

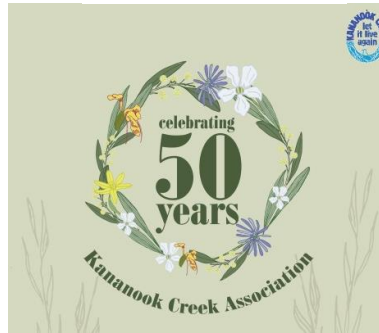
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KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION Inc.

Our Aim:
To clean, restore and preserve
Kananook Creek and its environment



Proud winners of
NAB Volunteers Award for 2005



Spring Newsletter
2020



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone and welcome to our Spring newsletter.

Covid 19 continues to have a huge impact on the community and our ability to operate effectively. A thank you to all of you that attended our Annual General Meeting in August. It was certainly a very different format using Zoom to communicate. Overall, the meeting went well and I am hopeful that our 2021 meeting will be face to face once again. As an outcome of the AGM we now formally appointed the new Committee and I can see the enthusiasm of the new committee members making a positive difference going forward.

Minutes have been circulated and my report posted on the KCA web site along with our other reference material.

At the AGM, I made an announcement that I have a desire to establish working groups focused on specific activities and there is more about that later in the newsletter.

At the end of June, Frankston City Council agreed to form a Kananook Creek Governance Group which includes representation from all the local community groups, Councilors, Council members and Melbourne Water. The first two meetings have taken place and some progress has been made. Initially, the discussions have focused primarily on the dredging of the creek mouth, but I am hopeful that the agenda will broaden over time.

The sun is starting to come out and I turn my own thoughts to the longer days ahead. Hopefully, once we are past the worst of these restrictions, we can recommence our work on the reserves.

Phil Carter
President KCA

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Vote wisely-do your research -read the statements -contact the candidates. It has been said that "everybody loves Kananook Creek" but, in truth, some candidates will have a better understanding and can provide more effective support than others.

If KCA's aim to clean, restore and preserve Kananook Creek and its environs is important to you then check the awareness of candidates on this. Are they on board with KCA community expectations for the Seaford Arboretum?

RESERVES WORKING BEES

ALL WORKING BEES REMAIN CANCELLED WHILE WE ARE IN LOCKDOWN

We like to say “don’t just talk about the environment, do something” but Covid19 has frustrated us for the last 6 months and only our Council Ranger is permitted to do maintenance work. This is a major challenge as there is so much to do. Many residents have helped by taking a bag and keeping the walking trails rubbish free.

When restrictions are lifted, we urge you to make a real constructive contribution to our local indigenous natural reserves by joining in KCA’s regular monthly working bees. Just 2 hours a month contributes to this vital work of planting and weeding and other maintenance, helping to preserve these outstanding natural assets for current and future generations. Its great fun working outdoors in a team with other likeminded neighbors followed by delicious shared refreshments and fellowship.

KCA has applied to the Waterways Blitz Scheme for workers to do essential fire fuel reduction work before summer. Melbourne Water, who manages the scheme, has had over 800 applications, but we have not heard back as to whether our request has been accepted.

The Kananook Creek Corridor Reserves three-year plan of works is well out of date and we are working with Council on the update.

Contact points when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted are:

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

We are also in discussion with the City of Kingston Parks Department with a view to establish a third working bee in the Northern part of the Creek. More details will be provided when they are available.



SEAFORD PARK ARBORETUM PROJECT-STAGE 1 UPDATE

KCA have long advocated for the completion of the Seaford Arboretum but with more vigour and purpose after the passing of Allan and Yvonne Sisson.

KCA saw the Seaford Arboretum having two key community objectives:

1. As a fitting living tribute to the pioneering work (over 20 years) of the Sissons in masterminding and directing KCA's community restoration of the Kananook Creek Corridor Reserves and the creation of the network of natural walking trails
2. To protect and sustain this achievement into the future by educating and inspiring future generations to engage in the maintenance and preservation of the Kananook Creek Corridor Regional Park.

On 25th February, at KCA's 50th Celebration at Cube 37, Mayor Sandra Mayer announced that Council had unanimously endorsed this long-awaited project- a locally indigenous botanic garden in the heart of Seaford.

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

UPDATE: The Community Engagement Process has not yet begun; Council are yet to appoint the Project Consultant who will update the original Concept in line with current site conditions.

KCA is keen to see that the landscape architect Jill Orr Young's inspired Arboretum Concept Plan of 1997 is faithfully implemented and that the desired community objectives are fully achieved.

We are concerned about the damage inflicted on the Arboretum entrance (and the steel fence) by LXP and the implications this will have on the Updated Concept design.



Picture-main entrance to Seaford Arboretum at Station Street (during LXR works and now)

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 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.

The latest LXR Southern Alliance press release states that works will commence to complete the shared pathway.

UPDATE: Discussions between LXR, Council and KCA on KCA concerns are due to be held early October.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Frankston City Council's updated Domestic Animal Management Plan was adopted by Council on 10th August and is now available on the Frankston City Council web site.

https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Our_Community/Animals/Animal_Management

It is noted that there were 733 responses to the council's consultation process indicating a high level of community engagement.

The plan includes a list of action items to be addressed over the coming months. We note that Council will be:

- Considering a 24/7 cat curfew to protect wildlife.
- Implementing a dogs in public places policy.

If you are a dog or cat owner, we strongly recommend that you familiarize yourselves with the contents of this publication.

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4 August 2020 on zoom with an attendance of 18 people, including the Chair of the Frankston Environmental Friends Network, David Cross and the Federal Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP. There was discussion of the work of the Kananook Creek Association into 2021 with long term members and supporters of KCA present. It is hoped to meet once again in person in 2021

During the meeting, the new committee was formally adopted.

Your committee for the coming year is:

- Phil Carter, President
- Rob Thurley, Vice President
- Margaret Hunter, Secretary
- John Shreeve, Treasurer
- Yvonne Lynch, Membership
- Thomas Weichert
- Russell Taylor
- Ken Matthews
- Stuart Allan



New Secretary for KCA - Margaret Hunter

Margaret Hunter has been working in the environmental field for many years. "I look forward to working with the Association in this role in 2020-21, and can be contacted on 0417 323 460, and on the email address margaret.hunter74@gmail.com"

KCA SUBCOMMITTEES -CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The new committee wishes to rejuvenate the KCA Subcommittee system and engage interest and expertise from across the wider community on:

- **MEMBERSHIP**

Increase the membership levels of the KCA through individual membership and corporate sponsorship while providing value to the community. Includes membership activities/ community days, newsletter distribution, promotion, schools' programs etc.

- **RESERVES SUBCOMMITTEE**

All key aspects of the Kananook Corridor Reserves including maintenance and improvement.

- **WATERWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Engineer and landowner Paul Kelly retired from the committee last year and we need to rebuild our expertise in this area to improve the environmental health of the waterway and to preserve its recreational amenity.

- **PRIVATE LANDOWNERS SUBCOMMITTEE**

About 480 private properties enjoy creek frontages along the Kananook Creek Corridor-mainly on the West Bank and are important stakeholders. Many of the KCA founders in 1970 were private landowners abutting a very contaminated creek. Since then private landowners have had an enormous contribution in the clean-up and restoration of the waterway and Natural Reserves.

The Sub Committee is tasked with updating the 2010 User Guide for Private Landowners adjoining Kananook Creek.

http://kananookcreekassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/KCA_landowner_user_manual_03_02_10.pdf

We need your assistance to preserve the high-quality achievements in the 50-year restoration of the Kananook Creek Corridor Regional Park.

Please contact Secretary Margaret Hunter if you are interested in supporting any of these Subcommittees.



KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Membership Year: 1 January – 31st December

Membership contributions help us to:

- continue our work on the reserves.
- lobby for a cleaner creek.
- distribute newsletters to keep members and local residents informed.

If you would like to join us or your subscription has lapsed, please complete the form below and send it with your subscription. Annual membership is only \$20.00 per household.

KCA Membership- 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2020

Kananook Creek Association Membership 2020 \$20.00 per household.	
Payments to: Kananook Creek Association Westpac Banking Corporation Account details: 033-179 313381 Please include your full name as the reference. Please send membership application (and cheque if needed) to: KCA President, 2/204 Nepean Highway, Seaford, VIC 3198 Or email to: carter999@live.com.au if using bank transfer.	
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