



FoCC Incorporated January 2018 News Update



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FoCC February General Meeting Invitation

February Meeting Featuring - "Imagine Ballarat East"

Agenda - City of Ballarat Planner presentation

- Feedback and questions

The "Imagine Ballarat East" Local Area Plan process commenced in late 2015.

Ballarat East contains the northern section of the Woovookarung Regional Park. The Park contains a wide variety of historical, flora and fauna features as well being used for a wide variety of recreational purposes by local residents. The City of Ballarat has had substantial engagement with the local community over the past two years, and this FoCC meeting with its focus on the Park to City interface is a welcome part of the consultation process.

The City of Ballarat planning process is a great opportunity for the new Park to be considered as part of the Park to City interface with Ballarat East. The creeks, gullies, walking and cycle tracks and protection of the natural values on private and city land should be considered and valued so as to keep Ballarat East leafy and welcoming for new and old residents and the local flora and fauna.

This is a great opportunity for Friends and locals to hear about the City's Ballarat East Plan's progress and to add their knowledge, observations and wishes to the Plan.

Presented by: City of Ballarat - Strategic planning staff

7pm to 9pm Wednesday

February 21st 2018

At: Earth Ed Centre

Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear

Further info at: <http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/pbs/city-strategy/strategic-projects-and-frameworks/current/imagine-ballarat-east.aspx>

Directions paper submissions to the City of Ballarat are due by Monday February 5th.

Park Management Plan

The much anticipated Woovookarung Regional Park Management Plan is close to being finalised. Throughout this year many conversations and discussions have been undertaken by Parks Staff, friends and Site Office personell

who are contracted to produce the plan. The draft edition is now being checked by Parks Victoria and the Ministers Office before being released sometime late February or early March.

10 Ballarat parks and swim spots you might not know about – Published in The Courier Jan 18th 2018

9. Canadian Regional Park (Woovookarung Regional Park)



Situated right in Ballarat, this park offers great walks, views, wildflowers, birds and the chance to even spot a koala!

Serenity doesn't get much better.

Bushfire Management Overlay

In October 2017 the Victorian Government updated its Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) Regulations with Amendment GC13. The first regulations were WMO (Wildfire Management Overlay) and were introduced after the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires. Categories of BMO, BMO1, and BMO2 may apply to properties indicating increasing severity of risk and consequently intensity of protection measures (attention to defensible space; responses to landscape risk; water supply; access to site, and so on).

Landowners of properties within a BMO are expected to make them fire-safe. If they do not and neighbours report them as a fire risk (eg. long grass is not mowed) Council will initially try to resolve these with the landowner – if unsuccessful the CFA will intervene.

BMO rules apply only to pre 2009 houses, not new houses. They apply either 10/30 or 10/50 rules which mean landowners have permission - without a planning permit - to remove trees within 10 metres of a house (both native and exotic); and other vegetation (not trees) within 30 (or 50 depending on the BMO) metres of a house. They include 4 metre clearance along fencelines. The BMO overrides other existing planning overlays and controls. Tree/vegetation clearance is not mandatory.

The review also affects interpretation for new house approvals. An extra 1933 homes have been allocated a BMO whilst 268 dwellings have been excised from BMO in Ballarat. The new regulations have also created a criteria for vegetation.

CRITERIA 1 Vegetation type and size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest, woodland, scrub, shrubland, mallee and rainforest vegetation that is 4 hectares or more in size
CRITERIA 2 Ember buffer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 150m buffer is applied from the edge of vegetation identified in Criteria 1.
CRITERIA 3 Extreme risk inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas that fire authorities have advised may be subject to extreme landscape bushfire.

More information at:

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/bushfire-protection/bushfire-management-overlay>

And how it was applied to Ballarat:

http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/media/4389855/delwp_bmo_fags_ballarat.pdf

and to check a property for BMO and planning zoning:

<http://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan/>

Another mine graded

This mine is located just north of the Wilson St water tank.



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 Membership.

The Friends are offering membership to all Friends of the Canadian Corridor for 2018 as this years membership expires on Dec 31st 2017. Membership renewal reminders will be sent out soon. Attached with this newsletter is a membership form.

Membership enquiries Treasurer Peter – **0475 204161**

Last year (2017) the FoCC conducted many events and activities such as:

- Late summer evening Ballarat views from the Lookout
- An Autumn walk in the north of the Park and the old Cremorne Rifle Range
- June forum -**From Plantation to Woowookarung Regional Park – What’s next?** Attended by 60 friends.
- Participation in the renaming of the Park to Woowookarung Regional Park with Parks Victoria and the Victorian Government.
- Winter planting of 260 native trees in conjunction with the Field Naturalists Club of Ballarat.
- The Skyline walk from Federation University to Pax Hill
- The Field Naturalists Club of Ballarat and FoCC wild flower trail walk in October
- Regular News Updates for the friends
- Bi monthly FoCC meetings with guest presenters
- Ongoing advocacy with state and local government, authorities and other community organisations.

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.

Draft 2018 calendar

- February 21st 2018 -“Ballarat East Plan” meeting
- March 10th 2018 - Looking at the stars at the lookout.
- April 18th 2018 General meeting
- May 2018 – Autumn fungi walk in the Park
- June 20th 2018 - FoCC Forum
- July/August 2018 – Tree planting
- August 15th 2018 – General meeting
- August 26th Walking mine tour of the Park
- October 17th 2018 – Annual Meeting
- October late Wildflower walk and pop up trail

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Feel free to circulate widely including doctors waiting rooms, work offices, friends and neighbours.

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Friends of Canadian Corridor Incorporated

Registered number A0097535



Membership Application

Individual membership of the FoCC runs from January 1st to December 31st each year at a cost of \$20 per year. Community groups may be represented by individual members.

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Name of Group represented: (if applicable)	
Address first line:	
Address second line:	
Town/City:	
State:	Post Code:
Home Phone:	
Mobile phone:	
Email address:	
I agree to the rules of association and abide by the FoCC committee of Management decisions	
Applicants signature:	
Date:	
Applications may be sent by email to focinfo@gmail.com or by mail to the Treasurer (address below)	

Payment may be made by

1. Bank transfer to details: **BSB** 06 3502 **Account No** 10955630. Please add your name to the bank transfer.
2. Payment to the Treasurer at a FoCC meeting
3. Cheques to made out to "FoCC Incorporated" and addressed to:

FoCC Treasurer
PO Box 83,
Mt Clear Vic,
3350.

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