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Next Meeting

Sunday 14th May

Meet at;

Parks Victoria Anakie Depot
at 10am.

Activities;

- Bus Tour of the fire effect Brisbane Ranges National Park.
- Clean up of Anakie Gorge & Stony Crk picnic areas.

What to bring;

All the usuals including some old clothes, gloves etc as the area is rather black. Sturdy footwear would be desirable, especially on the tour.

Next Month

The Friends Helping Friends activity day in the Brisbane Ranges – June Meeting

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Up Coming Events

Friends Helping Friends activity day – June 18th

October 2006 Wild Flower Show

2007 October 3rd Friends 25th Anniversary

Presidents Report

Hooray! The fire ground has finally been declared safe (from a fire point of view anyway) and we can start to get back into the burnt areas and do the things that need doing. This process will be ably assisted by the return of Stuart Willsher from the far flung beaches of Queenscliff. Stuart will be organising many activities to help the park's rehabilitation and it would be beneficial if you can provide assistance to Stuart and all the other Ranger's in any way you can.

We have also received two generous donations from other groups to help in the rehabilitation process. I recently gave a talk to the Geelong Bushwalking Club about the effects of the fire and they provided a donation to assist with regeneration activities. The Friends of the You Yangs also provided funds to help with the rehabilitation of the wildlife refuge. Both groups are to be thanked for their generosity.

On another matter, I've recently been burrowing through the Friend's archives (I know, I should get a social life!). The Friends group will be 25 years old on the 3rd October 2007. Don't say you haven't been warned!



Brisbane Ranges sign - cnr
Butchers Road 29/01/06

Photo; Colin Cook



Grasstree track start- 29/01/06

Photo; Colin Cook



Manna Gum with first epicormic
growth exactly 4 weeks after the fire

Photo; Carole Bartholomew



Sprouting eucalyptus

Photo; Wendy Cook

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New Postal Address

The Friends Group have a new postal address for all correspondence and memberships to be sent to:

Friends of Brisbane Ranges
c/- Post Office
ANAKIE VIC 3221

Newsletter Email Service

This will be the last issue sent by postal mail to those who have an email address recorded on our contact database. We are trying to cut down on the paper consumed, postage costs and time associated with printing and posting out the newsletters. For those that have an email address we have enclosed a little note in this issue with your email address and would like verification if this is correct. Members whose email addresses aren't on our database but would like to receive their newsletter via email, please email the secretary Helena Lindorff: hlindorff@dodo.com.au. If you have any concerns about receiving your monthly newsletters via email let us know.

Memberships are overdue for 2006-07

Memberships are due in February each year. If you haven't paid your membership for 2006-07, please send in your payment to the new postal address with your current contact details so we are able to verify / update our database or you can drop it in at the next meeting you attend.

Your membership assists the group in funding activities like the Wild Flower Show each year, monthly activities e.g. tree planting, guest speakers, bus tours, and general administration items / tasks.

Adults \$11 inc. GST
Family \$22 inc. GST

Once off initial joining fee \$2
(For new members)

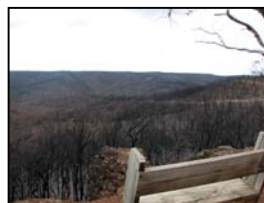
A differing view from Stu;

You just got to love this job. What other job allows you to undertake new and exciting experience such as the sixteen months I have just spent in Queenscliff as a Marine Park Ranger. Parks staff at Queenscliff looks after the Port Phillip Marine National Park and Bluff Marine Sanctuary at Barwon Heads along with Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve and the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve. Until recently they have also been the harbour master at Queenscliff and operated the region's largest Slipway.

During my time I spent a considerable amount of time on one of the two PV patrol boats, the Albatross and the brand new Sea dragon patrolling and working throughout the Port Phillip Bay. I worked at the huge Scandia Week Yachting event in Geelong and got in close and personal with the huge maxi's AAPT, Scandia and Hugo Boss. My time at Queenscliff allow me to appreciate the differing roles available to Parks Victoria staff. I loved my time on the water but freely admit that watching the plume of smoke erupting from the Brisbane Ranges was one of the most gut wrenching experiences of my last 20 years



Up Coming Event – June



Following on from the fire, the park has received a large number of offers of on ground support and assistance from local Friends groups, Bushwalking clubs and other environmental groups. The **Friends Helping Friends** activity day will bring all of these groups together at one time to undertake a number of suitable projects throughout the burn area. **Meet at the Anakie Gorge Picnic Area at 10.00am. For further information or to RSVP your attendance please contact Stuart on 53660054.**

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