



Brisbane Ranges Friends News

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 14th August, 10AM at Anakie Depot
Track maintenance along Anakie Gorge

Sunday 11th September, 10AM at Anakie Depot
To be advised

Sunday 9th October, 10AM at Anakie Depot
To be advised, but maybe installing some nest boxes

Sunday 23rd October, 10AM at Steiglitz
Back to Steiglitz Festival

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Annual General Meeting

The results of the elections at the AGM are :

President: Colin Cook

Secretary: Howard Patterson

Treasurer: Deirdre Murphy

Executive Member: Allan Bartholomew

Newsletter Editor: Carolyn Edwards

Stuart Lardner, the Area Chief Ranger, was present at the meeting and provided a brief report on Parks Vic activities and plans for the future. He acknowledged that they have been neglecting the park recently due to workload in other areas, but have committed to spending more time on the Brisbane Ranges in the future. To this end, he asked that all members report any issues that require attention to them, such as track condition, dumped rubbish, improper riding of trail bikes, horses etc. This will allow them to target their resources where it will be most effective.

Stuart also advised that both the Brisbane Ranges and Steiglitz parks will come under a new master plan to be developed in 2017-18. This will be a regional level plan, rather than written for each individual park.

A proposal was raised that FoBR provides funds for a coordinator to help organise the next wildflower show. This was discussed and the group was favourable to the idea. Colin and Deirdre will develop this idea further. This would also complement an idea raised by Mark Trengove that the glasshouse facilities at the depot be made available for someone to grow (and sell) indigenous plants, with mentoring provided by Mark and the Anakie Community Garden group. The benefits would be that someone could learn skills that would hopefully lead to a vocation, that the existing infrastructure would be better utilised and that the indigenous plants of the Brisbane Ranges would be available for the community, etc. There is no reason why the same person could not fill both roles.

A role description will be written and circulated shortly, but if you know anyone who would be interested....

Last activity: Track maintenance

Colin Cook

We conducted track maintenance along the Ted Errey circuit from the Stony Creek picnic area up to the seat at Outlook. The track was in generally good condition, but next time I must remember to take something to clean up the interpretation signs. Which brings me to...

Next activity: Track maintenance

We'll be walking along Anakie Gorge, pruning back any intruding vegetation, removing weeds, picking up rubbish, looking out for fungi, orchids (the greenhoods are appearing), wombat holes etc. Bring gloves, lunch etc

We're hoping to be installing some nest boxes for the October activity. The Wyndham College students will have a day during the week to install some with the help of Parks Vic. The two locations we are planning to put them are off Lease Rd near Sheep Track and near Island Track.

For your diary!

17th-18th September

Anglesea Wildflower Weekend and Art Show
Anglesea Memorial Hall
3 McMillan Street, Anglesea

Your articles: We would love to publish your stories of bushwalking and other activities in the *Brissies*.

Send in your contributions to friends_br@yahoo.com.au

Back to Steiglitz

The Back to Steiglitz festival is on again this year on Sunday 23rd October (www.backtosteiglitz.org.au). Parks Vic will not have a stand on the day but we will set up a stand with our usual array of books, maps, CDs and honey for sale (and anything else Brisbane Ranges related you can think of). We are discussing with PV the opportunity to lead a wildflower walk on the day, probably around the Bert Boardmans Reserve. Any volunteers for the day most welcome and please contact Colin Cook if you wish to come along and help out.

