

# FoCC Incorporated September 2017 News Update



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## FoCC Annual meeting Notice

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Canadian Corridor Incorporated will be held at:

**7pm Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at Earth Ed, Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear.** All members and friends are welcome.

### Agenda

- Minutes of inaugural FoCC meeting Oct 2016.
- Presidents report
- Treasurers report
- Election of Office Bearers
- General Business
- Guest speakers
  - Lorraine Green Regional Project Coordinator and Jennifer Dickson Engagement Coordinator for Parks Victoria's Woovookarung project.

More information from <http://www.focc.asn.au/events/>

or focc@gmail.com or Mob 0408509591

J Rootes FoCC Secretary

## Parks Victoria Woovookarung Regional Park Master Plan

Parks Victoria and the appointed landscape architects Site Office have been busy in the Park and talking with involved groups and individuals about the parks master plan.



Suzie and Chris from Site Office with Peter (FoCC) in the wetland area near Dozed Rd.

Bob Hartmann, Peter Darveniza and Jeff Rootes met with Site Office on Friday Sept 1 and worked through the FoCC submission details. A week later Field Naturalist Club of Ballarat members met with Site Office personnel about revegetation ideas. Other groups have made submissions on the Park also.

Submissions may still be made to Parks Victoria at

[woovookarung@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:woovookarung@parks.vic.gov.au)

## Park Works

### 1. Track closure:

Parks Victoria contractors have installed bollards and gates on the old plantation track running between Clayton St and Bakers Rd. Wire fencing has also been added to the side areas of the bollards. The gates are open at the moment and will be closed in a few weeks. This track contains one of the worst 4WD created bog holes in the Park.



New track gate on the north end of the track at Clayton st

### 2. Unauthorised earth works in the Park

Recently a large amount of earth spoil was dumped in the Park and an adjacent ex-plantation fire trail was subject to earth removal and then filled in with imported road surfacing. Parks Victoria and the City of Ballarat are now conducting investigations.



Dumped spoil in the Park



Contracted roadworks in the Park

### 3. Rubbish dumping

Rubbish is continuing to be dumped in the Park. On one weekend recently ten (10) separate dumps occurred. If a dumper is spotted please call Parks Victoria on 131 963 with the details. Number plate details are very valuable.



A large truckload of recently dumped garden soil next to a similar previous dump which is now covered in weeds.

### 4. Dumped cars:



Burnt car on Long St. This vehicle has been there for many days now. It is on Long St which is under COB control and is not actually in the Park. Many of these burnt cars are removed by the covering Insurance Company, however sometimes it may take weeks to occur.

### 5. Mine holes:

More dangerous mine holes in the north of the park have opened up and may need grating. These mines were covered during the 1970's when the then Mines Dept

covered many mine shafts. Over time the timber base covers have rotted and collapsed leaving crumbling edges and an exposed shaft. This shaft below is over 20 metres deep.



Mineshaft south of the Wilson St water tanks

### FNCB and FoCC Wildflower walk

The Field Naturalists Club of Ballarat and FoCC are conducting a wild flower trail walk in the North part of the Park on Sunday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 10am. The trail will begin at the Wilson St water tanks and will be guided through very diverse wildflower rich area.



The walk will be guided by local wildflowers experts. The FNCB are producing labels for the wildflowers and will leave the trail in place for the week after the initial walk. The FoCC thanks the City of Ballarat community fund for providing support for the labels and safety equipment.

### 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 purpose of the Alliance is to provide leadership, advocacy and support at a regional and local government level and to provide an umbrella support to the many involved groups. The Landscape Alliance covers an area



including the Moorabool River, Yarrowee and Leigh River and Woody Yallock creek catchment areas as shown on the map below.

During August an online questionnaire was offered to “FoCC news update” recipients and to many other landcare and environment groups via their newsletters. One hundred and four responses were received, many from the FoCC friends.

A feedback session to respondents was held at Royal Park at Buninyong on Wednesday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. At that meeting a decision was made to form an interim committee to bring the Landscape Alliance into being. The FoCC is a interim committee member.

The Feedback from the questionnaire is on the FoCC website.

<http://www.focc.asn.au/history/>



Map of area covered by the Landscape Alliance

### **Spikey**

Meet Spikey our FoCC logo star. Spikey’s many relatives live in the park. Echidna diggings can be seen in many places and occasionally a digging echidna can be found.



Spikey: Created by M Rootes

Spikey is made up from the colors of the Park, reds and oranges from birds, earth and fungi, yellows from wattles, greys from bark, greens from shrubs or trees and blues, whites, purples and violets from wildflowers and the sky.

### **Fed Uni - Living with bushfire community conference**

At FedUni Mt Helen campus on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 October.

The conference provides an interactive opportunity for residents and communities, land and fire managers, emergency agencies, researchers and educators to come together to gain valuable insight and practical knowledge in living with bushfire.

In addition to a series of practical workshops designed to increase community understanding and preparedness for bushfire, guest speakers will include:

- Craig Lapsley, Victoria’s Management Commissioner, providing a statewide emergency management overview;
- James Pescott of the Bureau of Meteorology delivering the coming fire season outlook;
- Brett Boatman CFA, discussing expectations of the community when fires happen;
- Scotsburn residents providing accounts of their experience during and following the Scotsburn bushfire; and
- Rachaele May, Assistant Chief Fire Officer of Forest Fire Management Victoria discussing the Safer Together program and how agencies and communities can work together.

Program details and registrations are available via the conference website at.

[www.federation.edu.au/bushfireconference](http://www.federation.edu.au/bushfireconference)

or

<http://www.focc.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Living-With-Bushfire-2017-Conference-Program-RFS.pdf>

### **People for Pryor Park working bee**

Pryor Park is a City of Ballarat bush reserve located on the north side of Eureka St on the eastern edge of the city. Pryor Park forms part of the wildlife or Bio Link between the Creswick Forest and the Woookarung Regional Park. Back in the early 1990’s it was considered to be a good site for housing. Fortunately locals had a different view and Pryor Park was created. The local group, People for Pryor Park have been looking after the park ever since. They have a working bee on October 15<sup>th</sup> Details below.

Working Bee Sunday 15th October 10am-12pm.  
Meet at the wildflower area, bring gloves.

We will be concentrating on this area, weed control and clean up and looking at the wildflowers.

The new sign at the access track entrance to the park looks good and the wildflowers are starting to show.

See you soon Maggie and John. Contact 53323234



### **Friends of Sparrow Ground Weed pull and spring tidy up**

The Friends of Sparrow Ground formed nineteen years ago and looks after Sparrow Ground in Canadian. Yes they did shoot sparrows there in the 1930's.

A Weed pull and Spring tidy up is planned for 10am Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2017. Meet at the playground on the corner of Kline st and Spencer st Canadian.

Contact J Rootes 0408509591 or H Thompson 0428027895



### **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](mailto:michaelasettle@gmail.com) with images comments etc.

### **FoCC Web site**

[www.focc.asn.au](http://www.focc.asn.au)

### **FoCC Membership.**

The Friends are offering membership to all Friends of the Canadian Corridor for 2018. 2017 membership expires on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 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 update list as a friend need to take no action.

### **2017 Calendar**

- October 18 Annual meeting
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Wildflower walk
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Picnic evening in the Park. More details later.

### **Draft 2018 calendar**

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

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