



# FoCC Incorporated September 2018 News Update

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Pop up wildflower ID

### 1. FoCC Second Annual Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Canadian Corridor Incorporated will be held at:

**7pm Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> at Earth Ed, Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear.**

All members and friends are welcome.

#### Agenda

- Minutes of FoCC annual meeting Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- Presidents report
- Treasurers report
- Election of Office Bearers
- General Business
- Guest speakers TBA

**Note:** The FoCC committee moved the meeting from its original date in October to November 21<sup>st</sup> due to other events occurring in October.

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

or focc@gmail.com or Mob 0408509591

J Rootes FoCC Secretary

### 2. October 21<sup>st</sup> Wildflower walk and pop up trail

The Field Naturalists Club of Ballarat (FNCB) and FoCC are conducting a wild flower trail walk in the north part of the Park on Sunday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10am.

The trail will begin at the Wilson St water tanks and will be guided through a very diverse wildflower rich area.

Parking areas will be signed.

The trails is on bush tracks and solid footwear and appropriate clothing is advised. The trail does involve descending into a bush creek area and has some steep sections.



The walk will be guided by local wildflowers experts. The FNCB have produced 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 funding of 2017 for providing support for the labels and safety equipment.

### 3. Bunanyung Landscape Alliance launch imminent

The Bunanyung Landscape Alliance (BLA) Establishment Document and Strategic Plan is about to be launched. The Plan establishes the BLA as a independent entity that advocates, supports and coordindates landscape scale biodiversity activity and enhancement at a local landcare level, at an agency level and at a policy and research level with institutions, councils and government .

The launch will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup> at Sovereign Hill. Detailed invitations to be sent at a later date.

# Bunanyung Landscape Alliance

Establishment Document and Strategic Plan



Bunanyung is the Wadawurrung spelling for Mt Buninyong and is described as a "man lying on his back with knees raised (from shape of the hill)".

Adopting "Bunanyung" recognises the long custodianship of the land by the Wadawurrung people. "Landscape Alliance" reflects the current custodianship by The Alliance community and stakeholders.

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With support from Sophie Bickford and members of the Interim Committee

## 4. Pick My Project Voting

The Pick my project voting has now closed. The FoCC is hopeful our project will get up. During the voting period, friends letter boxed and handed out at local supermarkets over 1000 flyers. We had strong support from Friends of Lake Burrumbeet and Mollonghip Hall, Ballarat Bushwalkers, Dementia Australia, Breaze, Leigh Catchment, Landcare and quite a few other groups. And friends just talked to their friends and encouraged support for the cause. Many thanks to all those who supported the Pick My Project cause.

On Sunday morning September 9th at 10am a small group of Friends walked the area where the "New community nature experience trail in Woookarung Regional Park" will hopefully be located.

## 5. Koala Working Party

The FoCC Koala Working Party was formed at the end of the General Meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Earth Ed, Mt Clear.

The "Koala Working Party" was formed to address the three FoCC questions.

- Are there any Koalas out there?
- Where are they?
- What can we do?

The FoCC Koala Working Party met on August 26<sup>th</sup> and has agreed to:

- Seek Koala sightings from friends and the general community. Reports can be made to [focinfo@gmail.com](mailto:focinfo@gmail.com)
- Create a map of Koala sightings
- Publicize the need to build a profile of Koalas in the corridor
- Find and review the work undertaken by various Koala researchers such as Pat Prevett, Hedley Thompson, Rolf Schagloff and others.

The next Koala Working Party Meeting is at Earth Ed, Olmpic Avenue, Mt Clear, on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Further info from Bob Hartmann 0474557409 or [focinfo@gmail.com](mailto:focinfo@gmail.com)

Interested friends are welcome to join the working party!

## 6. Koala Sightings

Reports of Koala sightings around the district are coming in. Recent reports place Koalas at: Dunnstown, Brown Hill, Damascus College Mt Clear, Union Jack Reserve, Buninyong Golf Club and Gear Avenue.

If a Koala is spotted please note time, date and location and if possible an image and send to [focinfo@gmail.com](mailto:focinfo@gmail.com) or facebook

Mating season for Koalas is just beginning and there are good chances that the grunting of male Koalas may be the first indication that Koalas are around.

## 7. Oversize development in Sailors Gully withdrawn.

The FoCC has received a letter from the City of Ballarat advising that the oversize development at Sailors Gully has been withdrawn by the developer. The FoCC were objectors (minor). Congratulations to the neighbourhood friends for their spirited defence of their neighbourhood character.

## 8. Dementia Trail planning

Further planning work has been undertaken on the Dementia Trail by Parks Victoria, Bigger Hearts Dementia Alliance, Dementia Australia and local schools. Recently a film unit on behalf of Dementia Australia interviewed local people involved in the project to record their views about the hopes and wishes for the project. The film unit will come back next year to record the projects evolution particularly the on ground component.

## 9. Compassionate Ballarat at Lake Wendouree

FoCC supported the Dementia Australia presentation at the Compassionate Ballarat Expo at Lake Wendouree on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>.



Woowookariung Regional Park was on display.

### 10. Friends of Sparrow Ground 20 years on

In 1998 the then Kennett Government decided to sell off the south block of Sparrow Ground in Canadian.



Local residents organised a protest meeting at Sparrow Ground which was addressed by then COB Councillor Geoff Howard.

108 letters of protest were tabled at the following October 1998 Council Meeting and with Cr Howards support in the Council, Sparrow Ground was saved.

The Friends of Sparrow Ground was formally set up in December 1998 and has been quietly active ever since.

Positive achievements have been:

- Regular Clean Up Australia Day at Sparrow Ground.
- The formal naming of Grasstree Creek in 2013.
- Hundreds of trees planted
- Hundreds of feral pine trees removed as well as gorse and broom feral plant reduction.
- The retention of Koala habitat on adjacent building development sites and the establishment of cycle paths and easements within developments as a result of VCAT interventions.

- The development of good relationships with the City of Ballarat Parks and Gardens crews who do their job with limited resources.

Congratulations to the small band of enthusiastic regulars who keep an eye on the Park and continue to remove the weeds and rubbish that seem to keep growing.

### 11. FoCC Membership.

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 a \$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/](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/)

Currently we have just over 220 friends on Facebook and growing. Feel free to add and pass on to other friends and press the like button.

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

### 2018 calendar

- October 21<sup>st</sup> Wildflower walk and pop up trail
- Bunanyung Landscape Alliance Launch
- November 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 – FoCC Annual Meeting

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# Friends of Canadian Corridor Incorporated

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## 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.

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| First Name:   |            |
| Last Name:  |            |
| Name of Group represented: (if applicable)  |            |
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| 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 <a href="mailto:focinfo@gmail.com">focinfo@gmail.com</a> or by mail to the Treasurer (address below) |            |

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| Payment may be made by   |
| 1. Bank transfer to details: <b>BSB</b> 06 3502 <b>Account No</b> 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<br>PO Box 83,<br>Mt Clear Vic,<br>3350.   |

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