



Friends of Cornish Hill

NEWSLETTER – July 2020

COOOOOEEEEEEEEEE – GREETINGS. WE'RE BACK!

And to bring you all up to speed, here are a couple of photos to tickle your fancy. The first one was taken in 2008 at our very first school planting with Daylesford Primary School, and photo number 2 was taken on 23rd July this year. We have come a long way since then!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

1. AGM 25TH OCTOBER – LOCATION/FORMAT TO BE DECIDED
2. UPCOMING WORKING BEES
 - SUNDAYS August 9th and 30th from 10am to 12noon

AND

- THURSDAYS August 20th and September 10th from 1.30pm to 3pm.

See below for more info.

NOW READ ON!

TROUT HATCHERY

By now many of you would have read the articles in both The Local News and The Ballarat Courier regarding the Trout Hatchery, located off Grant near East street. And if you haven't read all about this, then click on the following links to check out both articles ...

See page 5 at https://issuu.com/dhslocal/docs/the_local_july_13__2020__issue_188

<https://www.thecourier.com.au/story/6837017/importance-of-former-trout-hatchery-recognised-by-community/?cs=12>

A further dive into the historical background can be found here, on pages 18-19 ...

https://issuu.com/dhslocal/docs/the_local_july_20__2020__issue_189

Or better still, take a quick drive or walk to Grant street to check out the interpretation sign which was finally installed on June 30th this year.



Although located on Council land, research for this project and its completion has taken 5 years, much effort by all committees but more recently the current committee of Anne Tamblyn, Scott MacLean, Margie Thomas and Joe Pastore.

Apart from the acknowledgements actually included on the sign, what really stood out with the project was the interest and willingness of businesses and individuals to be involved. When McCain's backed out, it was Daylesford Rotary who put their hands up to fund the project. For this we are very grateful.

We are also very grateful for Pat Kermode's fantastic graphic design.

There were many emails and phone calls to Dan O'Toole who completed the printing for us, similarly Jamie Kavanagh who made the steel backing plate for the sign and it is fair to say that both were excited to be involved in this project.

And let's not forget Chris Anderson from Pyrenees Bushcraft who supplied the two Ironbark posts and Jeremy Hartnup who actually installed the sign.

Cost of the latter was covered by Hepburn Shire with Sean Ludeke of Parks and Gardens taking the lead with this. Hepburn Shire Heritage officer Mandy Jean backed the project, also supporting heritage listing of this site. And at the eleventh hour, permission from the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation <http://www.djadjawurrung.com.au/> to include their logo was granted.

And given that all of this has taken place during a time of such uncertainty, the co-operation, patience and understanding from everyone was fantastic, leaving us all with a great feeling of satisfaction that we could acknowledge all those community members who were involved with the Trout Hatchery and Daylesford Angling Club from the early 1930's through to the mid 1970's.

WORKING BEES

We are hoping that we are able to hold working bees again soon. Just a reminder of the dates - the following **Sundays** have been set aside:

August 9th and 30th from 10am to 12noon.

As well, the following **Thursdays**:

August 20th and September 10th from 1.30pm to 3pm.

Frances Cincotta from Newstead Natives and Verna Baker have been propagating shrubs, trees and grasses and it is important that we get them into the ground while it is wet.

Thanks to Jan Thompson and Alex Home for putting their hands up to organise these working bees. They will be in touch with the usual suspects closer to the time, but if you are not on the list then feel free to contact Jan on janthommo53@gmail.com or Alex on moira.home@bigpond.com.

And whilst we will supply tools and plants, it is essential that you BYO gloves and any other personal equipment. ***We will be sure to practise social distancing on each occasion.***

GOAT GRAZING

Neighbour Vasko Drogriski approached us earlier in the year with a view to using his goats on the Hill as a weed control method and DELWLP has granted us permission to trial this. As you can all imagine, strict guidelines apply. An area above the creek and below another neighbour Jeff Doyle's place has been set aside. This will take place later on in the year.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Our website continues to be fastidiously maintained by Phaedra Morris.

Check us out at www.cornishhilldaylesford.com.au

Our Facebook page is at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fochgroup/>

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

Margaret Mead