



Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show

Sunday 9th Oct—Wow! it is all happening!

New attractions to this year's Wildflower Show include Patty Clay Flowers, entertaining children's activities and Waterwatch. We are pleased to have our Wathaurong neighbours here to provide a Welcome to Country. Of course we have our favourites including an excellent photographic display, workshops, items for sale including books, CDs, cards, and the ever popular native plants in forestry tubes.

Following our unusual weather and good rainfall this year, the wildflowers are certainly out early. Who knows what we may see and have among the hundreds on display?

The two bus tours were booked out three weeks before the event with visitors from Eltham to Frankston and in between. The Meredith Kindergarten children have created a wonderful Running Postman for display. They also have some great thoughts on "What is a Wildflower." The children from the Anakie and Meredith Primary Schools have also prepared special displays.

Thanks to the Maude CFA, we will have plenty of food and drinks supplied at very reasonable prices. There will be off-road parking available in the

adjacent property and disabled parking at the hall.

We have seen keen interest in the big event and we are expecting a record number of attendees this year – so don't miss out!

The WFS committee members Helena Lindorff, Cathy Powers, Beverley Phillips, Vicky Grosser, Melissa Doherty, with the help of Judy Locke and Peter (Boxy) Box, are doing a great job.

A huge thank you to the Friends who have volunteered to help on the day. Let's have some fun - all we need is good weather!

We DO need more people to help PLEASE!

This is a biennial event and an opportunity to showcase our only local National Park and its wildflowers, so can you please help for a couple of hours on Sunday?

The more volunteers we have the better so all our visitors feel welcome and **we all enjoy the day too.**

Please contact friends_br@yahoo.com.au or Helena at helenal@pacific.net.au to offer your help or for more information.



Images from photo gallery <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr>

News for Members

FoBR Facebook Page:

The FoBR Facebook Page is now even easier to use, link up with <http://www.facebook.com/fobrnp>. 30 people "like" the site so feel free to "like" us too. You can add any photos you would like help with in identification or any queries to other Friends who may be able to help - or you may be able to help someone else. It is always great to read the conversation about a special critter, bird or plant seen. If you cannot get access and want something posted please send to friends_br@yahoo.com.au.

Membership Fee Apology.

We apologise to you if you tried to pay fees through bank transfer and we hope you did not get any resulting bank fees (please let us know if you did). We missed a '2' from the end of bank account number - inconvenient and embarrassing! If you wish to try again - the correct details are - BSB 633 000 Account: 115314882 Name: Friends of the Brisbane Ranges. A big thank you to all the members who have paid so promptly this year and to some who have even made donations which are much appreciated. This helps with all the projects we are aiming to do in the coming year.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 9 October

9:30am—4:30 pm

Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show

Anakie Hall, 55 Staughton Vale Road, ANAKIE

Vic Roads 77 G7 Melways Map 611 E4 .

Free One Hour Workshops

Macro Photography Workshop

10.00 - 11.00am

1.00 - 2.00pm

Orchid Identification Workshop

11.30 - 12.30pm

2.30 - 3.30pm

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Birds in the Brisbane Ranges

About 180 different birds have at some point in time visited the Brisbane Ranges. Many are resident in the area, such as the familiar New Holland Honeyeater, Crimson Rosella, and Whitewinged Chough. There are also many species that arrive only for our spring/summer period - the cuckoos, Rufous Whistler, and Olive-backed Oriole and others. The Ranges is also host to some less common species, including Spotted Quail-thrush, Speckled Warbler, and Chestnutrumped Heathwren.

At our August event, Grace Lewis presented to the group her research on the history of bird sightings in the Brisbane Ranges. Grace's presentation inspired us to spend more time

birdwatching in the park, and Grace offered to return in September to lead the group on a bird watching walk.

We braved the cold and windy morning which reduced our chances of seeing many of the smaller bush birds. We picked a sheltered walk along the Anakie Gorge and made our way to the Lower Stony Creek reservoir.

Some of the highlights were watching a pair of Musk Lorikeets nesting in a tree hollow, a pair of rapidly diving Collared Sparrowhawks, and an elusive Crescent Honeyeater in the gorge.

This is the full list of birds for the day.
Chris Lindorff



For your diary!

- Sunday 9 October**
Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show
 What more can we say - hope you have volunteered and have invited ALL your friends, family and work colleagues.
- Sunday 13 November**
 FoBR activity Waterwatch at Sutherlands Creek & Lower Stony Creek reservoir. Finish removing fence Switch Road.
- Saturday 10 December tbc**
 FoBR end of year evening event - BBQ and night walk in park. Guest speaker.— to be advised..
- Sunday 12 February 2012**
 First FoBR event for the new year - Waterwatch at Sutherlands Creek & Lower Stony Creek reservoir. Remove weed wattles.
- Sunday 18 March**
 FoBR activity - remove pine wildings near Lease Road
- Sunday 15 April**
 FoBR activity - Remove suckers along brick aqueduct
- Sunday 13 May**
 FoBR activity - Waterwatch Sutherland's Creek and reservoir. Planting and weed removal at Anakie Gorge
- Sunday 17 June**
 FoBR activity - Remove Clow Street fence and prune/replant fruit trees - Steiglitz
- Sunday 8 July**
 FoBR activity - Koala Survey with Janine Duffy
- Sunday 12 August**
 FoBR AGM and waterwatch survey.

Please Note: These activities are proposed only and are subject to change.

Species	Scientific Name
Australian Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>
Hardhead (about 23)	<i>Aythya australis</i>
Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>
Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>
Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>
Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>
Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Galah	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>
Long-billed Corella	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>
Musk Lorikeet	<i>Glossopsitta concinna</i>
Crimson Rosella	<i>Platycercus elegans</i>
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i>
White-throated Treecreeper	<i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>
Superb Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>
Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus chrysops</i>
White-eared Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus leucotis</i>
Yellow-tufted Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus melanops</i>
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>
Crescent Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris pyrrhopterus</i>
New Holland Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</i>
White-naped Honeyeater	<i>Melithreptus lunatus</i>
Spotted Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>
Striated Pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>
Grey Currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>
Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>
Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>
Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>
Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>
Scarlet Robin	<i>Petroica boodang</i>
Eastern Yellow Robin	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>

Cathy's Column

Macro Photography Workshop Preview

Once again Chris Clarke will share his knowledge and skill with those who attend the workshop on macro photography during the wildflower show.

Before getting started taking pictures, the photographer needs to decide the reason for the photo.

Some reasons could be:

- Email
- Photo album
- Framed picture
- Book publication
- Posters

Each of these are a valid reason but each also determines in what format the photo is taken and how much compression.

Macro photography is close-up photography and it is all about photographing small objects, highly magnified. It usually means getting pretty close to the subject – like within a few centimetres.



Virtually every camera has a close-up mode, usually with the symbol of a tulip.



What you need to remember is the closer you get, the less depth of field you have. Macro photography can produce some stunning results of very tiny subjects such as the fly in the next picture. At the same time, because you need to get so close, it can cause some stress – focus is vital.



Of course, part of the difficulty is when you have multiple planes of focus and it results in one area in focus, the other out of focus. This can make some interesting results and fun pictures.

Two examples:



WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get):

The LCD screen reproduces what the camera is actually seeing. Using the optical viewfinder, in a close-up situation, may result in distortion due to a parallax unless your camera has an electronic viewfinder.

User Guide (or manual to the rest of us)

It is a good idea to read your camera manual. Most cameras feature fully automatic modes that will allow you to take brilliant photos. Program modes allow you

to take perfect pictures without the need to know the ins & outs of correct manual exposure and settings.

If you want to learn about your own camera – come to the workshop but also come prepared - **BRING YOUR CAMERA and MANUAL.**



Of course, you can't get great pictures of flora unless you get out in the bush to find it.

Come along and find your 'OH MY GOODNESS' subject and produce your 'WOW' photo.

See you at the wildflower show next Sunday
Cathy Powers

There is lots on show and to do at our Wildflower Show Sunday 9 October so don't be shy - please bring all your friends and associates along. <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr/wildflowershow.html>

Creature Feature

Send in your written pieces, funny photos or freaky facts and we can post them here. Email us at [Friends email](#) with your name and we will do our best to include your contribution in the next newsletter



Photo: Deirdre (the editor) Murphy

Did you know?



Crescent Honeyeaters (one of the birds sighted by Grace Lewis' Bird Walk in September) show long-term fidelity to breeding sites over several years, with some birds found close to the territory where they themselves hatched

Crescent Honeyeater, female, at nest.

Photo: Purnell Collection © Australian Museum

More information available from <http://birdsinyourbackyards.net/species/Phylidonyris-pyrhoptera>

Note from editor: Hello, I am Deirdre Murphy and I am your new newsletter editor. I am Waterwatch Coordinator with the Corangamite CMA during the week and water quality monitor with FoBR in my spare time. I have joined the Friends to learn new things about the Brisbane Ranges and to take part in the fantastic group activities. In a place like the Brisbane Ranges there are always opportunities to learn something new.

If you have an experience to share (recent meetings, activities or events) I would love to hear about them. Send me your contributions by the 20th of the month and I will share it with others in the next month's newsletter.

Grasstree Monitoring Project

A valuable review workshop was held in Anakie on 30 September with VNPA's (Victoria National Parks Association) NatureWatch coordinators, Deakin University researchers, Parks Victoria staff including Des Peters, Peter Box and Judy Locke, as well as Sher Swindon and Caz Bartholomew.

The Brissies management program is understood to be leading the field with this problem and our famous hygiene stations (affectionately known here as the Anakie Scrubbers) invented by Peter Box are now appearing in other areas around Australia. The effectiveness of these units is being monitored - but it is a challenge to ensure that **everyone** uses them.

Please help us spread the word rather than spread the disease!
- Caz Bartholomew



Something to think about:

- Monitoring the health of Austral Grass-trees in the Brissies began back in the 1960's, had a rest for many years and then started again in 2007.
- The disease affecting them is called *Phytophthora cinnamomi* [previously called Cinnamon Fungus] or root rot or jarrah dieback.
- This serious disease attacks plant roots causing 'dieback' usually leading to the death of plants.
- It can be found in many of our national parks and private property and spreads through some soils particularly well.
- It is another introduced problem from overseas
- It is transferred by soil on vehicles, machines, tools, boots, camping gear etc.
- It can reproduce quickly, moves in moist soil and water and can survive dry periods
- It is sometimes hard to recognise infected areas so best to assume that all soil can carry disease.
- The iconic Austral Grass-tree is thought to be endangered in the Brisbane Ranges
- It can also be spread to **YOUR** garden and property.
- **Hygiene** is one of our best ways to minimise the spread - clean boots and gear with 70% metho (a mixture of 70 parts neat methylated spirits with 30 parts water) before and after walking in park and always keep to tracks

