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steiglitziana*

Next Meeting

Sunday 9th July

Meet at;

10am at the Anakie
Community Depot

Activities;

Information and identification
workshop on the various
fungi species of the BRNP

What to bring;

All the usuals including, if
possible, magnifying glasses
and a small hand mirror.
Sturdy footwear would be
desirable, especially on the
tour. BYO lunch

Next Month

August; Sunday 13th

Anakie Gorge Picnic Area,
continue the revegetation
planting and general clean
up. If time permits,
inspection of the
Staughtonvale Climbing Area
refurbishment.

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Up Coming Events

October 2006 Wild Flower
Show

Friends Helping Friends Day

Stuart Willsher

Approximately 50 volunteers from 7 separate environmental and community groups joined the Friends of Brisbane Ranges and Parks Victoria staff on Sunday 18th June as part of the state-wide "Friends Helping Friends" activity day. Travelling from as far away as Sunbury, Bacchus Marsh and the Bellarine Peninsula, the day was hailed as a great success by all those who attended. Many of the representatives of these groups had not had the opportunity to network with each other previously so the day proved to be a great opportunity to meet others and develop contacts.

A number of activities (7) were on offer for the volunteers which allowed many the first real opportunity to see first hand the impact the January fires have had on Park.

From walking track maintenance to tree planting, the day hopefully had something for everyone. Walking tracks like the Ted Errey Nature Circuit which is located in one area of the park that was hardest hit by the fire received some special attention from these dedicated teams of volunteers.

Over two hundred native trees and shrubs were also planted throughout the Anakie Gorge picnic area to revegetate this popular site following the fire.

Of particular interest to a small number of interested birdwatchers was the post fire survival of the Brown Treecreeper. Locally restricted to the Stony Creek Picnic Area it appears that this bird species has been severely affected by the fire. Although no sighting of this species was made on the day, the team did locate 22 other bird species still living within the burn area. This result is particularly pleasing as is the fact that this activity featured as a photo story in the Geelong Advertiser's Monday 19th edition.

Surprisingly, the day also drew some considerable interest from a number of day visitors to the Anakie Gorge Picnic area who wandered over for a visit and to talk to Park staff about the fire.

The day concluded at 3.00pm with an afternoon cuppa, a thankyou and a fantastic afternoon tea which was enjoyed by all.



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House Keeping

New Postal Address

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

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"In and Around" the Park

Well I guess that's the end of another financial year and if what they say is true, that the older you get the faster it goes, I would hate to say what it is going to be like when I get to 40. But that is a long way off so we may as well look at what has and is happening in the Park at present.

The past twelve months has been business as usual with one major exception which most people seem to be aware of.

All our budget lines have been exhausted and relevant targets met. The pest plant and pest animal programs were again successful and included some extra funding to control an infestation of serrated tussock which had been recently located at the north end of the park along Spring Creek.

The fire rehabilitation program is still progressing well. The area west of Ballan Road (Zone 3) was opened on the 23rd June although the Burchell Trail, Old Mill Camp Ground and two historic mine sites are still closed.

The current works plan for the fire affected area involves;

- Green Corps installing track markers along the Burchell Trail
- Installation of bollards at Stony Creek Picnic Ground
- Erection of fencing at Stony Creek Picnic Ground
- Installation of steel bridges along the Anakie Gorge Walk
- Installation/upgrading of safety mesh and structure repairs at two historic mine sites
- Continuation of the replacement of management gates and bollards
- Completion of the new toilet block at Anakie Gorge Picnic Ground and repairs to the picnic shelter.
- Work to start on the two toilet blocks at Stony Creek Picnic Ground.

Calling Local Artists

The Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show Committee are calling on interested Friends members who would like to either display or sell their artwork at the 2006 Wildflower Show in October.

The theme is indigenous flora of the Geelong District. The artwork can be of any medium but needs to be framed for display purposes. There will be a small hanging fee (yet to be decided) that will be donated to the Friends Group. To register your expression of interest please email, Judy Locke at Park Victoria. jlocke@parks.vic.gov.au

Those that have expressed an interest will be sent an application form to complete in the near future.

Wildflower Show Volunteers

The wildflower show is approaching fast and we need all the help we can get. Below is a list of activities/tasks that have to be completed to ensure the show is a success. Please read carefully and consider which activity/activities you may be able to assist with and e-mail the FOBR secretary, Helena Lindorff.

Friday;

- Plant collection
- Cleaning glassware
- Initial display set up
- Species ID tags

Saturday:

- Complete plant collection
- Complete display set up
- Set up signage etc.

Sunday:

- Staff displays
- Staff entry/raffle table
- Set up art display
- Assistance where needed



"The Anakie Hilton rises from the ashes"

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