



## *Friends of Cornish Hill*

### **NEWSLETTER – February 2022**

#### **Upcoming AGM**

We are pleased to advise that the postponed AGM for 2020-21 is now being held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, 5pm sharp, at the Table Tennis pavilion, Victoria Park, Daylesford. There's lots of open (albeit indoor) air, and we will be able to keep our distance and comply with COVID-safe protocols.

BYO folding chair (in case we run out) plus anything you'd like to drink. FOCH will provide nibbly things.

Double vaccination as a minimum is essential, and you will be able to check in with the Daylesford Table Tennis Association's QR code.

RSVP for the AGM to [scottmac99@gmail.com](mailto:scottmac99@gmail.com)

#### **FOCH memberships now due**

A reminder that FOCH membership fees for 2021-2022 are due ... \$20 per individual and \$35 per family. [And a big thank you to those who have already paid.]

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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#### **Committee positions vacant**

We're down to 2- ½ committee members, and desperately need more.

So don't hesitate to put your hand(s) up at the AGM.

## Chemcert Training

A reminder that there are still five places available for free Chemcert training during the current financial year. This is funded by Hepburn Shire, and if we don't use the money we will have to give it back. Contact Scott at 0419 504 588 or on [scottmac99@gmail.com](mailto:scottmac99@gmail.com) for further details

Brian Bainbridge, Biodiversity Officer with HS, has kindly provided the following testimonial as to the training's effectiveness:

*This training supplies essential skills for those interested in using chemicals safely and effectively as part of your toolkit to manage weeds on the farm or in a bushland environment.*

*I have undertaken this training periodically over twenty years and during my most recent training was impressed by how the training now directly engages with the hazards and the contentious nature of herbicide use and gave space for discussion.*

*I learnt a lot from the array of perspectives being aired. My fellow students included a broad range of current and potential users of chemicals from individual landholders, farm employees, environmental weed contractor staff and students.*

*I completed the course much more confident to make effective decisions for weed control in bushland for my local Landcare projects, in my oversight of contractors, and on my own property.*

*(The photo below) shows Bird orchids emerging below dying Gorse plants. Training can inform the selection of timing, herbicide and rate needed to achieve desired results in bushland environments.*



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