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Caring for the local environment

Newsletter Summer 2021

Welcome to the 2021 Summer issue of the newsletter.

WORKING BEES

Commence on Sunday 7th February 2021 - 10.00am at the Rotunda

The Shire has released information on working in a COVID safe environment and we have included that on the back page. We are looking forward to meeting up again & getting stuck into maintaining our lovely foreshore. Don't forget to bring your PPE bag with you.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is advance notice that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 – 7.00pm

Trying to book a Shire community meeting room has been problematic so we have arranged for the meeting to take place online via Zoom. You will shortly be receiving the agenda and relevant papers, also instructions on how to join the meeting. We look forward to seeing – albeit on the computer screen, you all there.

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UPDATES

Melbourne Water Grant 2020/2021

Work is continuing on Coburn Creek and some preliminary work at Eyrie creek.

MPS 20/21 Budget Allocation

Discussions with Hannah Brown & Danielle Suffern confirmed the areas to be worked on around Eyrie Creek under this allocation and a list of plants for revegetation agreed.

PlaceMaker Grants 2021

We have now ascertained that all Shire Community Grants have been suspended for the 2020/2021 year so

our submission for funding to upgrade the information panels in the Rotunda has been placed on hold.

Other Grants

We are investigating the worth of making submissions to the Shire through their Bio links Supports Grants Programme and also for funding available from our Federal Member Greg Hunt MP, under the Federal Government Stronger Communities Programme.

Both these opportunities have possibilities – we just need to fit within the conditions of each.

If you have any ideas on projects which we could work on along the foreshore, please contact either Jenny Warfe or Margaret Wilson.

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RAINFALL IN McCRAE

Year	Annual
2010	934.50 mm
2011	843.00 mm
2012	959.00 mm
2013	854.50 mm
2014	652.55 mm
2015	631.50 mm
2016	773.50 mm
2017	673.00 mm
2018	591.00 mm Lowest since 2006
2019	621.50 mm
2020	689.00 mm

SAVE ARTHURS SEAT: NO NEW QUARRY

Yes, we have written about this before, but *The Ross Trust* has taken weekly full page advertising in the local paper recently to convince people that digging out a 107 acre, 190 meter deep mine, on Arthurs Seat is a good thing. They call it the Boundary Road Project. Don't be misled.

Their proposal includes destruction of 93 acres of remnant bushland but that fact is not mentioned in their advertisement. Neither is the fact that the critical bio link joining two sections of Arthurs Seat State Park will be lost to the detriment, even demise of the koala, bird and small mammal populations which depend on that habitat. The Flora and Fauna Baseline Study has yet to be released, but locals already know what destruction it will cause.

The dust and noise will most certainly afflict pupils at Red Hill Consolidated School as well as residences & the surrounding community for nigh on 70 years.

It is understood that the final draft of their EES will be completed in the third quarter of 2021 and then made available for public comment.

For more information and to sign the petition, go to: www.savearthursseat.com

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By curious co-incidence this week's local paper also carries a story of the enthusiastic official opening of the Shire's stone quarry in Moorooduc on 7 **Office Bearers:**

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January 1921. It was noted the Railway Department had ordered 12,000 yards of metal, and it was expected the Country Roads Board would use as much of the stone as possible to build sealed roads within the Shire. The Council was expecting a good financial return on the quarry.

No mention of environmental issues 100 years ago!

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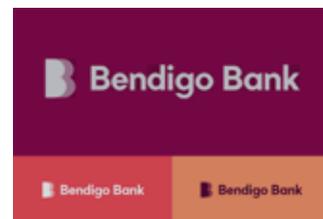


Working Bees First and second Sunday of the month except January - 10.00am at the Rotunda.
Just turn up!

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.

FUNDING SUPPORT

Thank you to our supporters for providing funds or in-kind support to enable MHCG to continue the vital work we do on the McCrae foreshore:



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COVID19 Guidelines for working bees:

January 2021

- You must carry a face mask with you when you leave home (unless you have a lawful reason not to). Wearing a face mask is strongly recommended outdoors when you can't keep 1.5 metres distance from other people.
- Stay at home if you are unwell or displaying symptoms of COVID-19
- Do not share equipment or tools
- If you have a Shire supplied Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) bag, please ensure you only use your own belongings. Please take your bag home at the end of the working bee and bring it back clean for next time
- Practice good hygiene- regularly use hand sanitiser that is supplied at every ute
- Bring your own refreshments, and ensure they are not shared among other volunteers
- Greet other volunteers with a smile- no hand shaking, hugging or kissing
- To meet contact tracing requirements should a COVID19 outbreak occur, please provide your phone number when you sign on at the beginning of the working bee.
- It may have been a while since you last carried out some of these activities- look after yourself, listen to your body, take regular breaks and change activities if needed to reduce repetitive movements.

Following these simple steps means together we can continue to enjoy and make a positive impact to the Peninsula's unique biodiversity values.

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