



Friends of Cornish Hill

Hi everyone,

Well we've weathered it all during August – snow, sleet, hail, frosty nights and misty mornings, wild, wild winds and some clear sunny days. Now it's time to emerge from hibernation and get back up to Cornish Hill and check out the emerging wildflowers!

As the weather warms up in coming weeks, we'll be asking for volunteers for Working Bees. These are usually on Thursdays and sometimes on weekends. Come and catch up on what's going on, get some fresh air and exercise whilst helping with the upkeep of the Reserve.



Correa reflexa



Pterostylis nutans

MAKING A COMEBACK - Anne Tamblyn as Secretary

Anne's connection to Cornish Hill goes back to the days when the Reserve was to be sold.

Says Anne: "The State Government had made a decision to sell off unwanted Crown Land throughout the state. The Advocate was full of news that the gold mining area of Cornish Hill was to be sold for housing. There was much public comment and the idea was dropped. Council called a meeting to form a Committee of Management to oversee the implementation of the Management Plan, which had already been prepared. I attended the meeting and volunteered. It was decided that I should be Secretary, a position I held for three years, also taking over as Treasurer when the original one resigned. Shortly after I joined the Friends of Cornish Hill as well, and became their secretary. I remember many hours of cutting gorse and blackberries, painting the stumps and burning the tops when dry, followed by the planting of tubes of natives, working with both groups. After three years, work commitments caused me to resign." We are delighted to welcome an old friend back. In the role of Secretary, Anne's knowledge and past experience will be of great help, and we are grateful to her for returning.

TREASURER

Steve Millard has decided to step down from the position of Treasurer. We are keen to fill the vacancy he leaves behind. This will involve setting up spreadsheets for our grants, signing no more than 30 cheques per annum and providing an annual statement for the AGM. Steve will be happy to discuss the role of Treasurer with any of you who are interested in taking it up.

Contact Steve at smillard@hepburn.vic.gov.au



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September 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Invitations have been sent out for our AGM on Sunday 9th September at 5:00pm in the back bar of the Daylesford Hotel. The Daylesford Hotel are very generously providing the room at no charge. Finger food will be served and drinks will be available at bar prices. If you are a fully paid up member for 2018/2019, cost of refreshments will be \$5. For non-members, \$10. Fees can be paid at the AGM.

The election of new committee members and presentation of the financial statement will be followed by a slideshow illustrating the work completed during the 2017-2018 year, then an outline of plans for the year to come.

MEMBERS, YOU CAN HELP!

Come along to the AGM, meet some Friends of Cornish Hill and find out how to help The Hill. Learn about our educational wildlife walks and inspiring school programs.

Don't forget to contact us if you'd like to nominate for a committee position being put to the vote at the AGM. Feel free to bring along friends who may be interested in joining our group. If you would like Committee Nomination or Membership forms, Margie Thomas will email them to you. Contact Margie thomato5324@gmail.com. Please RSVP by Monday 3rd September.

MEMBERSHIP FEES – We would be pleased if you paid on time. Fees are due by 9th September, the day of the AGM. They help cover admin costs such as those for the AGM meeting, and the reprinting of the Cornish Hill brochure.

Membership fees are **\$20** per person or **\$35** per couple or family. We would prefer payment via direct deposit to

BSB: 633 000 Account No: 108 306 721.

Please put your name as a reference.

Or, send a cheque payable to Friends of Cornish Hill, addressed to The Treasurer, PO Box 470, Daylesford, 3460.

We are calling for volunteers for the **MEET THE FOCHERS** event on Saturday 13th October, 10am-Noon.

FOCH aim to foster awareness of living close to and amongst wildlife. Come to the Stanhope Street entrance for this event.

It's National Bird Week from 22-28 October and time again for the [Aussie Backyard Bird Count](#). Birdlife Australia will be in attendance to discuss and promote the Bird Count. We'll talk about the devastating effect that pets such as cats and dogs can have on wildlife, and how owners can help to mitigate this, also reminding dog walkers of the legal responsibilities to prevent dogs from chasing of kangaroos and other wild life.

European Wasps are also a threat to our native pollinators, and we will be demonstrating how to make traps for them.

Volunteers are needed to fold and envelope invitations, and to letterbox invitations to our Cornish Hill neighbours, prior to the event.

On the day, we will need people to help set up before the event, and bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.

Contact Margie at thomato5324@gmail.com if you're able to help.

GRANTS

Winter may have slowed work down on the hill, but behind the scenes plenty was being done. We've received funding from the following organizations and would like to thank them for their support:

\$5000 - The Daylesford Community Op Shop.

This generous pledge from one of our favourite supporters is for our Schools Education Program.

\$1000 - Hepburn Shire Council. For all Landcare groups in the Shire.

\$8,599 - Victoria Landcare Grant. To fund Meet The FOCHERS, a Wild Discovery Tour on Sunday 25th November, a ChillOut walk on 9th March 2019, and a one-day workshop called Under the Microscope to be held in March 2019.

FOCH has also agreed to auspice a grant application for the Daylesford Secondary College [Hands on learning](#) program to create an indigenous garden.

TROUT HATCHERY – still a work in progress but it is progressing!

JOAN'S SEAT

Daylesford Engineering is working on the new seat. Fingers crossed; hopefully it will have been installed by the time you receive this newsletter. This replacement seat will be firmly cemented into the ground.

DIARY DATES

AGM – Sunday 9th September, 5pm, Daylesford Hotel

Meet the FOCHERS – Saturday 13th October, 10am - Noon
Cornish Hill Reserve, Stanhope Street entrance

Gettin' Dirty - Monday 22nd October & Monday 5th November
Yr 7 & 8 Daylesford Secondary College students, on Cornish Hill

Hands on Learning - Oct/Nov TBD
Yr 9 Daylesford Secondary College students, on Cornish Hill

Wesley College, Clunes Campus - November TBD

Wildflower Discovery Tour with Tanya Loos - Sunday 25th November

ChillOut Walk with Tanya Loos - Sat 9th March, 2019`

Under The Microscope - Tuesday in March, 2019 TBD

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