



Friends of Cornish Hill

NEWSLETTER – December 2021

AGM postponed to first quarter of 2022

Due to the difficulties associated with COVID the 2021 AGM for Friends of Cornish Hill has been postponed to the new year. Thanks to a very understanding Department of Consumer Affairs, Victoria for permitting this change.

We'll let you know asap of the revised date/time for the AGM.

FOCH memberships now due

A reminder that FOCH memberships are now due ... \$20 per individual and \$35 per family.

You can deposit directly to our Bendigo Bank account, but please do make sure to include your name in the reference field.

Account details are:

Friends of Cornish Hill, Inc
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Going, going, gone ...

As most of you will know and we advised at the time, **Margie Thomas** stepped down as FOCH Chair at the AGM in 2019 but has since also regrettably resigned from the FOCH Committee.

Margie has done a fabulous job over her years at the FOCH helm and we owe her many thanks for her vision and hard work. It is very much appreciated. She's not disappearing completely and will still be a strong supporter of FOCH and what we are trying to achieve.



This actually makes a couple of committee positions up for grabs. What do you have to lose? What you have to gain is an even stronger connection with your local community, and the ability to continue to make significant and lasting positive changes to the local environment.

For further info, contact Scott MacLean (Treasurer) on 0419 504 588 or via

friends@cornishhilldaylesford.com.au


Working bee program now on-hold until post fire-season

We've managed to get in three working bees on the Hill over the last few months. The focus has been on weeding and maintenance of existing plantings, rather than new planting as such.



Even with the limited number of participants we have had, we've still been able to achieve improvement, but we'd love to have more involvement – it's only a couple of hours out of your Sunday. Contact **Jan Thompson** on 0412 499 872 or janthommo53@gmail.com for more info.

Those of you who still walk the Hill may also have seen signs like the following ... hopefully these will engender some increased interest from Reserve users.



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Enjoying your walk?


Would you like to help maintain the path and surrounds so that you and others can continue to enjoy this local asset?

The Friends of Cornish Hill have regular working bees, generally once per month and for only two hours at a time.

Why not come along, meet new people, get fresh air, and perhaps learn a little more about the Cornish Hill reserve?

More information is available under the 'Working Bees' tab via the link or QR code below.

<https://www.cornishhilldaylesford.com.au/working-bees/>



Orange hawkweed

It's not often that the Government offers you something for free, but in the case of this new plant pest, that is exactly what is happening.

If you see anything at all like the following image on your property, then Agriculture Victoria will treat, remove and/or dispose of orange hawkweed *at no cost to you*. If you find orange hawkweed, please do not attempt to treat and dispose of the weed yourself.



All sightings should be reported to Agriculture Victoria by calling 136 186, emailing weed.spotters@agriculture.vic.gov.au or online at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/about/contact-us.

More information about hawkweed can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website: agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/state-prohibited-weeds/hawkweed.

Hope to see you in the new year, stay safe, travel calmly and enjoy the festive season !