



News from 'The Hill'
July 2017

Friends of Cornish Hill

COMING UP!

1. Sunday 23rd July 10am in the Senior Cits rooms- **Meet the Birdman – Sean Dooley**
2. **Words in Winter**- Sunday 7th August at 10:00-12:00- meet at the Look-out for a walk around the Hill hosted by keen would be historians Ed Butler and Ian Scott at the helm. Focus on mining history.
3. **September 10th AGM** – In the Paddock room at DNC 10:00 am start. Observations of flora, fauna and landscape in central Victoria. Geoff Park from Natural Newstead – photographer.
4. September 12th and 19th **Gettin' Dirty**- the usual call for bakers of morning tea on both days.
5. November- Date and time TBA - a catered for **picnic or dinner on the Hill**, watch this space!

INFO CENTRE DISPLAY

Thanks to Jane Wells, Gael Shannon, Cait and Jan Bragg plus other friends and family members, a great display was put together in the Info Centre. Matt Pywell of wild plants in Ballarat supplied some large grasses and trees... Grateful thanks to Mary and Julie from the information Centre who were so supportive. And we are looking forward to late September when we have booked the same window this time for 2 weeks. Lend a hand? Yes please! Contact Margie on 5324 2112 or email thomato5324@gmail.com.



EVENTS

Fun with Friends –The one day event as mentioned in the previous newsletter went off with a bang. Funded by Landcare Australia in partnership with RACV, 66 students and 15 staff and volunteers took part in the event rotating through 6 different activities. Thank you to Wendy Taylor, Jan Thompson, Tim Allen, Margret Lockwood and Miriam Porter for your fantastic support on the day. Should we be successful with another round of funding submitted in late June, this time from the NCCMA, a similar event will be held in October this year, this time with the focus on habitat and the smaller seemingly less significant creatures sheltering in it.

What a great time we all had on 4th June when **Janine Duffy from Koala Clancy Foundation** conducted a workshop on Koalas which was so informative but also very entertaining. Janine has a moist engaging personality and she certainly knows her Koalas, even able to name them since she has recognised that individual koalas have their own nose pattern. With a quiz and questions to keep us on our toes, we had a fun time.

Sean Dooley – By now you would have received your invitation to *Meet the Birdman, Sean Dooley* on Sunday 23rd July at the Senior Cits rooms behind the Town Hall. Hands up please if you are coming, perhaps you can give us a hand to serve refreshments, are you able to help by bringing a long a plate of food to share?? And also please let Margie know by giving her a call on 5324 2112 or email to thomato5324@gmail.com.



WORKING BEES



The weather has been kind to us over the past month, lots of work has been done on the Hill. In particular, thanks to our volunteers and coordinated by Jan Thompson, we have had some great working bees with over 250 grasses being planted. All the trees along the creek corridor have also been weeded, broom and gorse cut and painted however these woody weeds will continue to be a problem for us. Some spraying will always be necessary but an over reliance on this method is gradually being replaced by these less invasive methods of hand removal. A huge thank you to Jan, Judy, Liz, Helga, Barbara, Jane, Steve, Anthony, Karen, Sharon and Mandy. Of course, the hard work is always rewarded with a delicious morning tea! And I can say that we all enjoyed it, great camaraderie!

AND A FEW OTHER THINGS

Daylesford Secondary College has introduced a new program called **Hands on Learning**. This will give us the opportunity to engage with young adults who would rather be outside the traditional classroom and to be using their hands to help local community groups. We welcome the first group on July 20th when they will plant the balance of 500 grasses for us, and later in August they will return to assist us in cleaning up rubbish and installing signs.

Special thanks to Friends member Kevin Slattery for his generous donation of \$500. Your committee decided at the last meeting that we would spend some of this on planting a tree in honour of Joan Endacott who passed away earlier this year. Joan was one of the original movers and shakers who saved the Hill from sale all those years ago.

UPDATE ON TROUT HATCHERY



Thanks to Janet McDonald for this photo

Community consultation has been happening throughout this year and we are very close to meeting with McCain's Foods to hand over the information to be used as an interpretation sign. Thanks goes to Leanne Shaw Marg Kildea, Pat Kermode(map) and Janet McDonald as well as local community members Mick Carrick, Neil Rodda, Monty Kirby, Evelyn and Jess Hartup for meeting with us and sharing their stories. This has been a long time coming so watch this space.

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

When conducting school events, we have always taken the responsibilities seriously but in May this year, Child Safety standards were updated and compulsory minimum standards for organisations that provide services for children were introduced. These were designed to help protect children from abuse. Thanks to committee member Kathleen Murray, we now have our own draft working with children policy appropriate to our needs as well as the students who attend events. One of the requirements is that all our volunteers involved in those events must have a working with children card. Details of the draft policy can be found on our website and we invite members to make comment www.cornishhilldaylesford.com.au.

GREEN ARMY ON THE MOVE



We have heard that another Green Army team will be heading our way in October. It was last year's Green Army team who did such a great job up dating all the tracks as well as repairing the drainage along Smiths creek. This year the focus will be on eradication of woody weeds along the creek corridor and on Murray's hill. Watch this space.

A WORD FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Finally, we are always on the lookout for new members for our committee. We've heard all the reasons why you don't want to be on a committee but how about looking at the reasons why we would like you to join. Meetings are held in private homes usually in the afternoon, they rarely go for longer than one hour, they are held 5 or 6 times a year and there is always coffee, tea and something to nibble on to make the meetings as pleasant a necessity as possible. We are a very nice bunch of people who would really love to welcome you into the fold. Go on! Have a think about it, why not come along to the next one on Friday September 29th and see what it's like! Contact Margie Thomas for further details.

Election of office bearers and committee will take place at the AGM on Sunday September 10th at 10am in the Paddock room at the Daylesford Neighborhood Centre.

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"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead