



News from 'The Hill'
FEBRUARY 2018

Friends of Cornish Hill

What a start to the year – from deluges of rain and cold wind to heat waves and high temperatures, we have seen all seasons and the year has just begun.

IT IS DISAPPOINTING TO BEGIN THIS NEWSLETTER WITH A REPORT that the seat made to commemorate **JOAN'S ENDACOTT'S** contribution to the Hill has been stolen. A report has been made to the police and posts have been made on Facebook. We are hopeful that a guilty conscience will prevail and it will be returned to the Hill. Watch out for an article in the next edition of The Local.

WORKING BEES - With 250 plants to get into the ground and as many sites to prepare, these will start on Sunday 25th March (9.30am) with follow ups on Thursday March 29th and Thursday April 5th starting at 8.30am. To assist, call Jan on 0412499872 or email strongjan@bigpond.com.

GENERAL MEETING - our fun packed end of year dinner at Helen's and Andy's has inspired us to hold another social gathering, this time at the picnic table - Sunday 18 March - 5:00pm, BYO chair, glass and a plate of food to share. You will receive more information to follow closer to the time.

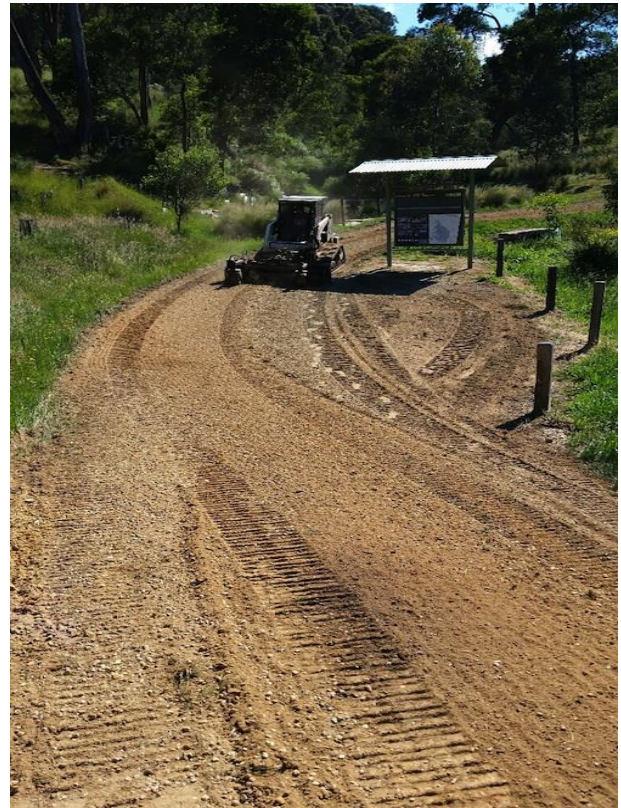
CHILLOUT FESTIVAL - Led by Tanya Loos, this year we are hosting a Flora and Fauna walk on the Hill from 10- 12 on Saturday 10th March. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Please spread the word and also register by emailing Margie on thomato5324@gmail.com or calling 5324 2112.

LADY LUCK VISITS THE HILL - In November last year we hosted a team from CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS AUSTRALIA. Lead by Daryl, a team of 7 volunteers completed the brush cutting of the walking track along the distance of Smiths creek. Spraying to remove re-emergence of gorse along the creek also commenced and they will return in March to finish off their commitment. Next week we welcome a crew from the **GREEN ARMY**. Over the past 3 years, they have completed all the new steps and track improvements for us. This time, team leader Katrina and the crew will focus on weed eradication, specifically broom, gorse and blackberries. Sadly, this is the last time they will be with us as the program has been phased out.

ANIMAL LIFE ON THE HILL - We are also delighted to be able to report some recent sightings of wild life. Thanks to Miriam Porter who snapped a fabulous photos of 2 blue tongue lizards locked in a loving embrace. An Echidna was spotted making its way up from Lake Road then crossing Macadam Street over the gravel section. I suspect it was the same one which appeared in Helen Davey and Ivan Inderbitzen's bird bath a few days later. These photos can be seen over the next page.

TRACK IMPROVEMENTS - Landcare Australia funding enabled Frank from *Low Impact* to complete the improvements to the track leading to the picnic table as well as the storage container.

HELP NEEDED. We are looking for someone to take over our three newsletters per year. Text and photos provided. Contact Jan Thompson (0412499872) or Margie Thomas (5324 2112) if you can



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