



McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Inc.

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Caring for the local environment

***Newsletter
Spring 2016***

Welcome to the McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Newsletter; Spring 2016.

Tree Vandals !

Yes, Tree Vandals are operating along the McCrae Foreshore.

These young trees have been wantonly and illegally 'pruned' by persons unknown.



This young Banksia could hardly be said to impede someone's view – branches cut off and just left on the ground.



And just along the path, the young Sheoak in the foreground, small Banksia and the lower branches of the established Sheoak, all cut, along with several other small indigenous trees which have struggled for years to become established.

In none of these case could it be deemed that the 'pruning' was to remove structurally unsound limbs, dead or diseased material, to maintain prescribed clearances from service and traffic thoroughfares or to remove an immediate safety risk to the public, which are

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reasons recognised by the Shire as sanctioning pruning of vegetation on public land.

These incidents have been reported to the Shire but of course it is after the event.

In your walks along the Bay Trail, if you see anyone pruning or cutting any vegetation in isolation – that is at times when the volunteers or Shire staff are not in the vicinity, do at least report what you see to the Shire.

The more immediate information we can give, may just mean it is sufficient for a prosecution to be made.

Take a photo and email it with a brief description of the location, the date and time to customerservice@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Annual General Meeting

Neil Blake, OAM, Port Phillip Baykeeper, will be the guest speaker at the AGM on Wednesday 16th November 2016, in the Community Meeting room at the Rosebud Library, McDowell St, Rosebud. Notice of the meeting accompanies this newsletter.

Office Bearers

If you are interested in taking an office bearer position for 2016/2017, and would like more information, please contact one of the current committee members listed below. To nominate, all you have to do is complete the nomination form which accompanies this newsletter and return it to the Secretary at PO Box 29, McCrae 3938, by 15th November 2016.

Renewal of Membership

Membership subscriptions for 2017 are now due. A renewal form accompanies this newsletter. Completed forms and remittance can be mailed to PO Box 29, McCrae 3938 or paid at the AGM on 16th November.

Refreshments at working bees

As you know, in July we ran a trial to provide a light lunch after each working-bee. It proved to be a winner and so is now a permanent fixture

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and all the more reason to join us on the foreshore on the first and second Sunday.

We'd like to thank Dee for organising it for us.

New Members

We welcome new members – Heather Lyon and Yvonne Davey. We hope you continue to enjoy working on the beautiful McCrae foreshore with us.

Rainfall in McCrae:

Year	Annual
2005	640.50mm
2006	466.50mm
2007	756.50mm
2008	602.75mm
2009	614.00mm
2010	934.50mm
2011	843.00mm
2012	959.00mm
2013	854.50mm
2014	652.55mm
2015	631.50mm
2016	683 mm (01/01 to 20/10)

Because we all seem to be remarking on how wet it has been this year I had a look at my records for cumulative totals to 30 September in each of the last 12 years and this year is the 4th wettest in that time, the wettest being 2012. Obviously the rain patterns are different each year and there is still time for a record fall in 2016!

McCrae Group Calendar 2016

Working Bees

First and second Sunday of the month except January - 10.00am at the Rotunda.

Just turn up!!

Volunteers do need to be a member of the group and registered with the Shire but this can be done on the day. You will be provided with gloves, safety glasses, sun hat, safety vest and tools.

More Information?

For any information about the Group contact one of the Committee members listed below.

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