



FoCC Incorporated March 2019 News Update

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1. FoCC General Meeting April 17th 2019

The next FoCC general meeting will be held at 7pm Wednesday April 17th 2019 at Earth Ed Centre Olympic Avenue Mt Clear. The meeting will feature a guest speaker on a topic about the Park. More meeting information soon! The meeting is a great place to find out what is happening around the Park and the corridor.

2. Woovookarung Regional Park top Ballarat scenic spot

According to the "Ballarat Courier" report on March 19th 2019.

"Only recently declared a Regional Park, this old plantation and mining area is one of the unsung gems of the city. There are exciting plans afoot led by the park's passionate advocates at the Friends of Canadian Corridor and Parks Victoria, including a dementia trail and more clearly defined walking tracks. You can park at this particular scenic look-out, but you will discover others when you wander the trails."

<https://www.thecourier.com.au/story/5961986/where-are-the-most-spectacular-views-in-and-around-ballarat/?cs=62>

3. Pick My Project preparation moves forward

The PMP nature trail is having the trail Cultural Heritage assessment undertaken. Landscape Architects Thomson Hay are also looking at the trail path

4. Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day was on Sunday March 3rd with three sites in the Canadian Corridor.

- Sparrow Ground – Cnr of Kline and Spencer St.
- "The Forest" Cnr Elford St and Fussell St.
- Damascus College schools cleanup on Friday March 1.



Collected rubbish at Sparrow Ground. Well done to the organisers and helpers.

5. Planned Burn and works

Forest Fire Management Victoria has posted notice of planned burns in the Woovookarung Regional Park along Clay Rd, Clayton St and Boundary rd. The grasstrees in the area had their skirts touch burnt a couple of years back.

More info: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/>



6. Will this tree be next?

On the corner of Geelong Rd and Recreation Rd there is a significant tree. Recently a developer’s fence has been erected. With the recent attitude of the COB statutory planners to allow developers free range with trees will this one be next. Feel free to call your local councillor and express an opinion.



This tree measures 2.9 metres around the girth and maybe is 100 to 150 years old.

7. Dementia friendly Forest Sensory Trail planning moves forward.

The proposal to create a Dementia Friendly Forest Sensory Trail is moving ahead. The appointed landscape architects Thomson Hay Landscape Architects held on site and workshop sessions at Earth Ed centre on Thursday March 28th with health and access professionals, dementia carers

and people living with Dementia and friends. The sessions sought to to gather information, ideas, needs and thoughts about how a trail may be created and established. The trail is a first in Australia and should have a real influence on people living with Dementia in a very positive way.



Rangers Alex and Paul in discussion about the dementia trail location.

8. Piano Dam

Yes there is a piano in the dam along Dozed Road. The dry autumn has seen the piano emerge again.



No chance of a tune here.

9. Walking groups making regular use of Woowookarung Regional Park

Many walking groups use the Park for outings. Recently the Ballarat U3A groups were in the Park and from further afield the Essendon bush walking club spent a day circumnavigating the Park.



Ballarat U3A walkers Image G Howard



Essendon Bushwalking Club Walkers Image B Casey

10. There are Koalas in the Park and the Corridor

Last month FoCC published a map of where Koalas have been observed in the Corridor. If you see koalas please record time, place and hopefully an image. Send to focinfo@gmail.com

11. Mountain bike comps

Ballarat Sebastopol Mountain Bike club held competitions in the Park on the evening of March 22nd.



Image: Ballarat Sebastopol Mountain Bike Club Facebook

12. FoCC Membership 2019

Many thanks to the large number of friends for renewing their 2019 membership. Receipts have been hand delivered or sent out by email.

Note Two wonderful friends have paid their membership but forgot to put their name on the bank slip. If you paid earlier this year and did not get receipt please contact Jeff 0408509591 or Treasurer Peter – 0475 204161

Membership is good way to ensure the Friends are viable and strong to keep the Park and corridor in good order. Membership is offered to individuals to become a formal Friend of the Canadian Corridor for \$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 at webmaster@focc.asn.au is now overseeing the FoCC Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/

Currently we have just over 270 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 26th 2019 – Mining Heritage walk
- June 19th 2019 - FoCC Koala Forum
- July/August 2019 – Tree planting
- August 21st 2019 – General meeting
- August 25th North to South walk
- October 16th 2019 – Annual Meeting
- October 22nd Wildflower walk and pop up trail
- December early Christmas at the lookout

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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: Note: Please add your name to the bank transfer and email focinfo@gmail.com a copy of this application form or your name and the date of the transaction.
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

