



# Brisbane Ranges Friends News

**OCTOBER 2016**

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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 9 October, 10am at Anakie Depot**  
Grass-tree monitoring at Furze Track

**Sunday 23 October**  
Back to Steiglitz Festival

**Sunday November, 10am at Anakie Depot**  
Activity TBA

## FoBR Membership Fees

Annual fees \$11 for single and \$22 for families are due  
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*Waterwatchers  
Photo: Deirdre Murphy*

## Activity Report - Waterwatch

Colin Cook

We finally managed to get some Waterwatch testing done at Sutherlands Creek and there was actually flowing water this time! The creek was looking nice and clear, but the waterbugs were still a bit sparse. Warmer weather may bring them along a bit. The frogs were certainly happy, with several clumps of frog spawn seen in some of the pools.

After lunch, we went on a walk around the track at Bert Boardman's as a scouting activity for the walk we'll be running at the Back To Steiglitz Festival. Numerous wildflowers and fungi were seen and we'll have another check just before the festival date to get an idea of what's in flower and where.



*Sutherlands Creek*

## Back to Steiglitz

The Back to Steiglitz festival is on again this year on Sunday 23rd October ([www.backtosteiglitz.org.au](http://www.backtosteiglitz.org.au)).

FoBR will be attending on the day with our usual array of books, maps, CDs and honey for sale (and anything else Brisbane Ranges related you can think of). We are leading a wildflower walk on the day around the Bert Boardman's Reserve. Any volunteers for the day most welcome; please contact Colin Cook if you wish to come along and help out.

## Ballarat happenings

Parks Victoria is proposing a name change for the Canadian Regional Park to Woowookarung and have commenced public consultation. The online survey may be found at [www.parks.vic.gov.au/woowookarung](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/woowookarung). Deadline for comment is October 14.

"Woowookarung embodies the spirit and the history of this place, which provided food, medicine, water, shelter and raw materials for Aboriginal people. In Wadawurrung language Woowookarung means place of plenty": Uncle Bryon Powell, Elder and Chair of Wadawurrung.

In association with this, a new Friends group is being formed. A meeting of the Friends of the Canadian Corridor (FoCC) will be held at 7pm Thursday October 20th at Mt Clear Scout Hall for the purpose of incorporation of the group. All friends and persons interested in the Canadian Corridor and the new Canadian Regional Park (Woowookarung) welcome. More information from [focc@gmail.com](mailto:focc@gmail.com) or 0408509591. (Jeff Rootes on behalf of the FoCC)

## Landcare magazine

Issue 67 of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management Magazine is now available online

Stories in this issue include:

- Reflections of a young Landcare leader: Kate McKenzie from the South Gippsland Landcare Network imagines on what Landcare will be like in 30 years
- Stories from a number of long-running groups regarding their achievements and resilience
- Reflections from respected landcarers, Lyn Coulston, Peter Forster and Alice Knight
- Rob Youl explores the development of Landcare – from local community action to international movement
- FTLA looks to the future: over 75 FTLA members discuss the challenges and opportunities ahead for the next 30 years of Landcare

To read or download the current issue of the magazine visit <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/magazine-issues/spring-2016/>  
All the other back issues (i.e. from issues 1-65) of the Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management magazine are now on the Victorian Landcare Gateway <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/home/magazine-back-issues/>



Wildflowers: Blue Stars *Chamaescilla corymbosa*  
and Wax-lip Orchid *Glossodia major*

## For your diary! Join us

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Grass-tree monitoring at Furze Track

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Back to Steiglitz festival

**Sunday 13 November**  
Activity TBA

**Sunday 11 December**  
End of year celebration

**Your articles:** We would love to publish your stories of bushwalking in the Brissies. Send in your contributions to [friends\\_br@yahoo.com.au](mailto:friends_br@yahoo.com.au)