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Grevillea steiglitziana

April
2007

Next Meeting

Sunday 15th April

Meet at;

10am at the Anakie Gorge picnic area

Activities;

- Survey Velvet Daisy Bush post fire.
- Remove weeds Anakie gorge

What to bring; Gloves, lunch, water, hat, sunscreen ideas for future activities.

Next Month

Sunday 13th May – speaker on wildfire investigation in reference to Anakie and Steiglitz fires.

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- 25 years FOBR Celebration
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Last Time We Met - AGM.

Helena Lindorff & Judy Locke

AGM

2007 Office Bearers
President; Colin Cook
Vice President; Cyril Curtain
Secretary; Helena Lindorff
Treasurer; Sue Hayman-Fox
New positions "Committee member"; Chris Worrall & Bernie Fox

Guest Speakers

1. **Caitlin Griffith**, VNPA. Caitlin spoke about ParkMates - VNPA's Park Survey Team and the proposed environmental surveys within the Brisbane Ranges NP & Steiglitz Historical Park. This is a new initiative where the Park Mates group will work in closely with the Friends of Brisbane Ranges, and with guidance from Park Victoria, on projects that will assist the environmental and sustainable management of both the parks.

2. **Cathy Powers** – www.banjarah.com

Cathy is a local photographer based at Balliang and lives within the foothills of the Brisbane Ranges. She and her husband Ron have spent many hours roaming the park making notes and taking wonderful photos. She gave an excellent photographic presentation on Brisbane Ranges wildflowers, particularly orchids, and spoke about the floristic changes post fire where some species have flourished were others have not appeared or have struggled with the drought. A visit to her website is highly recommended.

Friends 25 Years Award

The Friends group have been awarded a \$5000 grant in appreciation for their volunteer labour over the last 25 years. Some options were discussed as to how to spend the award funds; become a Friend booklet, colour brochure for park visitors, bus trip with lunch, fund accommodation at Friends Network Conference, polar fleece/hat with logo and history book of BRNP.

Calendar of Activities

Potential activities discussed were;

- weed control in fire affected areas of park
- koala survey,
- guest speaker on forensic investigation particularly recent Steiglitz fire
- Threatened species survey
- Walk and rubbish clean up Galatea mine rd
- Guest speakers and walk by flora/fauna/history experts

If anyone has any ideas that they would like the group to participate in, please discuss at next meeting or contact Peter Box pbox@parks.vic.gov.au or Judy Locke jlocke@parks.vic.gov.au.

Judith collecting rubbish along Butchers rd



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Since Cathy said I had agreed to supply you with orchid news for a newsletter, Friends Group or Park, here is what we've found this week: tiny greenhoods, Parson's bands, *Eriochilus cucullatus*. The interesting thing about the tiny greenhoods (and red-tipped) *Speculantha parviflora* and sp. aff. was that there were lots of ants on the plants going inside the flower. They were very active on one orchid and then went on to the next orchid. I figure that they must be one of the pollinators for these as they are for the *Microtis* orchid.



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Speculantha parviflora

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Eriochilus cucullatus,

Wildflower Show invites keen photographers for 2007

Preparation for this year's Wildflower Show is well underway with the appointment of the new committee. We have new additions to the team this year, Beverley Phillips and Cathy Powers who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for their newly appointed positions as Publicity Coordinator and Photographic Exhibition Coordinator.

This year we are hoping to capture a greater audience with the inclusion of a Photographic Exhibition and sales of flora and fauna of the Brisbane Ranges.

We are inviting all members & interested people to submit their framed photos for the exhibition.

Cathy's currently investigating the logistics and requirements for the photographic exhibition and sale, so we will keep you posted with future developments and a formal invitation to enter. So come along to one of our Friends Group monthly activities and bring your camera along. It's a great way to catch up with old friends or make new ones and grab a couple of photos to enter into this years wildflower show.

With last years success the committee have decided to keep the days format the same with the Wildflower Show commencing at 9.30am - 4.30pm with two bus tours of the Brisbane Ranges. This year, the bus tours will include discussions about some of the historical aspects of the National Park as well as the major focus being wildflowers.

Last years Wildflower Show made over \$1,700 in door entry and sales and this has provided money to run this years show. We are hoping that we continue to raise money each year so that the Show can be self sustainable without having to rely on grants each year. With booming sales of books, plants, Wildflower CD and honey the committee is investigating the possibility of including other merchandise that has a relevance to the Wildflower Show eg. cards. If anyone has any ideas or produces quality handmade products that have a relevance to the wildflower show, please contact me via email to discuss this further hlindorff@people.net.au

So watch this space for further updates on the Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show and the inaugural Photographic Exhibition and Sales.

Wildflower Show Committee Members: Helena Lindorff, Judy Locke, Chris Worrall, Peter Box, Judith & Lance Lewis, Cathy Powers, Beverley Phillips.

***** Memberships Due *****

Membership fees (inc GST);

Family; \$22.00

Individual: \$11.00

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