



*Grevillea
steiglitziana*

Next Meeting

Sunday 8th July

Meet at;

10am at the Anakie Gorge
Picnic Ground

Activities;

Re-visit previous reveg areas
and remove/replace guards.
Weed removal – keep an
eye out for the You Yang's
floral emblem, boneseed.

What to bring;

All the usuals including,
gloves, enthusiasm, a sense
of humour and of course
some nourishment.

Next Month

August; Sunday 12th

Presentation on PC
(Phytophthora cinnamomi) at
the Anakie Community
Depot

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Up Coming Events

July 22nd; Launch of the
VNPA's Nature Watch
Program

October 2007 Wild Flower
Show

Presidents Ponderings

Colin Cook

Our last activity took place at Sandi Murdoch's wildlife shelter. Quite a few brave souls turned out in some very ordinary weather to help Sandi with a massive tidy up of the wildlife enclosures, lay bricks in the koala enclosures and upgrade the netting on some cages to make them snake proof. Wheelbarrows were trundling one way with loads of bricks and others trundled the other way with rubbish, branches, etc. Lunch provided a chance to warm up in the shed we bought for Sandi last year (which normally houses joeys) with some yummy party pies and tuna pasta casserole put on by Sandi. Post-lunch was more of the same and we departed cold and wet, but satisfied with what we had achieved for the day. Many thanks to those who turned out in the inhospitable conditions to help with this day.

On another matter, we have become aware that the Golden Plains Shire has a planning application before it for 2 houses to be built in Steiglitz. The planned location is on Stawell St, which runs from the courthouse and forms the start of the Burchell Trail. If you've been there lately and seen an area marked off with plastic tape, that's the planned location. They will not be private residences, but accommodation for walkers and the larger unit is classified as a holiday house that has been offered "as an example of an environmentally friendly display home to the shire and other relevant stakeholders". The Friends group has some real concerns about the location and design of these houses and Cyril Curtain has been doing some sterling work in digging up information. I'll try to have a copy of the planning application for people to look at on Sunday, as there is a period of time in which we can raise objections to this proposal.

And Judy wrote:

I would like to commend all those who attended the working bee for Sandi Murdoch's wildlife shelter. The day was overcast, cold and wet but everyone put in an excellent day, working from 10 to 4 and only stopping for lunch. A variety of tasks were completed ranging from moving 2 pallet loads of bricks, laying these bricks, removing dead shrubbery, removing weeds and completing a fenced enclosure - all of which was done in good humour considering the showers that passed through from time to time. On behalf of Sandi, I thank all of you for attending - your assistance was very much appreciated.

In addition, Bernie Fox, Peter Stokie, Chris Worrall and Peter Locke have offered to complete construction of another enclosure for Sandi on the tuesday 10th July starting 9.30am - any other volunteers would be gratefully received.

Well done everyone!



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House Keeping

You are invited to the launch of the:

VNPA's new community ecology survey group on Sunday 22 July at Stony Creek picnic ground, Brisbane Ranges NP.

Nature Watch (formerly Park Mates) will be conducting ecological surveys throughout many Victorian parks. Their first project to be conducted will be to survey the impact of Cinnamon Fungus in the Brisbane Ranges National Park. With that in mind they have decided to launch the program within the BRNP with presentation by several people on different aspects on PC and its management

Bookings are essential as numbers for this activity are limited so please contact Caitlin at the VNPA on 9341 6513.

Wildflower Show

We need your support!

All members will be invited to submit framed prints for the photographic exhibition. This will be a first for the Wildflower Show and we need your support. All prints are to be available for sale with a small % to be donated to the Friends group.

So.....all those of you who take photos, have a think about submitting them into the exhibition (they **MUST** relate to the Brisbane Ranges).

For more information, please email Helena hlindorff@people.net.au

Memberships

Yes I know we are on about that again, but are you up to date? Have you paid for this year's membership yet? If you have then please ignore this notice but if you have not gotten around to it yet, remember – we know where you live!

Carbon Trading

Parks Victoria is running a program to offset fleet emissions by offering staff Make a Change Kits, consisting of 6 energy efficient light globes. Five of these kits have been made available to members of our friends group, so who wants one? As there is only 5 kits available, any one interested must submit in writing/fax/e-mail (25 words or less) why they deserve one. Entries to be forwarded to the editor and must be received by 12 noon on 13/07/07, winners will then receive a form to sign and send/fax to receive their kit. Remember, you must be in it to win it, and by the way we have very little time, offer expires on the 20th July so get busy!

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Plant Matters

Ron & Kathy Powers



Taurantha concinna

These are now out along several Brisbane Ranges tracks. There are three other greenhoods appearing too. These grow in large colonies as shown in one photo. The close-up shows the typical prominent, notched labellum.

“In and Around” the Park

Ok so what has been happening, well that's a good question, I guess the first thing to say is

I'm
back!

Ok that's filled in a couple of lines.

Yes that's right I am back and I guess everybody knows that Stuart has left for greener? (well moister) pastures at Queenscliff as Acting Ranger in Charge for a few months and then fill a permanent Ranger position.

What else, well when I know so will you.