



# FoCC Incorporated April 2018 News Update

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## FoCC June 20<sup>th</sup> Event

**2018** This year as part of the “Rethinking the Australian Legend” series the FoCC has joined with Federation University, Aboriginal Education Centre, and Salt bush foods to present:

### **2018 June Event**

### **“Dark Emu” Author Bruce Pascoe Presentation**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

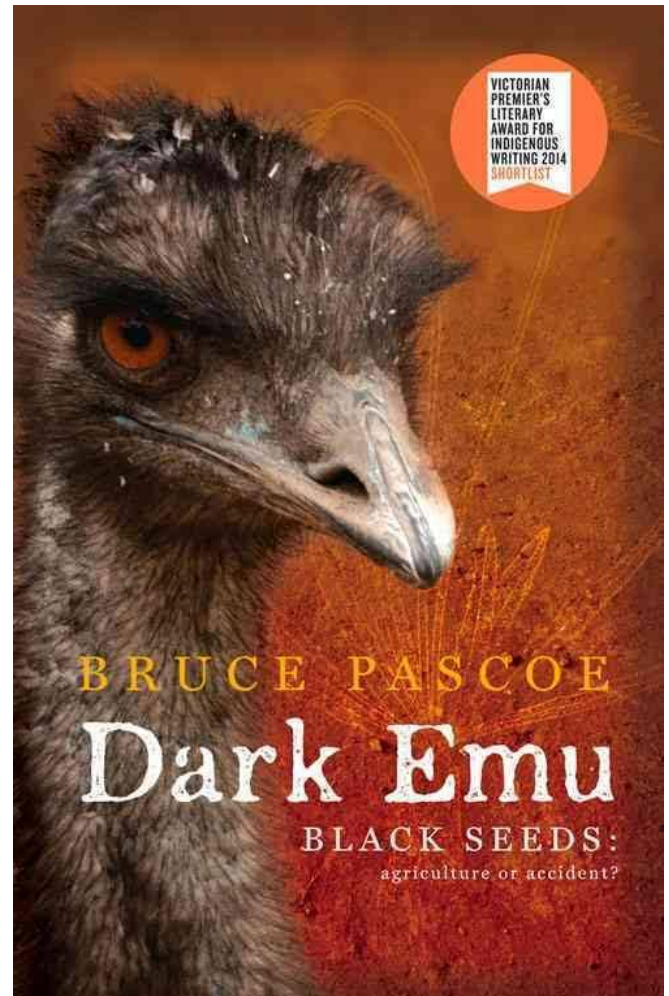
### **Venue and booking details to be announced very soon.**

The FoCC committee has organised for award winning author of the book “**Dark Emu**” Mr Bruce Pascoe to be guest presenter at our special June 20th event .

Prepare for a feast of words and bush foods, featuring special festival guest Bruce Pascoe. Author of over 20 books, Bruce is a Bunurong, Tasmanian and Yuin man based in Victoria. Bruce’s recent book *Dark Emu* (Magabala Books 2014) won the Book of the Year as well as the Indigenous Writer’s Prize in the 2016 NSW Premier’s Literary Awards.

In *Dark Emu* Bruce draws on the diaries of early explorers as evidence that Aboriginal people were sowing, harvesting, irrigating and storing food.

Bruce’s research and conclusions are most interesting, illuminating and challenging. The book may change your view of how indigenous people lived in the area prior to european settlement.



## Previous Major FoCC Forums

- **2013:** The FoCC forum ‘The Canadian Forest - From Plantation to Multi Use Forest Park’
- **2014** The FoCC Forum “The Canadian Forest should be a “Multi Use Forest Park”?”
- **2017** From Plantation to Woowookarung Regional Park – What’s next?

## April 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Focussing on “Phytophthora” session

A crowd of forty friends heard about Phytophthora Cinnamomi - hard to spell and harder to kill  
Guest presenter, Mr David Smith, the Forest Biosecurity Officer, Forest Pathologist, Entomologist and Chief Plant Health Officer Unit for Biosecurity, Agriculture, Food and Fibre in the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, gave a thought provoking, and to some of us quite alarming, report on the threat of Phytophthora.

Chief Ranger Siobhan Rogan from Parks Victoria discussed some of the ways Parks and the community can take steps to manage the spread of the pathogen, and stressed that with good community awareness and engagement, the

park would be able to be more resilient and in a good position to fight the spread.



Our guest presenter Mr David Smith

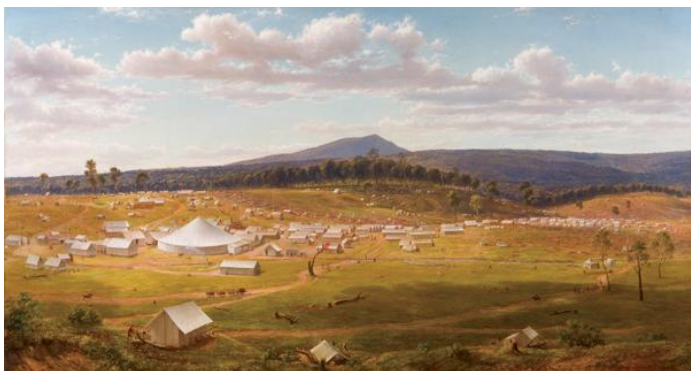
The death of grass trees is an indicator that the disease may be present. *Phytophthora cinnamomi* is a soil-borne water mould that produces an infection which causes a condition in plants called "root rot" or "dieback".



A dead grasstree on Boundary Rd - A *Phytophthora* victim?

**Von Guerrard at the Ballarat Art Gallery**

The artist Eugene Von Guerard was born in 1811 and died in 1901 – a life spanning a tumultuous century of scientific advancement, colonial expansion and political upheaval.



E Von Guerard, Old Ballarat as it was in the summer of 1853–4.



E Von Guerard, Warrenheip Hills near Ballarat 1854.

The Friends of Canadian Corridor have Von Guerard to thank for the wonderful painting of the background (Woowookarung) Forest and the painting of Mt Warrenheip

Von Guerard’s journeys are the subject of the latest exhibition at The Art Gallery of Ballarat, in partnership with the State Library of Victoria.

According to Dr Ruth Pullinin an article in the Courier March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

“I think when people come to look at the tiny little sketches he did on the goldfields, and the larger drawings as well, you’ll see that he’s so specific about the gum trees. Even at that stage he’s differentiating between a messmate or a manna gum.

“You can see the difference in the eucalypt, but you also see his observation of things like sections of bark that have been removed, where the diggers have removed the bark perhaps to use for a building. Even when things look quite ugly he’s recorded that. He obviously wouldn’t have realised how significant that information is for environmentalists today, to see what actually happened – how quickly the land was cleared.” It’s not romanticised.



Eugene von Guérard: Aborigines met on the road to the diggings 1854 Oil on canvas 46 x 75.5 cm Geelong art Gallery. Gift of W Max Bell and Norman Belcher, 1923.

There's a painting of diggers meeting some Indigenous people in the exhibition. Is that imagined or from life?

"I think it is (from life). In the diary he talks about being on the road to the diggings and stopping near the Moorabool River, and he talks about an exchange with a group of the local Aboriginal people, Wautharong people, and the possum-skin cloak (in the picture) is described, that whole incident is described.

"So we don't have a drawing of this composition but he probably did sketch something there and he certainly records that moment."

He's got the blackboy grasses and the tiny wildflowers and little lizard crawling up on the on the log. Such attention to detail.

"You feel this when you're reading the diary. This must have been just so exciting and so different. He's really been off the ship a matter of two to three weeks – so seeing that lizard, seeing that grass tree, would have been so exotically different to him. It would have been intriguing."

Eugene Von Guerard: Artist-traveller will be opened by State Library of Victoria CEO Kate Torney on Saturday March 24 at 4pm. It runs until May 27.

### Dead pines



Parks Victoria have been working with volunteers to remove hundreds of feral pine trees in the Bakers Rd area of the Park. Another small step for the Park.

### Woowookarung Regional Park sensory trail

A proposal by the Ballarat's Dementia Alliance to construct a dementia friendly walking sensory experience trail in Woowookarung Regional Park has been successfully awarded \$15000 by Dementia Friendly Communities.

This is great news for the Park and very helpful for people living with Dementia and their carers to experience, sense,

smell and feel the natural environment in a safe and easily accessible trail environment.

The likely site for the trail is for an entrance and car park on Katy Ryans Rd just inside the Park boundary. Carolyn and Jeff from the FoCC committee have attended the Dementia Alliance meetings as the project is being planned

### Bird boxes



Another Parks Victoria project in the Bakers Rd area.

### Friends of Eastern Otways visit

The Friends of Eastern Otways are based in the Anglesea area and are people who share an interest in the natural environment and who would like to learn more about the Great Otway National Park and its flora and fauna.

The FOEO decided on a visit to learn about the new Woowookarung Regional Park and how our park is progressing. The visit included a walk into the Gorge area and then a walk around the Lookout area in the middle of the Park.



Bob explaining the nature of Woowookarung’s dry heathy forest to the visiting friends.



Inspecting the atrocious 4WD caused erosion at the west end of the gorge. Hopefull Central Highlands Water will soon begin the restoration of this pipeline easement within the park.

**Bio diversity application**

The FoCC committee has prepared an application for a grant from DEWLP to remove gorse and broom weeds and revegetate with Koala and woodland bird friendly trees and shrubs on an area of 5.7 hecates of land adjacent to Katy Ryans Rd.

The proposed site links two remnant koala habitat vegetation islands in the centre of Woowookarung Regional Park.



Red outline of proposed weed removal and revegetation area along Katy Ryans Rd

**Rethinking the Australian Legend May 26 and May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Rethinking the Legend is a refreshing & entertaining series, held annually in Ballarat Victoria, exploring how Indigenous Australia influences our contemporary Australian nation to thrive. Each event presents the facts, the stories and the legendary examples of Aboriginal Australians. In 2018 the series explores Fire, Flood, Technology & Food.

The series aims to build and promote new knowledge about the meaning and importance of ‘Local Aboriginal culture’

and ‘Local Aboriginal cultural identity’ in a contemporary Ballarat context. And to build connections between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities by highlighting the shared history and rich legacy which Aboriginal culture has contributed to contemporary Australian culture.

Presented in partnership with Federation University Australia, the Aboriginal Education Centre, Saltbush Kitchen & Friends of Canadian Corridor (FoCC).

**Events to be held are:**

***ABORIGINAL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY***

**FLOOD  
SATURDAY MAY 26TH  
HERITAGE WEEKEND, BALLARAT  
ALFRED DEAKIN PLACE  
FIRE-SIDE CHAT 10AM to 4PM  
LECTURES 11AM AND 3PM (45 MINUTES)  
FREE**

Aboriginal technology, in the form of stringy bark canoes, was essential to Victoria’s development during the 19th century. Stringy bark canoe technology was used extensively by Aboriginal people across Australia, including the local Wadawurrung people, to save people from flooded rivers, deliver vital food supplies, herd livestock and even to transport a piano across swollen rivers and creeks!

Join us over Heritage Weekend for a fire-side chat revealing the remarkable stories of Aboriginal heroes of floods in the 19th century and the ingenuity of Indigenous technology and design, including



**SUNDAY MAY 27TH  
HERITAGE WEEKEND, BALLARAT  
THE LOST ONES BASEMENT BAR  
SESSION ONE 12pm to 1:30pm  
SESSION TWO 3pm to 4:30pm  
FREE**

It's a practice that our old people used before European contact.

It's the way we managed the land, and it's the way we used fire as a tool to provide for ourselves, to provide for our habitat as well that we live in." Trent Nelson, a Dja Dja Wurrung man and Parks Victoria ranger, has played a key role in a burn recently undertaken just north of Bendigo, in central Victoria. (sbs.com.au)



Join **Trent Nelson** (image above) and **Dr Fred Cahir**, of Federation University Australia, for an intimate lecture & conversation exploring Aboriginal heroes of Fire.

Settle in with a Bushfood cocktail and discover the facts, the stories and the legendary examples of Aboriginal fire technology in Victoria.

For booking the two above events and more info at:

<https://www.rethinkingtheaustralianlegend.com/about>

### **Parks Victoria Information Update**

Alex from Parks Victoria publishes a Parks update highlighting what is happening across the forty plus Parks in the local region. Always full of good information and attached to this newsletter.

### **Bunanyung Landscape Alliance**



The Bunanyung Landscape Alliance (BLA) has been quietly working for a year now, getting set up to advocate and support large landscape scale projects in our locality.

To keep up with the progress the BLA has set up a facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BunanyungLandscapeAlliance/>

### **FoCC facebook**

Rob Loveband is now overseeing the FoCC Facebook page. See <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/> Feel free to add and comment.

Currently we have just over 200 friends on Facebook and growing. Feel free to add and pass on to other friends and press like.

Or email Rob at [webmaster@focc.asn.au](mailto:webmaster@focc.asn.au) with images comments etc.

### **FoCC Membership.**

The Friends are offering membership to all Friends of the Canadian Corridor for 2018. Attached with this newsletter is a membership form.

Membership enquiries Treasurer Peter – **0475 204161**

Membership is a 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.

### **2018 calendar**

- June 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 - FoCC event featuring Bruce Pascoe author of Dark Emu.
- July/August 2018 – Tree planting
- August 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 – General meeting
- August 26<sup>th</sup> Walking mine tour of the Park
- October 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Annual Meeting
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Wildflower walk and pop up trail

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Registered number A0097535



## Membership Application

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

First Name:	
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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 <a href="mailto:focinfo@gmail.com">focinfo@gmail.com</a> or by mail to the Treasurer (address below)	

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