



FoCC Incorporated May 2018 News Update



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FoCC June 20th Event

“Dark Emu” Author Bruce Pascoe event was sold out after just 3 days

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

Tickets were placed on sale online with Eventbrite on May 19th and all tickets were sold within three days.

Our partners Federation University and the Aboriginal Education Service are providing the venue at Brewery Theatre, Brewery Building, SMB, Lydiard St South, Ballarat.

The City of Ballarat is providing Community Impact Grant Funding support to host the Mr Pascoe.

The support of Federation University, Aboriginal Education Service and the City of Ballarat is gratefully acknowledged.

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.

Woowookarung Regional Park “Draft Strategic Directions Plan” launch

Mr Geoff Howard MP for Buninyong launched the Woowookarung Regional Park “Draft Strategic Directions Plan” at Earth Ed Science Centre on Friday May 18th



Geoff Howard, Bob and Linda at the launch of the Plan.

The “plan” is the culmination of FoCC’s five and a half year advocacy for the establishment of a Park on the former Canadian Forest Plantation and ex plantation areas.

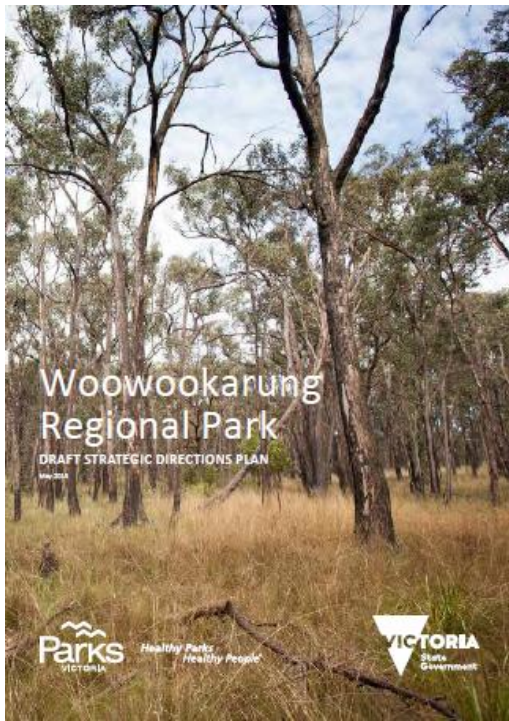
The plan is the end product of all the conversations, consultations and efforts by the friends, associated community and sporting groups, landholders, local and government departments and the public at large.

Not every wish can be incorporated nor will the plan solve every problem, however it does provide an excellent framework and base for the future management of the Park. The soon to be constructed “dementia” trail and the closure of the track between Bakers Rd and Clay Rd are consistent with the plan.

The plan will give Parks staff and those community groups interested in improving the Parks access, amenities and environmental values a solid basis for planning and applying for funds whenever opportunity occurs.



Parks Victoria “Draft Plan” Consultations



Over the past three weeks Parks Victoria have held five community consultations at Pax Hill and Earth Ed Science Centre on the “Park Plan”. Feedback has been positive and supportive of the plan.

Friends wishing to comment generally or on particular aspects of the plan are encouraged to do so. Affirmation of the plan will send a clear message of support to Parks Victoria that the plan is one more step along the journey to a better managed, more accessible and better protected Woowookarung Regional Park right on the edge of Ballarat.

Closing date for submissions is **Friday June 29th**. See the following website for more detail:

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

Bunanyung Landscape Alliance

On Wednesday May 31st the Bunanyung Landscape Alliance hosted a one off presentation: “Linking Landscapes- insights from Gondwana Link and the Great Eastern Ranges”

The Bunanyung Landscape Alliance (BLA) announced that - for one night only – Keith Bradby, CEO of Gondwana Link, and Gary Howling, Director of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative will be in Ballarat to share their experiences with large-scale landscape projects, and to offer insights to help shape a similar initiative in the Ballarat region in the form of the budding Bunanyung Landscape Alliance.

Guest Speakers were:

Keith Bradby - CEO, Gondwana Link

South-western Australia is an amazing place. It is one of the world's top 25 biodiversity hotspots "where

exceptional concentrations of endemic species are undergoing exceptional loss of habitat".

The Gondwana Link Vision is "Reconnected country across south-western Australia, from the Karri forest of the SW corner to the woodlands and mallee bordering the Nullarbor plain, in which ecosystem function and biodiversity are restored and maintained".

Now entering its 16th year of achievement, Gondwana Link is an inspiring example of a cohesive effort by a broad spectrum of local, regional, national and international groups, private landholders and Indigenous communities.

www.gondwanalink.org



Gary Howling - Director, Great Eastern Ranges Initiative



Gary has worked on the GER since early 2008, providing the project's non-government, government, research and other partners with advice on conservation priorities and project development opportunities, and helping build the capacity of partners within the GER corridor to work together on local projects.

Gary has a wide background in regional planning and landscape-scale conservation programs, biodiversity and native vegetation conservation policy, community engagement, and conservation science brokering.

www.greateasternranges.org.au

Gorse removal "ecoblade" demonstration Invitation

Parks Victoria rangers are conducting a 5 hectare gorse removal program on the north side of Katy Ryans Rd.

Friends are invited to meet and view the new "Eco Blade" gorse groomer in action on site, 10.00 am to 11.00am on Wednesday June 13th.

Access via Elsworth St and the north west end of Katy Ryans Rd. Parking will be organised and friends are advised to wear safety footwear and clothing.



For more information about the "Eco Blade" see <http://gorsebusters.com.au/>



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 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 20th 2018 - FoCC event featuring Bruce Pascoe author of Dark Emu.
- July/August 2018 – Tree planting
- August 15th 2018 – General meeting
- August 26th Walking mine tour of the Park
- October 17th 2018 – Annual Meeting
- October 21st 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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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)	

<p>Payment may be made by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">FoCC Treasurer PO Box 83, Mt Clear Vic, 3350.</p>

<p>Date Received:</p> <p>Amount \$</p> <p>Receipt No</p>
