



FoCC Incorporated September 2019 News Update



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1. 2019 Annual meeting

All members and friends are welcome to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Canadian Corridor Incorporated to be held at:

7pm Wednesday October 16th at Earth Ed, Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear.

Agenda:

- Minutes of FoCC annual meeting November 21st 2018.
- Presidents report
- Treasurers report
- Election of Office Bearers
- General Business
- Guest speakers TBA

Light refreshments served.

More information from <http://www.focc.asn.au/events/> or focc@gmail.com or Mob 0408509591

J Routes FoCC Secretary

2. Wildflower Walk

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 20th 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 trail 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.

The trail will be open for one week beginning on Sunday October 20th and closing in Sunday 27th.



Pop up wildflower ID



3. 2019 Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards

The FoCC was a surprise nomination and finalist for the 2019 Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards in the Parks Victoria Environmental Sustainability Award . Alas we did not make the final cut. Our thanks to the unknown person or persons responsible for our nomination.

4. Eureka St development proposal withdrawn

A proposed residential development at 846 Eureka St and corner of Long and Stockade Streets has been withdrawn by the developer.

The proposal involved putting a section of Specimen Vale Creek in a pipe and building a road over the top of it. FoCC and local residents opposed this outright and it looks like common sense has prevailed. There are far too many creeks in Ballarat ruined in by being put in pipes. The worst case is at the end of Cherry Court off Richards St. There is where Grasstree Creek runs between two houses in a pipe and under the road as shown on the image below.



Grasstree Creek Cherry Court Jan 2018

Imagine what a one in ten year flood could do at this site. If anyone wants to look at good creek developments then go to Pennyweight Gully between Kline St and Richards St or Sailors Gully. Both of these creeks have been constructed with good biodiversity outcomes in mind.



July 2019 Sailors Gully Creek

5. Revegetation monitoring

Since 2013 the regrowth of the forest in the ex plantation areas has been recorded by John Petheran and others. The monitoring involved regular photographing at 17 sites spread throughout the ex plantation parts of the Park.

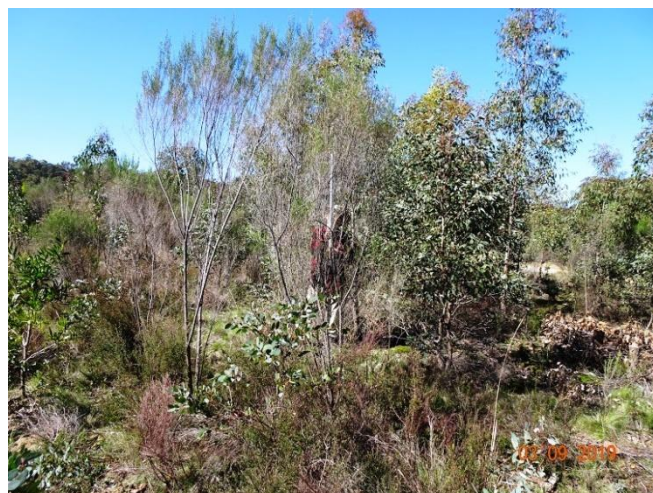
The images below are from site CF6 site just north of Baileys Rd and near Boundary Road in Woowookarung Regional Park. There is good regeneration of brown stingybark, scentbark, wattles, cassinia and herbs.



November 2013



Winter 2016



3rd September 2019

6. Koala news

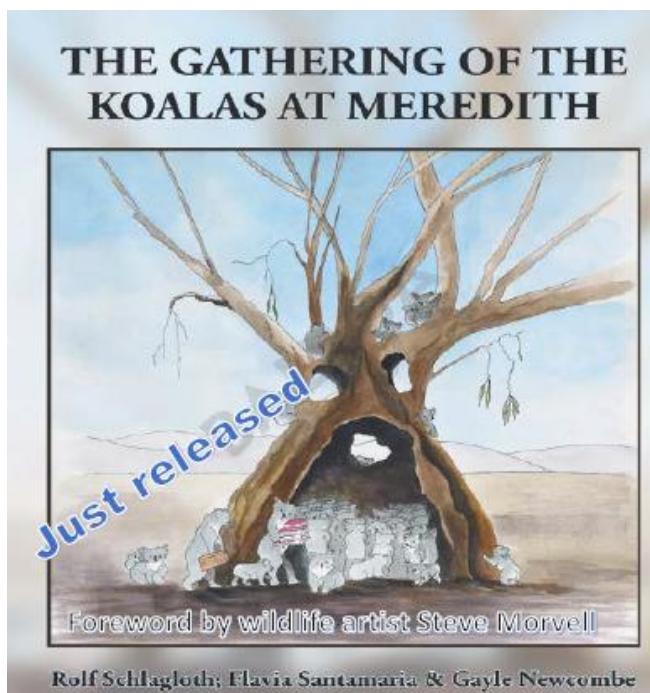
If you see koalas please record time, place and hopefully an image. Send to focinfo@gmail.com

Recent sightings have included a young Koala at University Drive Mt Helen and on Sept 8th in George St. Image below.



Image Courtesy of Jack.

7. A timely new book.



This book is not simply a narrative on the topic of the Environment or an elaboration on the dire straits that koalas find themselves in - it is an exploration of our inner self and how we relate to each other and our surroundings. The authors leave us with some profound knowledge and food for thought.

Profits from the sale of this book will go towards selected koala research projects.



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About the Book

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Rob at webmaster@focc.asn.au is now overseeing the FoCC Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/friendsofcanadiancorridor/

Currently we have just over 382 friends on facebook and growing. Feel free to add and pass on to other friends and press the like button.

2019 draft calendar

- 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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