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## KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION Inc.

### Our Aim:

To clean, restore and preserve  
Kananook Creek and its environment



Proud winners of  
NAB Volunteers Award for 2005

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### COMMITTEE CHANGES

- Paul Davies retiring after 5 years as President
- Andrew Robinson stepping down from the Committee. Andrew is still acting Treasurer until a new Treasurer is appointed
- Phil Carter Has taken on the role president

The KCA would like to warmly thank Paul and Andrew for the huge contribution they made to the KCA over many years.

### MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

*At our last AGM, Paul Davies announced that he had decided to retire as President of the KCA. After my first 2 months in the role, it has become blatantly obvious the extent of Paul's contribution over the years. He is to be highly commended for what he has achieved. I do wonder what I have got myself into and I am thankful that Paul has agreed to support the transition to the new Committee.*

*For me, it has been a whirlwind of new experiences, learnings and relationship building. We have a Committee of strong willed and enthusiastic volunteers and we will do everything we can to take up the cause of protecting Kananook Creek.*

*We have an uphill battle and we have decided to use our Facebook page to highlight some of the significant problems that the creek is facing. You may have seen references to the recent diesel spill and the heavy build-up of toxic sludge. It would be great if you could share this information with your friends and neighbors. The reality is that we need significant change if the creek is to become the recreational asset we would like it to be.*

*We will continue to lobby the authorities to try and resolve some of these issues but we do need your continued support. Over the years, our membership numbers have decreased to a level that does not reflect the numbers of properties that border the creek. Weight of numbers is always important when trying to convince authorities to make change. We need to increase membership to make the KCA a body that truly echoes the desires of the community. Please see our special offer highlighted in the section "The Association needs you". Join now and receive 4 months free membership!*

*Phil*

## **THE KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD!!**

The Kananook Creek Association has been nominated as a finalist for a Frankston City Council Community Award in the Clean Beach / Waterway category. The nomination was for the creek restoration work performed by the Green Army.

### Creek Monitoring

The Melbourne University has developed a monitoring proposal with the aim of determining the exact source (s) of toxins and sludge. The proposal reported that the Kananook Creek sediment exceeded EPA prescribed waste guidelines. The Kananook Creek Association is planning a meeting with Melbourne Water and the FCC to discuss implementation of the monitoring proposal.

### Frankston Green Wedge

The Frankston City Council recently requested feedback on the Council's Green wedge proposal. The Kananook Creek Association submitted to the Council that any development must not increase industrial run off to the Kananook Creek. The Council will consider the KCA submission at September's Council meeting.

### Anti-Toxic Alliance

The Kananook Creek Association has joined the Anti Toxic Waste Alliance. Membership to the Alliance gives the Kananook Creek Association opportunities to network and share experience in dealing the Councils & Authorities about Toxic Waste

### Frankston Coastguard Proposal

The Kananook Creek Association has submitted to the Frankston City Council that our preference is not to proceed with the Olivers Hill proposal but consider installing the Coast Guard in the reactivated mouth of the Kananook Creek. The Council is making its determination during October relating to the preferred location of the Coastguard.

The Kananook Creek Association turns 50 in 2020.

Watch this space for further announcements as the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday comes closer

## The Association needs you

Have you considered joining (or rejoining) the Kananook Creek Association? The more members we have, gives us a stronger voice when advocate for the Creek with Council and Melbourne Water. Talk to your neighbors about our cause and hopefully we can attract some new members. To join, please complete the attached membership form.

The Kananook Creek Association is making a special membership incentive of offering new and rejoining members, membership for the remainder of 2019 and all of 2020.

## Do you have Kananook Creek Association Gear & Equipment

Over the years many people have used Kananook Creek Association gear & equipment. This gear & equipment is being kept in many widespread locations. The committee would like to identify and locate all KCA gear & equipment. If you know the whereabouts of any KCA gear & equipment, kindly notify the Kananook Creek Association on our email address on [kananookcreek@gmail.com](mailto:kananookcreek@gmail.com)

## Working Bees

There are regular working bees on the first Sunday at Fiocchi Ave and the third Sunday at Bentons Avenue

**DON'T FORGET** to check out our Facebook Page which is constantly updated.

## Running along the Kananook Creek Trail

The Frankston Masters Athletics regularly have group runs on Sunday mornings. We either meet at Frankston Pier and run towards Mile Bridge (and beyond) or Seaford Pier and run along the trail between the Mile Bridge & Eel Race Road.

We enjoy peace & tranquility of the Kananook Creek trail. Most of all, we enjoy being “back to nature” that the trail affords. Runners, experiencing the trail for the first time always comment on the trail’s beauty and why it has taken them this long to discover it.

While the Trail is a softer option than Olivers Hill & the Sweetwater Creek trails, the Kananook Creek trail has enough undulations, stairs and change of terrain to give us runners a good work out. Of utmost importance, the trail is close to very good coffee shops for a post run brekkie.

David Dodson, Secretary

