



FoCC Incorporated February 2019 News Update

Issue Number 52

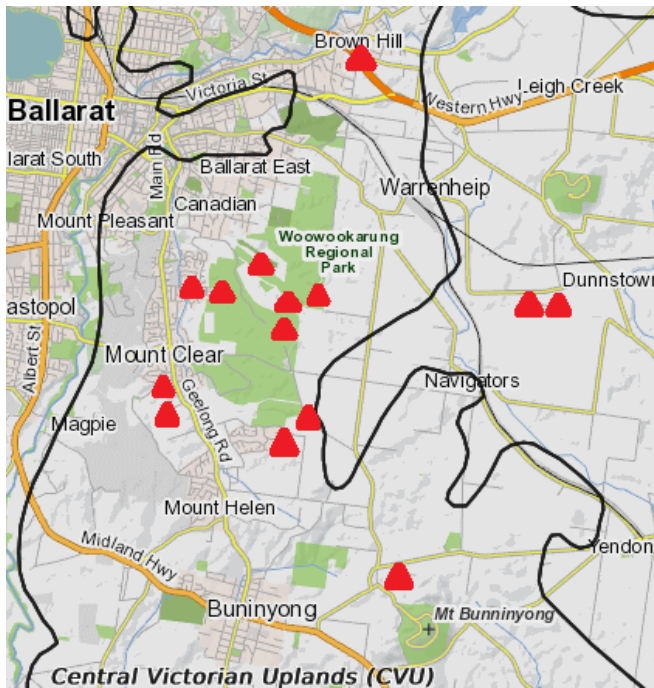
News Update Features

1. There are Koalas in the Park and the Corridor
2. FoCC membership dues now payable.
3. Clean Up Australia Day
4. Bunanyung Landscape Alliance Establishment Forum,
5. FoCC General Meeting February 20th 2019
6. FoCC - DELWP weed removal and tree planting grant
7. Buninyong smart building and living expo.
8. Car fire in Wilson St
9. Mine shaft capped
10. Trail walk
11. 2019 Membership

1. There are Koalas in the Park and the Corridor

Last year at the August FoCC general meeting the question was posed “Koalas - where have they gone?”

The map below shows where friends have observed Koalas since that meeting.



11	11/12/18	Dementia Trail	Mt Clear
12	20/12/18	Bakers Rd	Mt Clear
13	19/1/19	The Gorge	Green Hill
14	12/2/19	Foos Lane	Canadian

Note: There are reports of Koalas at Buninyong Golf Course, Lal Lal and Durham Lead. The FoCC will be putting the records onto the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas over the next few weeks.

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

2. Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday March 3rd. Two sites fall within the Canadian Corridor.

- Sparrow Ground – Cnr of Kline and Spencer St. Meet at the children’s playground. 10am to noon.
- “The Forest” Cnr Elford St and Fussell St. 4pm to 5pm
- And a special mention to Damascus College for organising a schools cleanup on Friday March 1.

3. Bunanyung Landscape Alliance Establishment Forum

The Bunanyung Landscape Alliance was formed at a meeting of the City Oval Hotel on Wednesday February 6th

From the Bunanyung Landscape alliance web site <http://findingnorth.net.au/your-project/bunanyung-landscape-alliances>



Bunanyung Landscape Alliance Board
Geoff Howard, Andrea Mason, Michelle Butler, Wayne Weaire
Jeff Rootes, Diana Kuchinke, Peter Gell, Stephen Carey (apology)

“Last night our first Board was duly elected and we are very excited to be starting this new phase of this organisation. Each of these volunteers is acting in an individual capacity and not as the organisations they may work or are associated with. Naturally they bring a huge collective level of experience and skills to the table. And of course there’s a lot to do!

	Date	Location	Address
1	-/8/18	Damascus College	Geelong Rd
2	-/9/18	Dunnstown	Ti Tree Rd
3	-/9/19	Brown Hill	
4	28/10/18	Sailors Gully	Greenhaven Ct
5	29/10/18	Sailors Gully	Greenhaven Ct
6	29/10/18	Mt Buninyong	Yendon No 1 Rd
7	14/11/18	Green Hill Rd	Green Hill
8	23/11/18	Ti Tree Rd	Dunnstown
9	24/11/18	Damascus College	Mt Clear
10	6/12/18	Katy Ryans Rd	Mt Clear

We gratefully acknowledge the input from friends and colleagues who have provided guidance and where necessary their permission to use existing documents as a basis for getting to this stage and developing the draft Establishment strategy including; the Interim Committee, Wathaurong Aboriginal Corporation, Natural Resources Conservation League, GondwanaLink, Greater Eastern Ranges Initiative, Biolinks Alliance, Corangamite CMA - Connected Landscapes and the Clarksdale Group."

4. 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 Woowookarung Regional Park in an area south of Katy Ryans Rd. FoCC in conjunction with Parks Victoria contracted Goldfields Weed Management to spray and kill gorse and other weeds in the area south of Katy Ryans Rd and east of Dozed Rd. This work was undertaken in the first week of February.

In July and August approximately 1250 trees will be planted in the prepared area.

5. FoCC General Meeting February 20th 2019

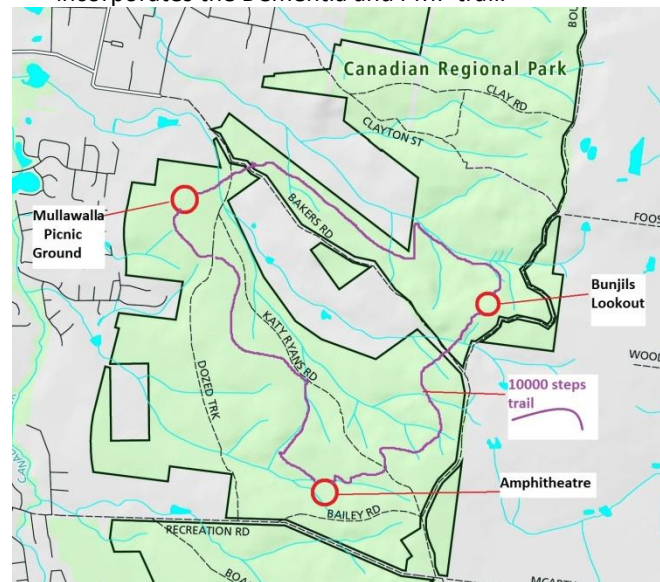
The February FoCC general meeting featured Clare Johnson, Parks Victoria, Woowookarung Project Officer.

The plan is designed to give direction for the Parks care, restoration and development for the next 15 to 20 years Clare outlined the processes and the expectations of the community and community involvement that is captured in the Woowookarung Regional Park Strategic Directions Plan.

The plan contains measurable outcomes and is designed for ongoing partnerships with since, research, tourism, schools and locals.

Now that the Plan has been adopted the next step is to implement parts of the plan over the next couple of years by undertaking the following projects.

- Parks have now engaged Landscape Architects Thomson Hay to scope out the 10000 step trail which incorporates the Dementia and PMP trail.



The map above is an approximation of the 10000 step route from FoCC's 2016 submission. Note names were indicative at the time.

- The Healthy Parks Healthy People aspect is to be promoted. In a few weeks time a health ranger will be appointed and begin work with Parks and the community on a "Health Activation" theme.
- Capital works over the next two years will cover works such as neighbourhood nodes at Sailors Gully where access issues and landscape restoration is needed.
- Works at the CHW Water Pipeline easement where it crosses the unnamed forest creek in the Gorge.
- A large amount of weed and invasive plants removal has been undertaken and will continue.
- The construction of the Dementia trail and the PMP trail which are already in process.

Many varied questions were asked at the end covering weeds, the rifle range and rubbish dumpers.

6. Buninyong Smart Building and Living Expo

The annual Buninyong Smart Building and Living Expo was held at Royal Park Buninyong on February 24th 2019.

Many thanks to the volunteers for their time & enthusiasm.



Bianca and John at the Expo, Image Rob Loveband

7. Car fire in Wilson St

Another car was torched in the Park in Wilson St adjacent to the CHW water tanks. Image courtesy Ballarat Courier.



Where the fire took hold overnight. Picture: Greg Gliddon

8. Mine shaft Capped

A very deep shaft in the Saw Pit Gully area adjacent to the Rifle Range was capped during January. There are now seven grated mine shafts in the park. Several other dangerous shafts have been capped and covered.



Location of shaft



9. Trail walk

Friends (image below) walked the lay of the country and the tracks that will make up the PMP nature trail path was undertaken on the evening of Wednesday 27th.



10. FoCC Membership 2019

Many thanks to the large number of friends who have renewed their 2019 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 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 at webmaster@focc.asn.au is now overseeing the FoCC Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/

Currently we have just over 260 friends on facebook and growing. Feel free to add and pass on to other friends and press the like button.

2019 draft calendar

- April 17th 2019 General meeting Earth Ed Olympic Avenue Mt Clear
- May 2019 – Mining Heritage walk
- June 19th 2019 - FoCC Forum
- July/August 2019 – Tree planting
- August 21st 2019 – General meeting
- August 25th North to South walk
- October 16th 2019 – Annual Meeting
- October late Wildflower walk and pop up trail
- December early Christmas at the lookout

The FoCC update is published on behalf of the Friends of Canadian Corridor Incorporated, Registered No A0097535B. Circulation this issue is 383.

The update is generally published monthly. Friends wishing to add articles to the FoCC update may do so by emailing focinfo@gmail.com

Feel free to circulate widely including doctors waiting rooms, work offices, friends and neighbours.

Any opinions expressed in the publication are those of the editor and do not officially represent Parks Victoria or the FoCC.

Web - www.focc.asn.au Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/>

Unsubscribe by emailing the editor focinfo@gmail.com

Friends of Canadian Corridor Incorporated

Registered number A0097535



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. Note: 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.

Date Received:
Amount \$
Receipt No