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September
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*Grevillea
steiglitziana*

Next Meeting

Sunday 9th Septembert

Meet at;

10am at the Anakie
Community Depot

Activities;

Spring clean .
Maybe a walk in the
sunshine (if you are good
and Judy says you can)

What to bring;

Yeh I know it's the same
again but I am saying it
anyhow. The usuals, sense
of humour, enthusiasm,
gloves, pruners etc, oh and
lunch and drinks of course.

Next Month

October; Sunday 14th

WILDFLOWER SHOW

Yes it's on again

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Up Coming Events

October 2007;

Wild Flower Show.

November 2007;

Koala research update and
survey.

December 2007;

Combined Christmas and
25th Anniversary celebration.

August's Activity Report

Wendy Cook

On a cold day, the usual group of Friends met at Anakie depot, and were pleased to welcome three new Friends, Kim, Kath and Helen. After a cuppa and short meeting, we welcomed Jim Rookes, a plant pathologist from Deakin University. Jim studies cinnamon fungus, and gave us a very interesting talk, discussing the habits and effects of cinnamon fungus (we already knew some of this), and control methods, which at this stage are mostly time-consuming and short term. He also told us about methods for analysing soil for the presence of the fungus (which isn't really a fungus), and ideas for future control methods. He had many slides to show us, including one of a certain bearded ranger making use of the Anakie Scrubber. Two small volunteers, assisted with showing the slides.

After lunch, we all rugged up, and drove to Galatea Mine Track, which is part of the park that many of us had never visited. It was raining, but suggestions that we should shelter in our cars were ignored, and we went for a short walk along a ridge top. The area has many large grass trees. Unfortunately, small patches have died due to cinnamon fungus, and many others show early signs of infection. The rain stopped, and we could see into the valley below us, and start finding other things of interest. Many orchid leaves were found, and there was much speculation as to the sort of flowers they would produce. It could be an interesting spot to revisit in Spring. Even in winter, there are things to find. These included lichens with bright red spore-producing bodies, orange jelly bell fungi on dead wood, and three television aerials nailed to trees, one in use by a nearby house. As we returned to the cars, in the sun, we realised how easy it is to walk past things when everyone has their raincoat hoods on. There were large groups of dwarf (and not-so-dwarf) greenhoods growing right beside the track! After thanking Jim and spraying our boots, we all departed for warmer places.



Jim Rookes and Bernie Fox enjoying another part of the "Brissies"

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Wildflower Show

Ok so what are you doing on the 12th, 13th or 14th October? Well how about being a part of a highly motivated and skilled team, be a volunteer at the wildflower show. To participate contact Judy Locke (53 660 052) and leave your details and the day/s you are available.

Wildflower Show Bus Tours.

Do you require seats? Morning or afternoon tour? As per last year seats are limited so book early by Contacting Peter Box or Judy Locke on 53 660 000

We tragically lost one of our members, Anne Lee, when in August 2007 she was killed on a busy thoroughfare in Melbourne. Anne was characteristically in the course of helping others - she had been attending a meeting with her colleagues to share her special and expert knowledge in a specific field of nursing.

Once a regular attendee and enthusiastic contributor to FoBR, Anne was interested in all activities in and around the Brisbane Ranges.

Since moving to Castlemaine in recent years, her contribution there in many facets of life has been great.

We are all very sad to lose her. Our special thoughts are with our Friend Geoff Hannon, her partner, and her family. May your journey now Anne, be filled with light and peace

Protect our bush
Call the **BUSH TELEGRAPH**
number on **13 2874**
to report suspicious activity

**Pick up your sticker at participating
police stations or council offices.**

Reporting illegal activities on Parks Victoria land - call Bush Telegraph

This service enables Victorians to report suspicious activity through a single, easy to remember number, 132874 or 13BUSH on your keypad.

This is a simple, one-stop-shop facility for Victorians to use when they witness behaviour that could damage our environment or is anti-social. Callers can remain anonymous if they wish.

Everybody witnesses incidents from time to time, such as driving in inappropriate areas or removing plants from National Parks, that, although not criminal, they would like to report to someone, but not necessarily the police. This service allows Victorians to register their concern, which is then noted and forwarded on to the appropriate authority.

Victoria will provide the reporting facility through its 7 day a week Information Centre.

Stickers and further information about the Bush Telegraph service, are available from the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

Reporting on Public land not managed by Parks Victoria;

- DSE Sebastopol office (Sam Basham) 5335 0700
- Golden Plains Shire Roads & Works 0408 508 635
- City of Greater Geelong 5227 0270 (Business hours Monday to Friday only. For out of hours reporting, leave message and call Police)
- Moorabool Council 5366 7100 (0270 (Business hours Monday to Friday only. For out of hours reporting, leave message and call Police)

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