

KANANOOK CREEK ADVOCATE

Our Aim:

To clean, restore and preserve
Kananook Creek and its environment

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We would like to thank you all for your continued support of the Kananook Creek Association during 2017.

2017 has been a very important year for the creek and its surrounds. We've seen the acceptance of the Ministerial Advisory Committees report into the management of the creek and its environs. This is certainly a big step forward and provides a blueprint for the future. Yes, we as a community, will have to push to see that the recommendations are implemented and that the management of the creek remains current to the area's needs. There are constant challenges emerging: for example we have issues such as the level crossing removals,

higher density development along the creek in both Seaford and Frankston, issues of water quality and flow rates and increased storm water run-off from surrounding development. As much and all as we may want the Kananook Creek to be an integral aesthetic and environmental feature of our community it, like any other waterway, will be part of the storm water system for a large area. Therefore it will always be at risk of pollution, flooding and degradation.

The Association continues to conduct regular working bees in the southern third of the Kananook Creek, but lack of human resources means we simply **cannot** give the 5 kilometres of creek in Seaford the sort of TLC it so richly deserves

and in many areas sorely needs. We continue to lobby Council for work in the Seaford area and have been successful in obtaining grants towards track maintenance and similar. (See *article re Green Army*) We also work on planning needs in the Seaford area to the best of our ability, but again resources makes it difficult to respond to needs satisfactorily. The KCA is a voluntary organization and doesn't have unlimited resources. The KCA is approaching its 50th anniversary. Surprise, surprise members of your committee are well past that and some are approaching their 70th anniversary. Truth is it becomes increasingly difficult to do the sort of physical work needed in the Seaford area without more support.

2018 priorities:

In many respects they are a restatement of 2017 but to change focus would be inappropriate:

- Re-establish regular working bees in Seaford. These working bees will be organized and resourced by Seaford residents.
- Maintain vigilance over creek side development in both Frankston and Seaford, especially as proposed changes to zoning along the creek emphasize higher density developments.
- Ensure our member numbers remain strong, for without this our lobbying and credibility with local authorities is diminished.
- Recruit a wider committee representation from Seaford to ensure the important needs of the suburb are adequately addressed

NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kananook Creek Association is holding its 2018 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4 April at 8.00pm at the senior Citizens' Rooms ("Talbot Hall"), Broughton Street, Seaford. A membership form is on the reverse of this page, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2018. If you're in a position to work on the committee there's also a committee nomination form overleaf. We need more committee members.

If you enjoy what the Kananook Creek has to offer, this meeting provides an excellent opportunity to find out what the Association has been doing over the past twelve months and what plans it has for the year ahead; this includes ongoing work in the Reserves, our advocacy against inappropriate development, our relationships with outside organizations and for socialising afterwards.

We are also keen for neighbours of the Creek to either join or re-join the Association; a healthy membership group enables us to lobby the politicians and bureaucrats (at all levels of government) from a position of strength and this has never been more important than now, with the increasing burden of regulations and property development being thrust upon us. If you can't come to the meeting you might like to use the form overleaf to send us your details and membership subscription for 2018.

Otherwise we look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Wednesday 4th April 2018.

Paul Davies – President

**TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2018
AT**

**SEAFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE (TALBOT HALL)
BROUGHTON STREET, SEAFORD**

AT 8.00PM (REGISTRATIONS FROM 7.45PM)

AGENDA:

Welcome

- 1. Apologies***
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5 April 2017;***
- 3. President's Report;***
- 4. Treasurer's Report;***
- 5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members;***
- 6. Question Time;***
- 7. Meeting close;***

Light refreshments will then be served.

Attachment A – nomination for committee

NOMINATION FOR KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC. COMMITTEE 2018/2019

Ihereby agree to nominate as a
 (Insert name of person nominating)

Committee Member of the Association for the year 2018/2019

I also nominate for the position of
 President, vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Ordinary Committee member
 (Cross out those which are not applicable)

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

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

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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
 PO Box 123, Frankston, Vic, 3199 (or email padavies.kca@gmail.com)
 24 hours prior to the commencement of the annual general meeting.**

Attachment B – Membership form

I/We would like to take up membership or I/We would like to renew membership	yes ----- yes	Name/s:..... Phone number:
No. of persons in household I/we would like to learn more about KCA's activities	----- yes/no	Address(Residential):..... Email: (privacy rules apply)
Direct Credit: Kananook Creek Association (Westpac) BSB: 033 179 Acc: 313381	\$15.00	Or pay by cheque: I/we enclose membership fee (per household) of \$15.00 Add donation (if desired) – mail to The Treasurer, KCA, 410 Nepean Highway, Frankston, Vic 3199 Please place your name in the description area of the transfer
TOTAL:	\$.	Date 2018

GREEN ARMY PROJECT



Some good news to start 2018. KCA was successful in gaining some \$10,000.00 as a pre federal election commitment and we now have Green Army workers undertaking environmental management work along the length of the creek's walking tracks. We've attached some photos of their work. We will have the benefit of up to a dozen workers over the next 6 or so weeks. The team has commenced work at the southern end and will be progressively weeding, spreading mulch where appropriate, pruning over

hanging vegetation and removing or spraying non indigenous species. The work that they have undertaken in the first few days is little short of spectacular. I've attached photographs of both the work that's been undertaken and the Green Army workers themselves.

If you see them working along the track over the next several weeks please say hello to them. They are universally quality young people and deserve all the support we can give them. These people are interested in the environment and keen to both

learn and engage in a hands on fashion. They have a great supervisor in Berwick. He has significant relevant experience in environmental management. These people are not just another bunch of contractors looking to get a job done in a quick and nasty fashion as can often happen.

They've recently completed a lot of pruning and track work between Station Street and Armstrongs Road. They'll be tackling other sections of the track over coming weeks

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