



Brisbane Ranges Friends News

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Park Map

As part of the 2008 Parks Victoria Community Grant, the Friends received money to produce a bushwalking map for the park in partnership with Meridian Maps. The map is being coordinated by Helena Lindorff and is in its final stages. The map will be distributed to retail outlets and will be available to Friends Members at a discounted price. The map will be available in the new year.

Wildflower Show Door Prize Winner: Emma Camilleri from Hobson's Bay City Council

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A Successful Wildflower Show

Over 500 people attended the wildflower show, making it the most successful show the Friends have organized.

This year for the first time we delivered a series of workshops instead of the photographic exhibition and we found that to be a great success. It provided another educational experience for the visitor. A special thanks goes out to the presenters on the day; Chris Lindorff - Identifying Wattles, Chris Clarke - Macro Photography and Mark Urqhart - Local Parks of the area.

As part of the door prize this year we developed a mini survey to try and capture some information. We had 307 people complete the survey. We found that people travelled from all over Melbourne; Airport West, Altona, Anakie, Bacchus Marsh, Bannockburn, Belgrave, Brunswick, Cranbourne, Daylesford, Dromana, Fitzroy, Footscray, Frankston, Geelong, Glen Iris, Glen Waverley, Hoppers Crossing, Keilor, Lara, Laverton, Melbourne, Mount Evelyn, Newport, Northcote, Ocean Grove, Pakenham, Portarlington, South Yarra, Sunshine, Wallan, Werribee.

SURVEY QUESTIONS	YES	NO
First time to the show	75%	25%
First time to the National Park	77%	23%
Visit the show again	97%	3%
Visit the National Park again	98%	2%
How did you hear about the show		
Friend	33%	
Internet	6%	
Magazine	5%	
Newspaper	26%	
Radio	28%	
Other:	2%	
TAFE, church, train station, school, ANGAIR, other friends groups, Tourist Information Centres, Neighbourhood Houses, road signage, 4WD Club, VNPA Magazine, APS, Ranger, Anakie Advocate, local shop,		

As a new member of FoBR (since I joined after the last wildflower show was so enticing!) - I LOVED being involved with such a hard working, fun and knowledgeable team in getting this show off the ground.

And it was a GREAT day - thanks Helena for your clear and organised leading of us all, Boxy for your preparations and great photo in the Independent newspaper the week before!, Judy for your plant knowledge and generosity, Bev for our hours of planning and launching and growling and laughing as we did the PR, Cathy for your magnificent photos and love of wildflowers!
Vicky Grosser

BIG THANK YOU to all those that helped out with the Show. I would like to say a few special thanks to my team - Wildflower Show Committee; Beverley Phillip, Cathy Powers, Judy Locke, Peter Box and Vicky Grosser who had worked tirelessly for 6 months preparing for the show.

I would like to thank all the Friends volunteers who assisted in the days leading up to the event and on the day, Parks Victoria - Bacchus Marsh, McDonalds Restaurant - Bacchus Marsh and Melton for sponsoring the bus tour and ResCom Real Estate - Bannockburn.

We made \$7,175 in total sales and our overall expenditure was \$6,425 (major assets where purchased eg. plant display stands, marquee, outdoor settings, signage etc)

Helena Lindorff, Wildflower Show Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Next Activity

Meet at:

November 8th, 10am at Anakie Community Depot, Ballan Rd, Anakie

Activity:

We will be conducting a koala survey in the morning along Waterhole Track. In the afternoon, we will walk along the section of Burchell Trail between Fridays and the Crossing where the new interpretation signs will be going.

What to bring:

BYO lunch, walking gear, binoculars, cameras etc

Parks Vic Community Grant project funded

Recently we were advised that the Friends group was successful in obtaining funds from the latest round of Parks Vic community grants.

We have been provided with \$1,000 (we asked for \$2,150) to design and erect 3 interpretation signs along the new section of the Burchell trail between Fridays and the Crossing picnic area.

Mark Urquart has advised that the balance of funds will be provided to ensure we can produce all 3 signs.

If you wish to be involved in this project, we will be walking the track at the next FoBR activity (November), after conducting koala surveys in the morning. Otherwise, please contact Colin Cook if you wish to be involved email: colin.cook@dpi.vic.gov.au



Stoney Creek Reservoir

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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

After meeting at the Anakie Depot, we car-pooled to Furze Track and rejoined Judy, who had purloined Boxy's ute for the day. Loaded with our lunches and Ann Stokie, Judy drove down the track to the Lower Stoney Creek reservoir while the rest of us wandered down, with many stops to investigate this new territory. The invasive and weedy wattle which was so common along the main road soon petered out and we enjoyed finding some wonderful wildflowers, and enjoying the dense patches of grass trees. After a steep downhill, we came to the reservoir and enjoyed the unusual sight of a large body of fresh water, populated with swans and coots. After a bit of a poke around, we sat down at the water's edge and enjoyed our lunches.

After lunch, we attempted to find the track which, on the map at least, went around the edge of the dam and back up to the main road. We failed to find any sign of its existence, so we'll leave that for another time. After hauling ourselves back up the steep section of track, we had a couple of side excursions along a track which follows the old aqueduct. One way led us to a wonderful find of wildflowers and grass trees, although sadly there were signs of PC starting to affect the grass trees. After spending a while investigating the many wildflowers, a short foray in the opposite direction revealed the old aqueduct tunnel emerging from the hill and running into some more modern concrete pipe. We also spotted remains of the old wire-bound wooden pipe which pre-dated the concrete variety. All in all, a day of many and varied surprises. It will be wonderful to really explore this area in full.

Written by Colin Cook.



Flowers seen on our wanderings (Wendy's list)

Orchids

Small Gnat Orchid	<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>
Leopard Orchid	<i>Diuris pardina</i>
Wax-lip Orchid	<i>Glossodia major</i>
Nodding Greenhood	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>
Leaves of either Mayfly or Small Mosquito Orchid	

Daisies

Blunt Everlasting	<i>Argentipallium obtusifolium</i>
Swamp Daisy	<i>Brachyscome sp.</i>
Cut-leaf Daisy	<i>Brachyscome multifida</i>
Common Billy-buttons	<i>Craspedia variabilis</i>
Soft Millotia	<i>Millotia tenuifolius</i>
Fireweed Groundsel	<i>Senecio linearifolius</i>

Sundews

Climbing Sundew	<i>Drosera macrantha</i>
Tall Sundew	<i>Drosera peltata ssp auriculata</i>
Scented Sundew	<i>Drosera whittakeri</i>

Peas

Narrow-leaf Bitter-pea	<i>Daviesia leptophylla</i>
Bushy Parrot-pea	<i>Dillwynia ramosissima</i>
Showy Parrot-pea	<i>Dillwynia sericea</i>
Purple Coral-pea	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>
Austral Indigo	<i>Indigofera australis</i>
Running Postman	<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>
Rough Bush-pea	<i>Pultenaea scabra</i>

Wattles

Gold-dust Wattle	<i>Acacia acinacea</i>
Thin-leaf Wattle	<i>Acacia aculeatissima</i>
Rough Wattle	<i>Acacia aspera</i>
Myrtle Wattle	<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>
Hedge Wattle	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>
Golden Wattle	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>

Others

Inland Pig-face	<i>Carpobrotus modestus</i>
Bluebell	<i>Wahlenbergia sp.</i>
Upright Guinea-flower	<i>Hibbertia riparia</i>
Common Beard-heath	<i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>
White Marianth	<i>Rhytidosporum procumbens</i>
Love Creeper	<i>Comesperma volubile</i>
Silver Banksia	<i>Banksia marginata</i>
Horny Cone-bush	<i>Isopogon ceratophyllus</i>
Dusty Miller	<i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>
Common Correa (cream form)	<i>Correa reflexa</i>
Pink Bells	<i>Tetratheca ciliata</i>

Another interesting plant

Rough Tree-fern	<i>Cyathea australis</i>
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