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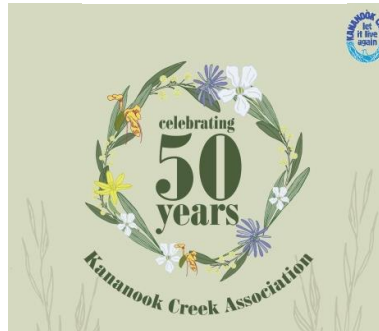
## KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION Inc.

### Our Aim:

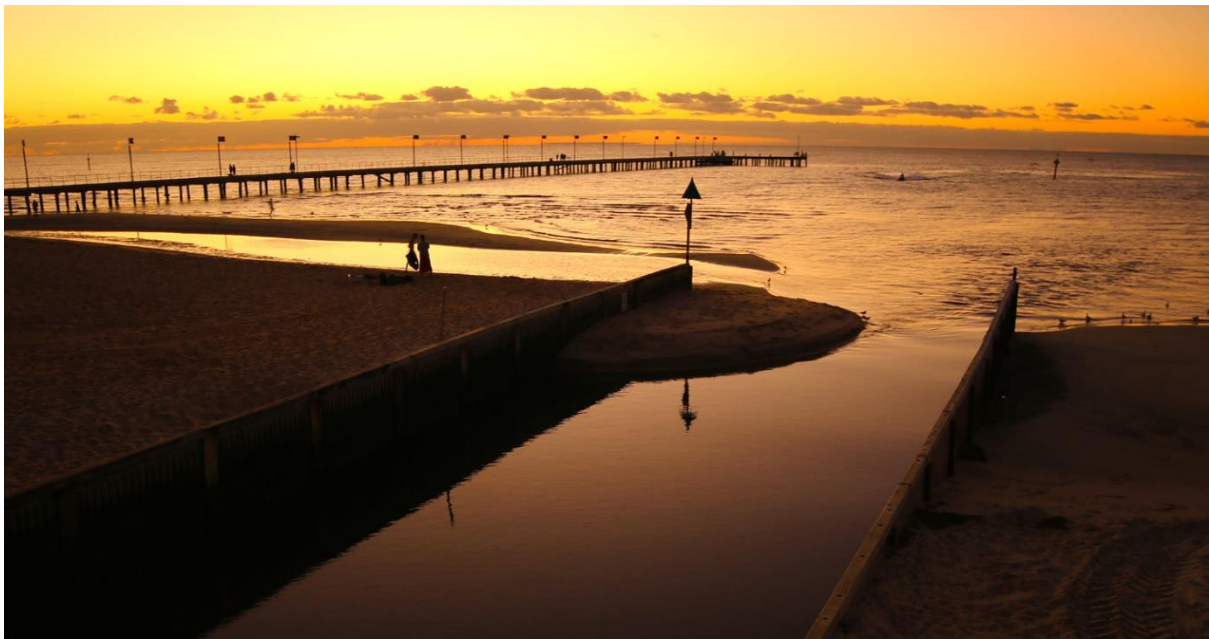
To clean, restore and preserve  
Kananook Creek and its environment



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## Winter Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Hi everyone and welcome to our winter newsletter.*

*Governance of the creek and its environment has been high on the KCA agenda for over 40 years. I am pleased to advise that there has been a very significant positive development with Council accepting a recommendation to implement a Kananook Creek Governance Group. Further details are captured later in this newsletter.*

*The situation with the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) removing mature vegetation from the Seaford area remains a concern of ours. The recent changes that have taken place have not only destroyed mature trees but have affected the proposed plans to build the Seaford Park Arboretum. After halting works following a public protest, KCA believes there is no good reason why LXRP resumed works until a full community engagement process had taken place. The powers given to LXRP make it a challenge to address community concerns, but we continue to have exchanges with Frankston City Council (FCC) and with Sonya Kilkenny on this matter:*

*Covid19 is on everyone's mind and it has impacted almost everywhere. KCA had to discontinue Working Bees, but we now have the green light to continue under strict social distancing guidelines. If you want to come along and help, be prepared to bring your own tools, food and drinks.*

*Restrictions also impacted our ability to hold our Annual General Meeting. We have now set a date for this and hope to hold it face to face. If this is not possible, we will be convening the meeting using Zoom. See the Notice of AGM later in this Newsletter.*

*We wrote to all of you recently, and posted on Facebook, highlighting the lack of community commitment to the KCA both for our management committee and the general membership levels. Since that last message, we have managed to invigorate the committee with several members stepping up to the challenge. I thank all of you that offered to help. Come along to our AGM and meet the new team.*

*The membership numbers of KCA still remains a major concern. We have over 300 people on our mailing list and our Facebook posts regularly have several hundred views. By comparison, our actual membership numbers are at an all-time low. With only 37 paid up members for 2020, this remains one of our biggest challenges.*

*The chill is in the air now and a great time for keeping warm with a nice walk or jog along the Creek. The crisp mornings are quite lovely when the sun glints off the water. Personally, I enjoy the challenge of a morning run and recently spotted a group of fishermen trying their luck on one of the picnic areas close to Seaford.*

*Stay safe during this time and hope to see you at the AGM.*

*Phil Carter  
President KCA*

## KANANOOK CREEK GOVERNANCE

The previous Kananook Creek Management Plan, finalized in 1992, was oversighted by the the Kananook Creek Liaison Committee (FCC, Melbourne Water, KCA and representatives from local fishermen). This Liaison Committee has not met for over 10 years.

In 2016, the governance of the creek was the subject of a formal review. The report that was produced had several key recommendations from the Ministerial Advisory Committee, none of which had been adopted.

We are pleased to advise you that, at the Frankston City Council Ordinary Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Council voted to accept recommendations to create a **Kananook Creek Governance Group**.

Council noted that, over the years, they have commissioned a number of studies and reports about the creek but these had resulted in very limited action. There now seems to an appetite to make positive changes.

KCA has indicated our willingness to be part of this new group with meetings anticipated to commence in the next couple of months.

The full recommendation is captured below.

That Council:

1. Notes the historical, cultural, recreational and economic value of the Kananook Creek as a well-used and valued community asset;
2. Notes the previous lack of governance and management of Kananook Creek and Council takes the lead role in stewarding a future governance model for Kananook Creek on behalf of the community.
3. Invites key state government departments including DELWP, Parks Victoria, Better Boating Victoria and Melbourne Water, along with key community groups to be part of the Kananook Creek Governance Group;
4. Nominates Councillor Aitken and Councillor Toms to represent Council at the Kananook Creek Governance Group;
5. Notes Terms of Reference will be agreed at the first meeting of the Kananook Creek Governance Group and will be reported to Council no later than September 2020; and
6. Notes the update regarding a trial dredging program to manage sediment at the entrance to Kananook Creek and will receive a further update by Memorandum.

## RESERVES WORKING BEES -DATES

Don't just talk about the environment - do something!

Make a real constructive contribution to our local indigenous natural reserves by joining in KCA's regular monthly working bees. This vital work of planting and weeding and other maintenance preserves these outstanding natural assets for current and future generations.

**Just two hours a month** - it's great fun working outdoors in a team with other like-minded neighbors, followed by delicious shared refreshments and fellowship.

**Southern Group-** First Sunday of every month

9-11 am refreshments provided

Meet at Fiocchi Ave footbridge

Call Minio Rossetto Mob 0417 147 956

**Central Group-** Third Sunday of every month

9-11 am refreshments provided

Meet at Pumping Station Cnr Boonong and Bentons Ave

Call Nigel Woodhouse Mob 0413 109 204



## SEAFORD PARK ARBORETUM PROJECT-STAGE 1

At KCA's 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Cube 37, Mayor Sandra Mayer announced that Council had unanimously endorsed this long-awaited project - a local indigenous botanic garden in the heart of Seaford.

The Arboretum Project Concept and implementation Plan (including the Community Engagement Process) is due for completion **by August 2020**.

We are concerned about the changes at the proposed Arboretum entrance as a result of LXRP works and the implications this will have on the design concept. We have seen nothing yet on the Community Engagement process. The opening of Stage 1 is due **May 2021**.



## **CONCRETE BIKE TRAILS AND SOFT BUSH WALKING PATHS**



KCA has long advocated that the routing of the long-proposed concrete Bay Bike trail be kept separate from the soft Kananook Creek bush walking paths, as this is in the best interests of walkers and bikers alike. This has also been the accepted Council policy on the Bay Bike trail - the route should be along the Railway Reserve not compromising the soft bush walking trail experience in the Kananook Creek Corridor natural reserves which are officially recognized as of high botanic significance, KCA sees no good reason to change policy on this matter.

## **MELBOURNE WATER**

Last year we were able to establish a meeting forum with Melbourne Water. It is unfortunate that the Covid restrictions have prevented further meetings from taking place, but we are hopeful that these can be re-established at the appropriate time.

The initial discussions were very productive with proposals to monitor water quality high on the agenda.

## **DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Frankston City Council is in the process of updating the above plan and KCA has provided input.

Our significant creek environment needs support on many fronts to prevent decimation of our indigenous flora and fauna. On this basis, we would support a ban on cats being able to roam freely. The reserves are there to be enjoyed by everyone, so control of dogs is a fundamental component of this. Designated and fenced free roaming areas on the foreshore would mitigate some of our concerns as long as there is a proper consultation process on their location.

## VIEWING PLATFORMS

As you may be aware, FCC is planning to build a viewing platform off Riviera Street in Seaford and between Fiocchi and Alawah Avenues in Frankston.

KCA had concerns about the initial siting of the platforms, but after consultation with Council Officers the chosen locations were agreed as providing enhanced views of the creek for track users and residents generally, especially behind the Riviera Hotel in Seaford.

The committee is somewhat against viewing platforms in general as they can attract anti-social behavior and associated litter. It was our view that capital expenditure would have been better spent elsewhere.

These views were communicated to FCC at the time.



# Notice of AGM

**KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020**  
**SEAFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE (TALBOT HALL)**  
**BROUGHTON STREET, SEAFORD**  
**AT 8.00PM (REGISTRATIONS FROM 7.30PM)**

## AGENDA

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in 2019
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members (refer Attachment A)
- Q&A (Please submit questions to [margaret.hunter74@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.hunter74@gmail.com) at least 24 hours before the meeting)
- Arboretum update
- Meeting close

**Because of Covid restrictions, we are unable to serve refreshments this year.**

Margaret Hunter  
Secretary  
Kananook Creek Association Inc.

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**If Covid restrictions impact our plans to hold this meeting, we will convene over Zoom technology. If this is the case, you will need a computer to access the meeting. Details of the meeting are below. The meeting will only be opened if there are changes to existing restrictions that prevent a face to face meeting.**

Topic: KCA AGM  
Time: Aug 6, 2020 08:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89136194234>

Meeting ID: 891 3619 4234

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**KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC.**

(Registration number A0007735M)

Committee Nomination Form

NOMINATION FOR KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC. COMMITTEE 2020/2021

I .....(name of nominee) hereby agree to nominate as a  
Committee Member of the Association for the year 2020/2021

I nominate for the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Ordinary member (Cross out  
those not applicable)

I certify that I am a current financial member of the Association.

Signed..... Date.....

**Secunder**

I.....second the above nomination.  
(insert name of person seconding the nomination)

I certify that I am a current financial member of the Association.

Signed..... Date.....

**This Form must be with the Association Secretary, Margaret Hunter (email [margaret.hunter74@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.hunter74@gmail.com))  
24 hours prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.**