



FoCC Incorporated January 2019 News Update

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1. FoCC membership dues now payable

FoCC membership dues are now payable. For just \$20 a year you can be a member of FoCC and join over 50 members and hundreds of Friends to make a difference in Woowookarung Regional Park and the larger Canadian Corridor.

Many thanks to those who have already paid their 2019 membership. Receipts will be emailed in the next few days.

All outstanding 2018 members will receive a reminder email in the next few days. New or returning members will find a membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership enquiries Treasurer Peter – 0475 204161

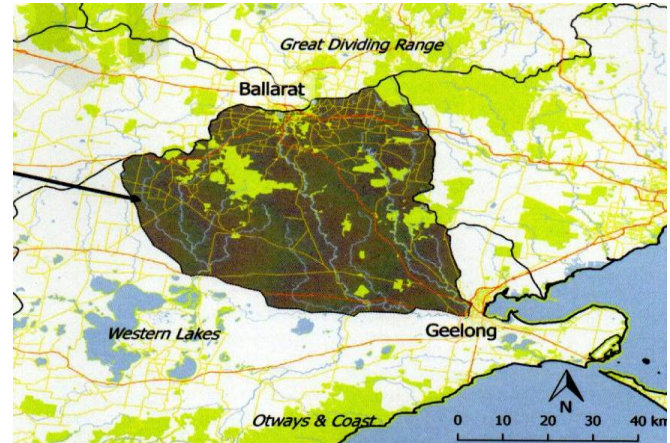
2. Bunanyung Landscape Alliance Establishment Forum

The Bunanyung Landscape Alliance is holding a forum at the “Premier Room” City Oval Hotel, 1321 Mair St Ballarat, at **7pm on Wednesday February 6th** to form the Bunanyung Landscape Alliance as an incorporated body and to appoint a Board.



The “Bunanyung Landscape Alliance” is an emerging alliance of community members, Landcare and friends’ groups, networks and associations in the urban and rural

catchments of the Moorabool, Leigh and Woody Yaloak, all of which form the northern part of the Corangamite Catchment Management Area as shown below.



FoCC urges interested friends to attend the forum.

More info:

<http://www.bunanyunglandscapealliance.org/your-project/bunanyung-landscape-alliance>

Or RSVP to Peter Gell 0427 870 280, Andrea Mason 0427 338 482, Jeff Rootes 0408 509 591

3. Major projects

Dementia Trail Planning is now well underway. In the past weeks Parks Victoria have called for Landscape Architects to tender for the trail design.

Pick My project nature trail

FoCC has submitted a project plan to the PMP funding team. The PMP grant is for \$78005 and Parks Victoria will contribute approximately \$50000 in additional supporting works and expenditure.

The FoCC plan has the planning of the trail route starting on February 1st with construction completed by December 2019.

The FOCC plan involves a cultural and heritage assessment being completed by April concurrently with the identification and surveying of the of the actual trail.

The determination of where the trail will actually go will be undertaken during February and March with plans due to be completed by the end of March. Parks Victoria Rangers and the FoCC committee will lead the process.

FoCC is now working with Parks Victoria for access and minor works approvals to be signed off. Once approvals are completed Friends will be able to participate in the trail planning via planned walks, consultations and on site mapping sessions. The sessions will be notified to friends once times and dates are organised.

Construction of the trail will be undertaken between May and September with trail signs, information, road crossings and community information finalised and formally launched by December.

4. **FoCC General Meeting February 20th 2019**

The FoCC general meeting feature Clare Johnson, Parks Victoria, Woowookarung Project Officer. Clare will be talking about the implementation of the recently released Park Plan. This is a good opportunity to hear Parks Victoria timetable and plans to care and improve the Parks natural features and structures.

The meeting will be held at 7pm Wednesday Evening February 20th 2019 at Earth Ed Centre Olympic Avenue Mt Clear. All welcome, light refreshments - Gold coin donation.

5. **Buninyong SmartBuilding and Living Expo**

The annual Buninyong Smart Building and Living Expo will be held at Royal Park Buninyong on February 24th 2019. FoCC will be participating with Woowookarung Regional Park as the centre piece with supporting information. Friends wishing to assist on the day can volunteer at the next general meeting or email focinfo@gmail.com for more details.



The FoCC display 2018

6. **More Koala Sightings**

Koala in the gorge on Sunday Jan 20th. Image P Darveniza



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



Koala in a tall tree alongside the soon to be built dementia trail. This koala was tracked over weeks being first observed in Sailors Gully, the east end of Katy Ryans Rd, Bakers Rd and the locality of the Dementia Trail. Image C Ie.

Mating season for koalas from October to February and there are good chances that the grunting of a male koala may be the first indication that koalas are around.

7. **Park works**

Resurfacing Katy Ryans Rd

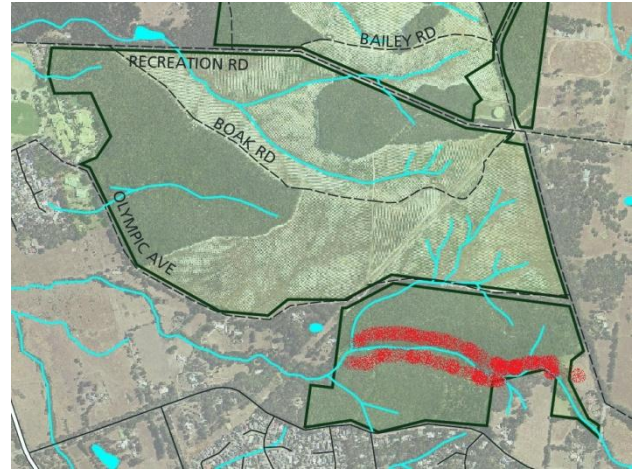
Parks Victoria have contracted Creswick Earthworks to resurface Katy Ryans Rd with blue metal topping. The west end had deteriorated with many potholes and washaways particularly in the area where the unnamed creek crosses Katy Ryans Rd. A new culvert has also been placed in Clayton St near the North Gate.

Eco Blade at work

Parks Victoria rangers have contracted Gorsebusters Eco Blade services to remove a large areas of gorse around the pump station at on the corner of Boundary Rd and Recreation Rd, Dozed Rd and Katy Ryans Rd junction and off Olympic Avenue. The Eco Blade is very efficient method a removing large scale gorse infestation. It was used very successfully off Katy Ryans Rd in 2018.

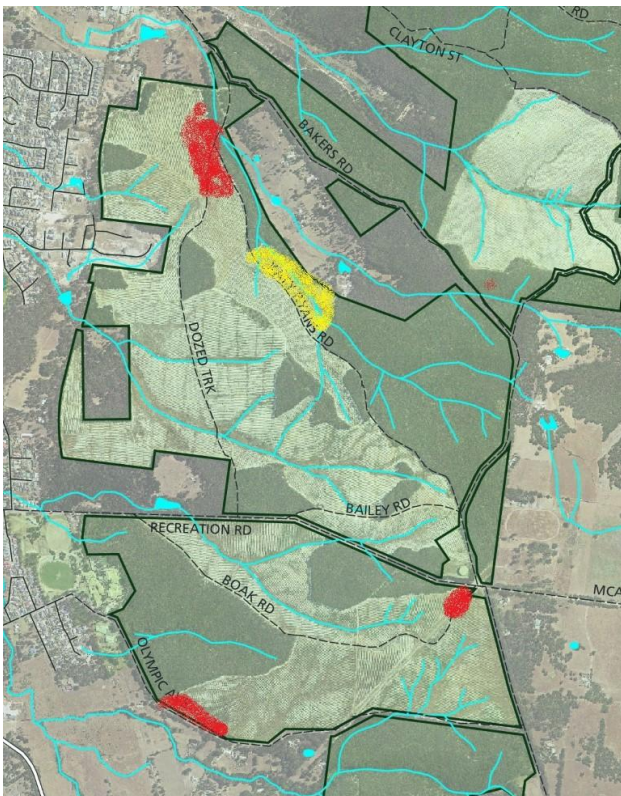


Look no gorse now! Dozed Rd Saturday Jan 26th 2019

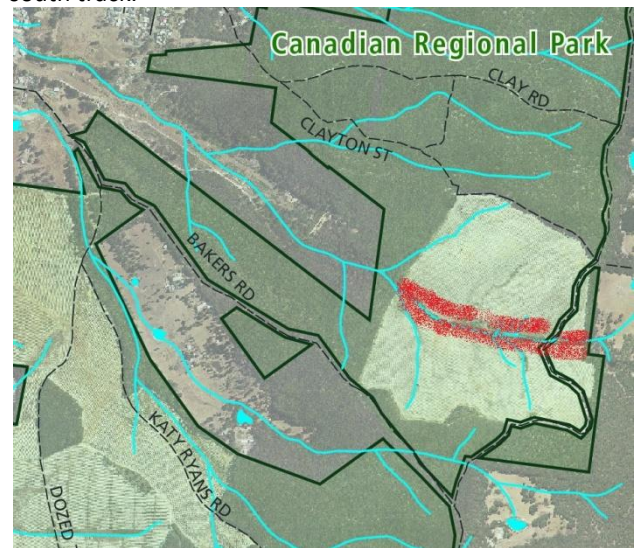


Red area shows the gorse spray area.

The CCMA has also completed spraying in Lal Lal Drain Creek between Boundary Road and the now closed north-south track.



Eco blade work areas. Red is 2019 and yellow 2018 works.



Red areas show CCMA spray work area Lal Lal Drain spray area

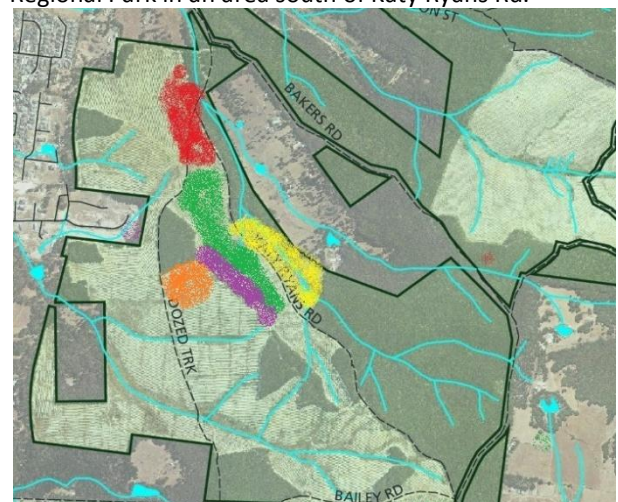
8. Corangamite Catchment Management Authority Blackberry and Gorse works.

The extensive blackberry, gorse and other weed infestation in the gorge has been under attack by the CCMA funded contractors during January. Contractors have sprayed blackberries, broom, gorse and other weeds in the gorge, below Bells Rd and the Central Highlands Water easement off Olympic Avenue.

Much of the gorse and weed infested areas have been in existence for a long time. Eureka Orienteers maps from the 1990's show large impenetrable clumps of gorse and weeds that were in those times, blockers to orienteers. The ground disturbance created by the plantation tree and stump removal created a perfect seed bed for weeds to regrow.

9. FoCC - DELWP weed removal and tree planting grant

Last year FoCC received a grant of \$11213 from DELWP for weed removal and tree planting in 2019 in Woowookarung Regional Park in an area south of Katy Ryans Rd.



FoCC 2019 planned weed removal and tree planting area in green. 2017 tree planting in purple and 2018 in orange..

The weed removal contract has been let by the FoCC to Goldfields Weed Management for the removal of gorse and other weeds in the area.



Alex, Don, Carolyn and Peter on site talking gorse control. Feb 1st 2019.

10. Suspicious fire in Olympic Avenue

On thursday evening of January 24th a suspicious fire was lit on the south side of the Olympic Avenue road reserve. Quick work by local brigades quickly put the fire out. The fire burnt around 200 square meters.



Bob surveying the burnt area - Saturday Jan 26th 2019

11. The City of Ballarat's Koala tree protection at work.



The Courier took up the issue of the removal of the old Koala tree in Kline St.

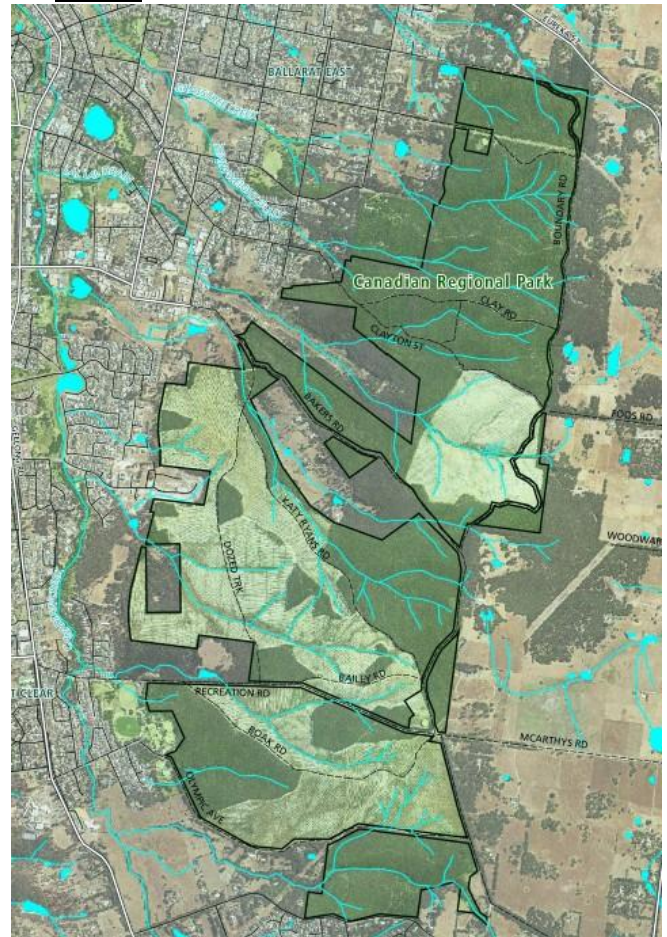


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To read the article

<http://www.thecourier.com.au/story/5866907/council-failing-to-protect-koala-trees/?cs=12>

12. Map of Woowookarung Regional Park Courtesy Parks Victoria



13. Woowookarung Strategic Directions Plan

The strategic directions plan released in October 2018 can be accessed at:

<https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/woowookarung-regional-park>



14. FoCC Membership 2019

FoCC membership for 2019 is now available. 2018 membership ceased on Dec 31st 2018.

All outstanding 2018 members will receive a reminder email in the next few days.

Many thanks to the large number who have already paid their 2019 membership. Receipts will be emailed in the next few days also.

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 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 with images comments etc.

2019 draft calendar

- February 20th 7pm, General Meeting Earth Ed Centre Olympic Avenue Mt Clear.
- February 24th Buninyong Smart building and living expo
- April 18th 2018 General meeting Earth Ed Olympic Avenue Mt Clear
- May 2019 – Mining Heritage walk
- June 20th 2018 - FoCC Forum
- July/August 2018 – Tree planting
- August 15th 2018 – General meeting
- August 26th North to South walk
- October 17th 2018 – Annual Meeting
- October late Wildflower walk and pop up trail
- December early Christmas at the lookout

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Membership Application 2019

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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