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Next Meeting

Sunday 10th September

Meet at;

10am at Boar Gully Camp
Ground

Activities;

The day will be made up of
several activities;

- Weed removal
- Tree guard works
- General tidy up
- Great Australian
Bush Walk

What to bring;

The usual necessities plus
water and boots for the walk
activities if so desired.

Next Month

October; Sunday 8th

WILDFLOWER SHOW

Anakie Staughton Vale Hall, Anakie

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Up Coming Events

December 10th

Christmas break-up, ideas
please, as this year we will
be hosting Friends of
Lerderderg and Friends of
Werribee Gorge and Long
Forest Mallee

Goodbye and Hello

The August meeting saw a good turnout of members arriving at the Anakie Community Depot for a cuppa, some nibblys and a good chat. Chris Worrall even managed to get out of his Sunday domestic duties (We will not go into the details of those duties in this instance) to attend. Unknown to Chris was the fact that his attendance was actually part of a cunning plan, yes that's right you heard it here, a cunning plan!

Chris was actually the guest of honour for the morning's activity. As everyone is aware Chris suffered more than most in the Anakie Fires and subsequently decided to stand down as Ranger in Charge, Moorabool Park Management Area. The morning was planned as a way of honouring Chris's involvement, support and enthusiasm, not only for the Park but for the Friends Group.

Bernie Fox donned his VNPA Presidents cap and presented Chris with numerous reference books kindly donated by the VNPA. Not to be outdone FOBR President Colin Cook then presented Chris with life membership to the group along with a framed print of Anakie Gorge to commemorate the event. The group also received an anonymous donation of several reference books which were also passed onto Chris. As shown by the attendance Chris made many friends during his time in the park, and it is hoped that now he is a certified member (or is that just certified) he will take leave from his domestic duties once a month to continue those friendships and also share his wealth of knowledge of the environment.

The morning was also an opportunity for members to meet the new Ranger in Charge Moorabool, Mark Urquhart and his lovely wife Kayleen (obviously the brains in the family) who I am sure will continue the precedents set by Chris in Friends Group relationships.



"Dad and Dave or was that Steptoe and Son"

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"In and Around" the Park

Fire Rehabilitation

The big news at the moment is the opening of Zone 4. This is the area to the north of McLean's Highway/Switch Road. Some minor works are still to be completed in this area, mainly bollard and signage installation but otherwise all is well and ready for the onslaught of spring visitors.

Burchell Trail:

This walk still remains closed but is almost ready use. Track marker posts are now installed awaiting fitment of directional arrows and routed timber signs. Timber signs for all fire effected areas are either produced and in the process of being painted or awaiting delivery.

Ted Errey Nature Circuit:

The two new timber resting seats have now been installed along with the track marker posts. Installation of directional arrows is still to be completed. The replacement interpretive plaques have been delivered and are awaiting installation along with the routed timber signs.

Anakie Gorge Walk:

Seven new timber resting seats are now installed along the trail as are all the replacement box culverts. The interpretive plaques and timber signage are also ready to be installed.

Stony Creek Picnic Ground:

Information panels are in the final stages of production along with those for Boar Gully Camp Ground. New fencing to protect revegetation along the riparian zone of Stony Creek is now completed. The replacement of the gas bbq is still to be undertaken, but should be completed by the end of the month.

Boardwalks:

Timber for both boardwalks (Outlook Track and Join Track) has been delivered on site by helicopter. Colin Smithyman has been given the task of assembling the two structures and is well on his way with the one on Join Track.

Anakie Gorge Picnic Ground:

This area has not missed out with the re-alignment of all the wayward bollards. The gas bbq is scheduled to be replaced at the same time as the one at Stony Creek.

Staughton Vale Climbing Area:

Work has been progressing steadily on this area. Access tracks are now well defined by brushwork and the construction of rock steps and water run-offs. Two timber resting seats have also been installed in the assembly area.

The Rest:

The majority of management gates and bollard replacement works are now complete; the few remaining should be installed by the end of the month.

Works on the two mine sites (Join Track & Century Track) is almost finished. The repair and refitting of the windlass at the Century Track mine is the only work not yet completed. All in all the rehabilitation work has been progressing well thanks to all involved.

Wildflower Show Volunteers

WE NEED YOUR HELP

At the last meeting several people put their names down to assist in the setting up and running of the Wildflower Show for which we are very grateful. Now it is your turn. Please ring Peter Box (5366 0055) and put your name down to assist on one or more days. The days are as follows;

Friday October 6th

Saturday October 7th

Sunday October 8th

Remember the success of the event depends on the Friends Group as a whole. You can also assist by spreading the word to friends, family or colleagues. Enclosed are some flyers please copy and distribute where ever you can, don't rely on others to spread the word.

Bus Tours:

There will be two bus tours/wildflower walks (1 x morning and 1 x afternoon). Seats are limited so book early (PH 5366 0055)



New Seats at Staughton Vale Climbing Area

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