



FoCC Incorporated July 2018 News Update



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“Koalas - Where have they gone?” focus for August General Meeting

1. Koalas are the Icon species of the Park



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During the 2000’s the City of Ballarat undertook the development of a Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management which was promulgated in March 2010.

Yet in recent conversations with friends along the Corridor all are asking “Koalas, where have they gone?”

To help unravel the question Mr Sean Okeefe former COB Strategic Planning Manager who was responsible for the development of the Ballarat Planning Scheme “Koala Planning Amendment C137 will be our guest speaker. Sean will outline and explain how the plan was developed and how it was expected to work.

Members and Friends are encouraged to come along, ask questions and learn about what the plan intended to achieve and join an audience discussion as to whether the plan is working.

2. Park works update

The August meeting will also feature an update on Park works with ranger Alex Schipperen. This is a good opportunity to hear about the works being undertaken in the Park.

The **FoCC General Meeting** will be held at **7pm Wednesday August 15th at Earth Ed Olympic Avenue Mt Clear**. Gold coun donation requested. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments at the end.

Tree planting opportunities – August 12th 2018

Date: Sunday August 12th at 10am to 12pm. Cuppa and sausage sizzle afterwards.

Organising group : Friends of Canadian Corridor (FoCC) with assistance from Field Naturalist Club of Ballarat (FNCC) members.

Tree Planting Day volunteer registration.

FoCC friends are requested to register with the Secretary (Jeff) prior to Sunday 12th August in order to ascertain the number of planters, for insurance. Please call or text 0408509591 or focinfo@gmail.com

The planting site is off Dozed Rd (entrance via Elsworth St). The parking area for participants is adjacent to the North side of Sailors Gully off Dozed Road. Signs will direct participants to the parking and planting site. Some walking to access site is required. This will be the second tree planting since the establishment of the Park and follows the very successful planting last year . Hopefully the weather will be fine and many people will make it happen.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart – Fed Uni and Uni of Melbourne - Tuesday August 12th

The Federation University, Aboriginal Education Centre and the University of Melbourne have invited friends to attend the “Uluru Statement from the Heart” at the Brewery Lecture Theatre, Federation University Australia, 107 Lydiard St South, Ballarat, 3350 between 2pm and 3pm on Tuesday 14th August 2018.

Information - Ms Gwenda Freeman 0417 580931.

Bookings are essential for this free event.

www.trybooking.com/405378

A Flyer for this event is attached with this News Update.

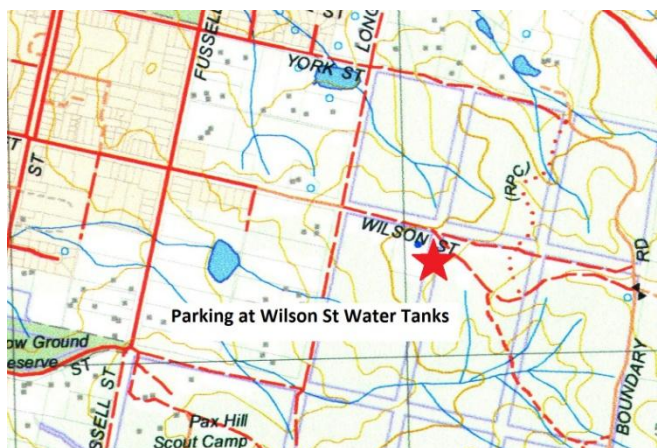
Heritage Mining Map launch and Walk Sunday August 26th 2018

Heritage Mining Walk in Woowookarung Regional Park will begin with a very short launch of the City of Ballarat funded "Heritage Mining Walk" brochure at the Water Tanks on Wilson St Canadian, before heading south past Pax Hill to the edge of the Rifle Range and into the centre of the park, viewing the extensive mine workings, shafts, adits, water races, dams, sluicing sites and exquisite geology of the area

along the way. The walk will return to the Wilson St water tanks via the Skyline Trail adjacent to Boundary Rd.

The walk length 8km takes about 3 hours, is medium rated and includes some off trail walking over and along gullies and hills requiring solid footwear and rain protection. Refreshments provided at the end.

Meeting point: Wilson St Water Tanks, Wilson St East, Canadian at 1pm, Sunday August 26th 2018. Registration appreciated but not required. Details Jeff Rootes 0408509591



Star indicates meeting point.

More pine trees removed

Parks Victoria and volunteers have removed more pines from the Park. The pines are a legacy of the previous pine plantations that covered nearly half of the Park between 1960 and 2000. The pines below were removed near Lal Lal Drain and on the east side of Boundary Rd. Since the declaration of the Park in 2016 thousands of pine trees have been removed in many different areas of the Park.



A swath of removed pine trees.

Mt Clear Mountain Bike July Trail Working Bee on July 23rd

Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club (BSCC) Members, Mountain Bikers and Parks Victoria Staff joined forces recently to undertake some trail maintenance works on Trail 2 at the Mt Clear Mountain Bike Trail Network. The working bee saw an enthusiastic group of volunteers spend the morning hauling nearly four cubic metres of gravel to re-establish grade reversals on a sloping section of the trail. A grade reversal is where small upsloping sections are introduced to a down-sloping trail to divert water off and away from the trail. Introduced at short intervals, grade reversals reduce erosion and lead to more sustainable trails that require less ongoing maintenance. The Mt Clear Trail Network was first established through a partnership between the BSCC and The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning through funds raised by club events and grants. These maintenance works build on previous efforts earlier this year and are part of periodic trail works undertaken by volunteers and Parks Victoria staff.



Photo caption: David Eldridge, looking mighty fine in his new Ground Effects T-shirt, delivers some gravel for Tamas Spokevicius to shape into a grade reversal to reduce trail erosion cause by water.

Another Mud Hole removed

Mudholes just seem to attract hoon 4WD vehicles. The mudhole at Red Hill off Boundary Road was filled in with rock recently. There are now several rock filled ex mudholes in the park and it seems that once filled very few vehicles now bother to use those tracks.



Illegal track closed

In the June News Update readers were alerted to an illegal track cut through grasstrees. Parks Victoria Rangers have now closed the track.



The closed track sign

Koala Friendly Pathway

In Ballarat East along Warrenheip Gully there is a sign identifying that the City of Ballarat, the Australian Koala Foundation and local residents worked together to create a Koala friendly trail.

Does any one know any more about this?



The Koala sign in Warrenheip Gully at the Kline St crossing

Rubbish dumpers still at it

Many thanks to the local resident who notified Parks Victoria about this rubbish dumper in Wilson St. The site has been taped and the EPA have been brought into the

investigation. Many personal identity items were left in the rubbish.



Rubbish strewn along Wilson St

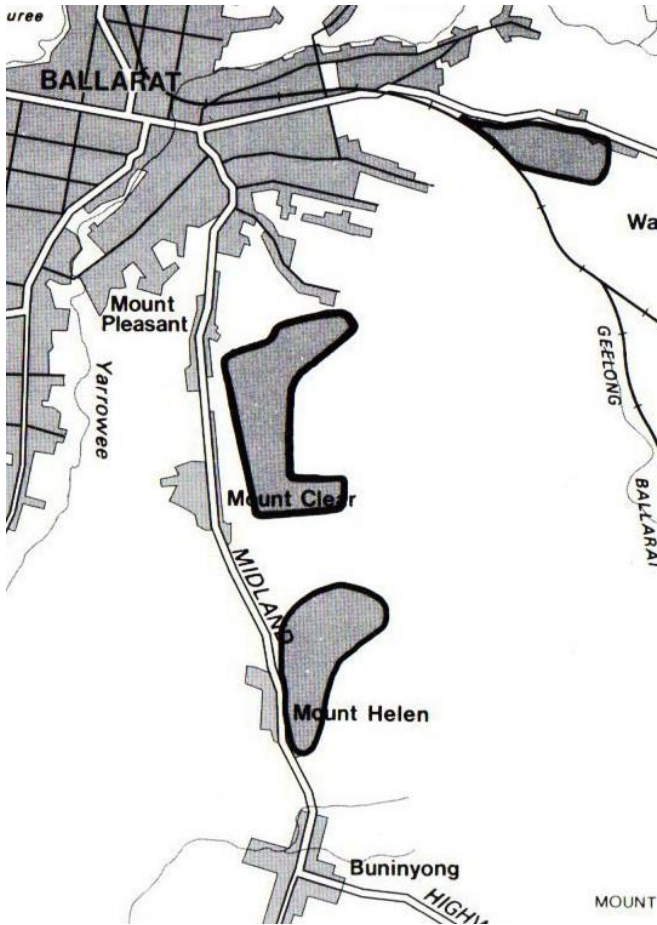
Ex Commonwealth Rifle Range drop zone markers

The ex Commonwealth Rifle Range was originally fenced around its perimeter. On the east side there was a defined drop range for stray bullets. There are still a few markers left, if you can find them. The marker below is just off the Boundary Rd and Davidsons Rd junction.



Rifle Range marker

1980's development plan



In Weston Bates "Life after Gold" book about Ballarat, published in the early 1990's there is an intriguing map on Page 194 showing proposed subdivisions in the Mt Clear and Mt Helen area.

It would appear the Park may not have happened if these plans had been fully acted upon. Discuss!

FoCC Membership.

In June the FoCC membership hit an all time high of 44. As part of our insurance obligations the FoCC must keep a membership contact list including address, email and phone details. The secretary has been contacting some members to update their details. Many thanks to those who have responded.

Membership enquiries Treasurer Peter – 0475 204161

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.

FoCC facebook

Rob Loveband is now overseeing the FoCC Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/

Currently we have just over 210 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.

2018 calendar

- August 12th 2018 – Tree planting
- August 15th 2018 – General meeting "Koalas"
- August 26th Walking mine tour of the Park
- October 17th 2018 – FoCC Annual Meeting
- October 21st Wildflower walk and pop up trail

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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>
