



FoCC Incorporated July 2019 News Update

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1. Very successful Monster Tree Planting

One hundred and forty nine wonderful people plus one assistance dog 1000 Koala friendly trees in the centre of Woowookarung Regional Park on Sunday 21st

Seventeen different local groups joined with FoCC members to plant the trees. As one parent said to their child, "this is so the Koalas can have home here soon".

Many thanks to the wonderful team work that helped make the event successful. Special thanks to the Parks Victoria rangers, traffic marshals, sausage sizzlers and knowledgeable tree planting people who shared their knowledge with first timers. Everyone pitched in and did fabulous job.

The unsung heroes were the hard working volunteers at the City of Ballarat Community Indigenous Nursery, who collected the seed from trees adjacent to the planting area and nurtured those trees over months to point of being ready to plant.

Finally to good old nature for bringing welcome rain last Tuesday (July23rd) to settle the trees in. The FoCC will leave the number signs in place for quite a while so you can identify your sector



Registering at the planting morning session Image Tarn



Phytophthora control footwear measures

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Digging deep to help reinvigorate Ballarat's koala corridor

Ashleigh McMillan Community

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Diggin' it: Three-year-old Mason Hotchin at the Friends of Canadian Corridor monster tree planting in Woowookarung Regional Park on Sunday. Picture: Adam Trifford

One thousand new eucalypts were planted over the weekend, to help Ballarat's koalas turn over a new leaf.

More than 80 enthusiastic volunteers got dirty for a major tree planting operation with the Friends of the Canadian Corridor (FoCC) on Sunday.

The area at Woowookarung Regional Park was previously covered in bluegums and pine plantations. But the trees planted over the weekend will now create a corridor for koalas to roam between re-vegetated land.

FoCC secretary Jeff Rootes said many volunteers lived nearby and the event was creating community "ownership of the park".

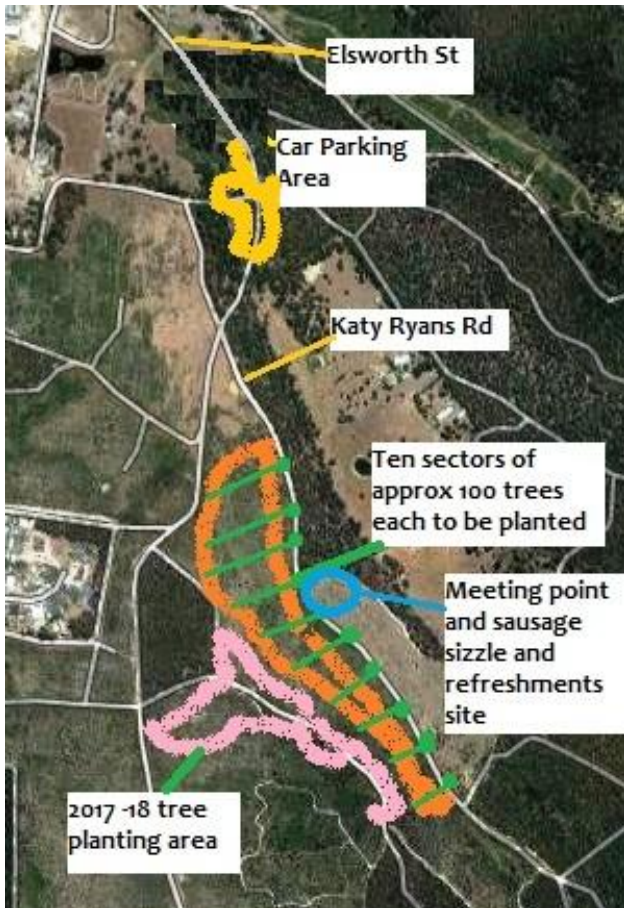
LOCAL NEWS

1 Lip Lab branch closes

Ballarat Courier Monday July 22nd 2019

See the whole Ballarat Courier Monday article above at :

<https://www.thecourier.com.au/story/6284494/digging-deep-to-help-reinvigorate-ballarats-koala-corridor/?cs=139>



Where the trees were planted

On Thursday July 25th Access Skills Training students working with John Gregurke from FoCC planted an additional 100 trees as part of a Certificate 3 in conservation and Land Management Training course. Many thanks to the students, their trainer Cat from the FoCC tree planters.

2. Resilient grasstrees and fire regrowth

Grasstrees are one of the Parks major features. Whilst the threat of phytophthora is very real to the grass trees, fire seems to bring out the recovery phase quite quickly. The planned burn in autumn is already creating new growth.



A five headed grasstree reshooting. Image: Courtesy of Kent.



Grasstree regrowth adjacent to Clayton St

- 3. **Water flow** The wetter than expected winter has lead to some interesting water flowing scenes in the Park.



Minor water flow adjacent to the North South track

4. Trees in Lal Lal Drain

A clump of rare for the park swamp gums have been identified in the Lal Lal Drain gully just below the Lookout.

What is special about this clump of about a dozen mature trees is that the seed from the trees has been blown by north winds onto the southern bank of the creek. Now

there is a little forest of swamp gum saplings being established over an area of about a couple of house blocks. The area was part of the old blue gum plantation and the land was ripped and rotary hoed to a depth of 600mm in 2012 as part of the plantation lease hand back requirements. Whilst the earthworks destroyed all the existing vegetation at that time, a new seedbed was created and the swamp gums have seeded and established well.



Lal Lal Drain Swamp Gums

- 5. **Koala news** If you see koalas please record time, place and hopefully an image. Send to focinfo@gmail.com



This koala puts new meaning to a Koala on a Buninyong hot tin roof (apologies to Tennessee Williams) Image via Rita



Central Buninyong Koala again Image: Courtesy of Pierre

Ballarat



EMBRACES THE KOALA

This image by Gibbs was used by Rolf Schlagloff in promoting Ballarats Koalas in approximately 2008 to 10. Image: Courtesy of Rolf.

Other Koala reports include a Koala along the Yarrawee River near the Power Lines below the Gong Gong reservoir at Brown Hill.

Mattheus reported a Koala in the Northern part of Woowookarung Regional Park adjacent to Eureka St in the past couple of weeks. This is the first report FoCC has received in that area.

6. Park Works - New mine grating



Mine grating South of Pax Hill

7. Midlands Highway Upgrade

Recently Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) began consultation with local environment and community groups about the impact of an upgrade to the highway between Buninyong and Clarendon. The upgrade involves adding turning lanes and widening sections of the road which will impact on the tree lining the road.

FoCC has already been involved in the discussions including a drive through the highway to discuss the hot spots where old habitat trees are close to the road.

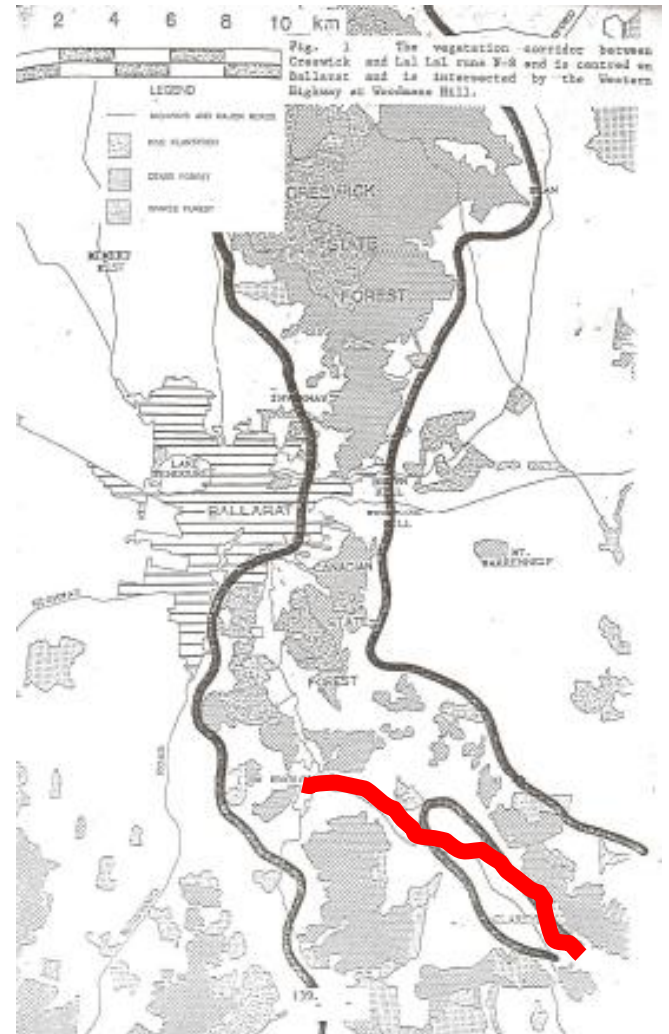
FoCC has proposed to RRV that the highway upgrade should identify where the Biolink or Wildlife Corridor crosses the highway.

A request for signage to the Corridor and the retention of habitat within that zone should be a priority. In addition FoCC has asked for ay offset plantings to be placed in the Corridor adjacent to the crossing. This is to enhance the Corridor either side of the highway.

In the late 1980's a similar approach was taken on the Western Highway which resulted in wildlife protection fencing and the "Koala" tunnel under the highway at the Woodmans Hill turnoff.

The Biolink or Wildlife Corridor was identified in the Woodmans Hill precinct plan C173 in 2014. Now the opportunity to identify the crossing points on the two

highways is another important step in getting proper recognition of where the Wildlife Corridor actually is. Prettv in 1991 identified the Corridor on the diagram below.



The highway shown in red runs from Buninyong across the Wildlife Corridor to Clarendon. Source Prettv 1991 report to City of Ballarat

Vandals

Vandalism takes a new direction. Sometime around Friday or Saturday July 19 and 20th vandals cut done the sign and cut off and stole the "Katy Ryans Rd" sign from the centre post.



8. Fungi

Autumn in the park was very dry and the fungi have been quite late and limited. However there are some very interesting displays in spots as shown below.



Near North South Track

9. Road discontinuance in Mt Xavier Golf Course area

FoCC has lodged an objection to the discontinuance of Mount St and Government Rd in the Mt Xavier Golf course area.

The FoCC's concern is the streets contain significant Koala Habitat and therefore should remain in public ownership. Requests to the City of Ballarat and DELWP for clarification has not produced any sound reasoning for the discontinuance application

The only information we have received is that the owner of the land adjacent would like to purchase the roads after discontinuance.

FoCC argued that the discontinuance should not proceed until the Ballarat East plan has been accepted. Then any application would be able to be considered openly and transparently within the guidelines of the plan. At the moment this application looks like an attempt to beat the plan.

10. FoCC Membership 2019

Many thanks to the large number of friends who have renewed their 2019 membership.

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 0408 509591 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 312 friends on facebook and growing. Feel free to add and pass on to other friends and press the like button.

2019 draft calendar

- August 21st 2019 – General meeting Guest speaker Colleen Fillipa, from 15 trees and an AI Gore Ambassador of the Climate Reality Project, talking about climate change, our park and the corridor
- August 25th North to South walk (Details at August 21st meeting) Note a fearless walking leader is need to host this walk. Talk to Bob if interested.
- October 16th 2019 – Annual Meeting – Guest topic Dementia Sensory Trail.
- October 20th Wildflower walk and pop up trail
- December early Christmas at the lookout

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Membership Application 2019

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First Name:	
Last Name:	
Name of Group represented: (if applicable)	
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I agree to the rules of association and abide by the FoCC committee of Management decisions	
Applicants signature:	
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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. 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: <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>
