

Housekeeping

Volunteer Records.

As part of Parks Victoria's OH&S Policy, the contact details of all volunteers need to be recorded. Please fill in the attached form and return to Peter Box at the Bacchus Marsh Office in either electronic or hard copy form.

To date I have had very few of these forms returned, please do so ASAP if you have not already done so.

Memberships.

Are you financial? Have you checked? If you have not yet renewed your membership please put this at the top of your to do list. To be viable the group not only needs active members but the finances to assist in running costs and activities.

"In and Around" the Park

As you have already heard the Anakie Gorge Walking Track is now open for business. The first crossing has been modified to be now be made up of a low level crossing in conjunction with a steel bridge. Crossing two (2nd picture pg 1) has had the steel bridges reinstated and crossing three changed to a low level crossing (see below). Crossing four has been resurfaced and drainage works carried out while the fifth crossing has had both steel bridges reinstated. Works have also been carried out to repair sections of the dry stone wall and the severely scoured sections of the track have been re surfaced with granitic sand. While the track may not be back to its former glory it is at least open and usable by people wishing to walk this iconic area. Further works will be carried out into the future on areas highlighted as needing attention to remedy minor flood damage.



"Low level 3rd crossing"

VNPA Nature Watch

The Nature Watch program is up and running again for another season. The support and enthusiasm shown by volunteers, not to mention Caitlin, in the earlier program was fantastic so lets keep the momentum going and get involved with this round. Dates have been set (See below) so book in, put them in your diary and we will see you on the day, or take advantage of the camping weekends and put in two days. There could even be a special activity organised around one or even both of the camping weekends.

Caitlin's, I said not to mention Caitlin! Ok ok!!! The time and effort put in by the Nature Watch Coordinator has been outstanding and is shown in the huge success of the program.

- Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th September (camping weekend, please come both days)
- Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th October (camping weekend, please come both days)
- Saturday 11th October

How else can you get involved you may ask, well why not put your name down for leader training to assist in the activity days. One such day has already been completed with approximately twelve people taking advantage of the opportunity to increase their skills and enjoy the wilds of the Brisbane Ranges. The training is designed so others can take lead roles on the monitoring days, thus enabling the groups to gather information from a larger number of sites. If anyone is interested please contact:

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Just think, become involved in the Nature Watch Program and you could end up being like these happy smiling people, as well as being part of something very worthwhile.

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