the top. Indigenous burning because it is cooler and slower rarely goes above 2 to 3 metres. This allows small animals, reptiles and insects to get out of the way. Other indigenous burning trials have been undertaken at Teasdale by the Golden Plains Shire

A trial Indigenous burning is planned for Woowookarung in autumn next year. A lesson from the conference is that Indigenous burning and current fuel reduction practices both have a role in land management.

Ballarat Bushwalking and Outdoor Club walks

BBOC walks seem to be becoming more popular and perhaps the following message which accompanied the image below explains why.

Hi Jeff

I thought you would like these photos from the BBOC walk this morning (17 Oct 2017). The walk was lead by Colin Hancock . The photos were taken by Carmel Hayes. We love walking in this area and really appreciate all the efforts over the years to protect this valuable asset.

With kind regards

Marianne Kennedy



FoCC fifth birthday and end of year picnic

The Foccc was formed on November 11th 2012 just five years ago and will be celebrated at the evening picnic/BBQ at the Lookout off Boundary Rd on the evening of December 8th.

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 - www.foccc.asn.au

FoCC Membership.

The Friends are offering membership to all Friends of the Canadian Corridor for 2018. 2017 membership expires on Dec 31st 2017. Membership renewals will be sent out after the Annual Meeting.

Membership is good 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 news update list as a friend need to take no action.

2017 Calendar

- December 8th FoCC Fifth birthday and Christmas Picnic BBQ evening in the Park. More details later.

Draft 2018 calendar

- February 21st - General meeting
- Early March 2018 - Looking at the stars
- April 18th General meeting
- May 2018 – Autumn fungi walk in the Park
- June 20th FoCC Forum
- July/August 2018 – Tree planting
- August 15th 2018 – General meeting
- October 17th 2018 – Annual Meeting
- October late Wildflower walk

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