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**KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION Inc**



*Our Aim: "To Clean, Restore, and Preserve the Kananook Creek and its Environs"*

**Proud winners of NAB 2005 Victorian Volunteers Award**

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## NEWSLETTER

### MAIN STORIES

1. AGM 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022
2. Arboretum Project Progress
3. Management Plan Update-Governance Group
4. Natural Reserves
5. Waterways
6. Planning
7. Volunteers and Membership

### 1. Annual General Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

KCA held its Annual General Meeting on 7 April 2022 at the Talbot Hall, Seaford, with a good attendance and guest speakers Karin Treager (Yarra River Keeper) and Steve Perumal (Kananook Creek Indigenous Botanic Gardens). Committee elections were held with the following committee elected by the meeting for 2022-2023:

**Vice President** vacant

**Secretary** Margaret Hunter [secretarykca3198@gmail.com](mailto:secretarykca3198@gmail.com)

**Treasurer** John Shreeve

**Committee Members** Russell Taylor, Ken Matthews, Rob Thurley, Thomas Weichert.

### 2. Arboretum Project Progress

KCA, supported by the Seaford Community Group, unsuccessfully submitted to the 2022-23 Council Plan requesting funding to be restored for the Environmental Learning Centre Shelter and viewing platform as this is considered core to raising awareness of the high environmental values and to sustain long term community engagement in the caring of our unique 10 km natural Reserve.

Council has expended the \$673,000 Grant received from State Government and suggested KCA lobby State Government for funding to complete the project scope. Council will not consider any ratepayer contribution to the project of great significance to the Seaford Community at this time.

### 3. Management Plan Update-Kananook Creek Governance Group

3.1 KCA has been engaged in the Group Planning Sessions facilitated by Council in developing a new plan for active generation of the Kananook Creek Corridor. A key project is to desilt the creek to restore the

once navigable waterway for small craft and kayaks etc. Desilting, removal of hazards as fallen trees and reducing inputs of silt from the major polluting sources -the major storm water drains  
KCA also unsuccessfully submitted to the June Budget meeting for funding for urgent desilting of priority drains.

3.2 KCA fully supports Council's Suction Cutter Dredging Trial at the entrance to the Kananook Creek- work should start in August. This trial is needed to assess the optimum means of keeping the Creek Harbour safe for small boats.

#### 4.Kananook Creek Natural Reserves -Minio Rossetto

4.1 Kananook Natural Reserves Planning Session -KCA looks forward to meeting with the Operations Team early August to plan priorities operational and capital budgets and co-ordinate for with KCA community efforts. Council Rangers and contractors are focussing on high priority conservation areas.

4.2 Next Reserves Working Bee -Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

4.3 KCA and Xylem Watermark-a very productive effort to clear mass coverage of morning glory from the Reserve at Allawah Ave in May



## 5. Waterways Watch Group -Russell Taylor

The purpose of this group is to assess the condition of the creek environment over its length. We need to know what's in the water and what goes into it – chemical, physical and biological – in order to work out what needs to be done to make it more pleasant to observe and visit, safer for boating/canoeing/kayaking/fishing and just a fantastic asset for enjoyment and recreation.

The more knowledge we have on the whole creek ecosystem, the greater chance we have of improving it for ourselves and future generations. The black ooze along the banks and on the bottom is related to sediments from our local stormwater system and is of particular concern and a high priority for improvement. We will be investigating support from agencies including the Frankston City Council, Melbourne Water and the Victoria-wide Estuary Watch program.

There is scope, for you, the reader, to be involved by volunteering to make observations, collect samples and generally be involved. Community groups around the State are making enormous contributions to waterways just like ours. If you would like to add your name to those who have already made an expression of interest in being involved, please reply via the KCA email address [secretarykca3198@gmail.com](mailto:secretarykca3198@gmail.com).

## 6. Planning

6.1 Planning Application 446-450 Nepean Highway Frankston. Harbour high rise  
KCA is most concerned with this application rising 50 metres beside the Creek.

Interventions by former State Government Planning Ministers have left Frankston CBD planning Scheme with no height limits meanwhile strong protection was introduced to protect the Yarra River from inappropriate development.



There is a lot at stake-is State Government ever going to afford other significant waterways like Kananook Creek with proper planning protection?

Are appropriate planning height limits going to be introduced for Frankston -moving step back from the Waterfront?

Frankston, the Lifestyle Capital of Victoria, recognised by UNESCO as part of a unique biosphere, does not want a **Great Wall** overshadowing and dominating this unique natural creek side precinct.

### **VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERSHIP**

KCA Committee and its active Sub Committees need your help.

Becoming /renewing as a financial member would be a great first step. Lending a hand would be fantastic. We need help from folks interested in caring for unique Natural Reserves and walkways-administrative skills, social media and communication, education, planning, interested in community waterway science etc .

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### KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership and donations help us to care for Kananook Creek and its reserves and to lobby for protection and preservation of these wonderful assets. Annual membership is only \$20 per household, Jan 1st-Dec 31st.

I / We would like to join  I / We would like to renew membership

Address .....

Email ..... Phone .....

I / We enclose \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per household) Date: .....

or I / We have paid via BSB (see details below)  No. of persons .....

I / We would like to participate in activities

BSB Details for KCA Membership Payments:

BSB Payments to: Kananook Creek Association

**Westpac Banking Corporation Account Details 033-179 313381**

Please include your full name as the reference.

Please email membership application to: KCA Secretary, Margaret Hunter -  
**secretarykca3198@gmail.com**

You may prefer to pay by cheque. Please send form and cheque to:

KCA Secretary, M. Hunter, 87 Chute Street Mordialloc Vic 3195.

Would you like to help? If you would like to help, please select from the options below: Reserves work - Planting, weeding, site coordinator (we need you!)		
Regular and special clean up days	Newsletter team, editing, printing, collating, distributing	
Artwork, photography, videos, desktop publishing	Online publicity – Facebook, Instagram, web content	
Community engagement – assist at market stalls, information days, liaise with scouts, beach clean-up groups etc.	Finance and membership	
Planning & Submissions – prepare submissions, attend planning meetings etc	Citizen Science - monitoring water quality and flow, siltation, and overall creek environment.	“
Administration		